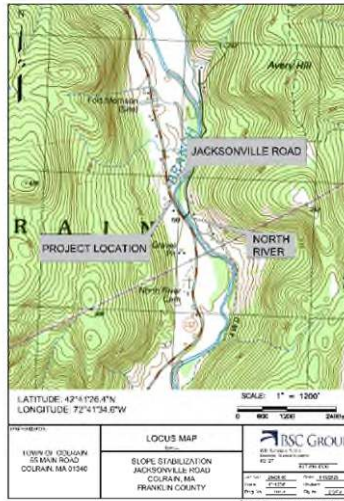




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JACKSONVILLE ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION Colrain, Massachusetts



ADDENDUM 1 – JULY 15, 2024 **INVITATION FOR BIDS 2024-2135**

Bids due July 29, 2024 at 2pm

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ADDENDUM 1 - INVITATION FOR BIDS

TOWN OF COLRAIN – JACKSONVILLE ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION

FRCOG IFB 2024-2135

1. ATTENDEES AT PREBID MEETING HELD ON JULY 9, 2024

ET & L CORPORATION

CD DAVENPORT TRUCKING

RIFENBURG CONTRACTING

MORAIS CONCRETE SERVICE

2. RFI Questions received. Answers are in *italics*

Clayton D. Davenport Trucking Inc.:

1. How can Class B Rock Excavation be a Lump Sum? This is not typical for a bid since there is no way of performing a takeoff.

See special provision Item 144. Rocks/stones located during excavation shall be reused where possible, especially stones that are larger than 1 cubic yard. The existing condition could be observed at the site meeting held on 7/9/2024. The bid items will remain as listed.

2. Can you mark on the drawings what trees are to be removed.

Item 103. is a contingency item for removal of trees on the riverside of the project area. No trees shall be removed without the approval of the town.

Rifenburg Contracting Corp:

1. Please provide either updated plans, detailed written description, or calculations of the change in site conditions from when this project was designed to its current state. This slope has been left unprotected for years and constantly erodes during heavy rain fall.

The existing condition could be observed at the site meeting held on 7/9/2024. The contractor may take site measurements to confirm their quantities and bid accordingly.

2. Much of this project is structured as Lump Sum prices for the contractor. Estimated quantities are also provided by the Engineer. The existing conditions of this project have changed drastically since the time of design and the current project proposal does not provide an accurate depiction of the work required to occur.

- a. For the requirement of equal public bidding and benefit of the Town's budget, the contractor would like to request that this project be paid per agreed upon unit prices being Earth Excavation, Rock Excavation, Dumped Rip Rap, etc. This can all be achieved

through proper survey and aggregate slips. Lump Sum pricing on a project with greatly changed conditions creates the risk of proposals coming in well over budget. Or risks an uninformed contractor being low bidder and then requesting work changes during construction.

The bid items will remain as listed

b. If the contract is to remain lump sum:

- i. With this being a public bid, please confirm that the Engineer's proposed quantities are accurate. Contractor's are owed an equal bidding platform to insure level and fair bids.

The overall contract is not lump sum. Specific Items within the within the contract are lump sum. The existing condition could be observed at the site meeting held on 7/9/2024. The contractor may take site measurements to confirm their quantities and bid accordingly.

- ii. If the provided quantities differ from what is actually installed, will payment adjustments be made? *For lump sum items there will be no adjustment.*

3. There is an existing power pole that is located within the excavation limits of the slope. The contractor is not allowed to alter or touch the pole without permission from the Power Company. The contractor will not be able to obtain permission or pricing from the Power Company prior to the bid date. Please provide an allowance for the handling of any OHW relocations/support.

See notes on drawing sheet 1 of 7

4. Are control of invasive species part of this project?

No

5. Is an Army Corps permit applicable to this work?

The Army Corps permit is contained in the bid documents

6. Will a SWPPP be required? *No*

7. Can the road be temporarily closed during construction with traffic being detoured?

It is not anticipated that the road will be closed or detoured during construction. Any temporary closures would be at the discretion of the town.

8. The existing road is to be lowered during construction yet the far lane is called out as a Mill & Fill repair. This will not be possible with the intended construction methods. Please confirm this intent.

The far side is to be mill & overlay. The contract documents depict the use of a temporary earth support system and bid item 950.32.

9. The existing conditions have undermined the road to an unknown width in some area. If the quantity of proposed road reconstruction is increased due to site conditions, will a change in payment be made varying from the proposed Lump Sum?

The limits of road full depth reconstruction exceed the limits of the slope repair. Lump sum items will not be adjusted. The existing condition could be observed at the site meeting held on 7/9/2024. The contractor may take site measurements to confirm their quantities and bid accordingly.

10. Are PE stamped submittals required for Water Control and Earth Support? *Yes*

11. What permits are required by the Town of Colrain? Will these fees be waived?

The only town permits associated with this project are environmental permits, which are contained in the bid documents. The contractor would not be required to pay permit fees.

12. Will the existing traffic lights be left in place during construction and remain the financial responsibility of the Town?

Refer to special provisions Item 816.81

13. Many pieces of Bituminous Concrete are observed to have fallen down the slope and are located in the riverbed under 3'+ of running water. Are these foreign materials to be left in place?

All bituminous concrete within the river shall be removed. Any bituminous concrete removal from the river shall be considered incidental to the project.

14. Can trees on the opposite side of the road be trimmed to allow proper clearances and complete the required work? If yes, how will this work be paid?

If the town grants permission to be trimmed, this will be at the contractor's expense

ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE INVITATION FOR BIDS REMAIN UNCHANGED.
PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE ADDENDUM 1 ON THE BID FORM

Andrea Woods on behalf of the Town of Colrain

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July 15, 2024