

ADDENDUM NO. 1

TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD, MASSACHUSETTS FORCE MAIN LAND BRIDGE PROJECT

February 22, 2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS:

This Addendum is issued prior to receipt of bids and does hereby become part of the Contract Documents and in case of conflict, it shall supersede original plans and specifications.

Each bidder shall be responsible for issuing the information contained herein to subcontractors and suppliers to insure that his proposal covers all work required by the Contract Documents, including this Addendum.

The Contractor to whom the contract is awarded shall be responsible for issuing the information contained herein to subcontractors and suppliers to insure that all work performed under the contract is as required by the Contract Documents including this Addendum.

Each bidder shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum on his Proposal Form.

CLARIFICATIONS, SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO THE PROSPECTIVE BIDDER'S QUESTIONS

1. Q: Is the Contractor responsible for the unloading of the precast sections, if they are delivered prior to construction start date?

A: *The Town of Marblehead will unload the precast sections when they are delivered to the jobsite.*

2. Q: Based on the potential short construction time frame:
 - a. Will the Contractor be required to dig test pits for the Town's SER & testing lab to perform verification & testing of soils prior to construction?
A. *Any compaction testing and verification of soils will be done by the testing company paid for by the Owner.*
 - b. Does the Town have any information on site soil conditions?
A. *A presumptive minimum bearing pressure of 3500 psf has been used for the structure design and the contract calls for 1'-0" of compacted gravel for the base of the structure.*
 - c. Does the Town have any info on potential groundwater elevation?
A: *Groundwater elevation at the site is unknown. As indicated in the contract documents, the Contractor shall carry the cost for dewatering of the excavation for the duration of the work.*

3. Q: If police details are required will they be paid for by the Town or Contractor?

A. Police details will not be required for this project.

4. Q: Can as-builts of the existing sewer be provided?

A. The GPR report is provided as part of this Addendum and indicates the approximate location and depth of the existing force main and electric duct bank. Dig safe will still be required a minimum of 72 hours prior to excavation work.

5. Q: Can you confirm if a building permit (or any other permits) is required for the installation of this structure? Summary of Work 1.03A.1 references State Building Code and IBC. We have installed a lot of precast box structures like this one and bridges but never needed a building permit. Further, if we are not providing the structure, we are not responsible for the design and fabrication and therefore should be making assertions as to its structural integrity or suitability.

A. A building permit is not required for this project; however, a trench permit will be required to be obtained from the Town of Marblehead DPW prior to the work and will have no associated fees. Design and fabrication of the precast sections are by the SER and the precast manufacturer.

6. Q: Will the building permit cost be reimbursed, waived or to be entered as a cost for the project?

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