



Addendum No. 2

Holyoke Dam Inflatable Crest Gate Replacement Project

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Question 1:

The specifications package states that “All interested Bidders must attend [the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting] in order for his/her bid to be considered valid.” The online description given on one of the bid platforms (BidPrime) states, “If an interested Bidder cannot attend the mandatory site visit on April 3, 2025 at 10:00 AM (EST), please contact Derek Ferguson (dferguson@hged.com) or Rich Murray (rmurray@hged.com) to schedule a walk-through.” A list of the pre-bid meeting attendees was sent with Addendum #1. If bidders are allowed to schedule a walk-through after the mandatory pre-bid meeting, will a final list of all eligible bidders be sent out in a later addendum?

Response 1:

An updated list will be provided if necessary. As of this writing, no additional site visits have been scheduled.

Question 2:

Could HTE Engineering, LLC of Sandy, UT please be included as one of the named allowable rubber dam equipment suppliers?

Response 2:

HTE Engineering, LLC of Sandy, UT is also an approved rubber bladder vendor for this project.

Question 3:

There seems to be a conflict in the specifications regarding supply of replacement clamping plate sets. In Section 35 20 16, Part 1.2.B.2, it states “Design, fabrication, and delivery of . . . embedded and clamping plates.” Part 1.4.A.3.g states “Note: existing embed plates and anchor bolts to be reused.” Does HG&E intend to replace just the clamping plates, or both the embedded and clamping plates?

Response 3:

HG&E intend to replace both the clamping plate and embedded plates.

Question 4:

Section 35 20 16, Part 2.2.C.1 – This seems to indicate that the rubber dam anchor bolts are stainless steel. The Bridgestone drawings show that the rubber dam anchor bolts (as well as the existing embedded and clamping plates) are galvanized steel. Could you please confirm?

Response 4:

This was a typo; the existing anchor bolts are galvanized steel according to the drawings.

Question 5:

On the bid form item H. Concrete Repair, numbers 7 & 8, are we to assume that there is rebar that will need to be replaced for these concrete repairs greater than 6”?

Response 5:

Bidders shall assume that concrete repairs greater than 6 inches will include preparation of exposed rebar and or replacement of corroded rebar as noted in Specification 03 01 30. Contractors shall not damage or cut rebar, cutting of rebar will result in the need to drill and dowel in additional reinforcement. Depending on the repair geometry, installation of dowels anchored with adhesive may be necessary.

Question 6:

Is the contractor expected to replace the pin material in the event of high water?

Response 6:

HG&E will provide replacement pins in the event of high water.

Question 7:

There are no US manufacturers for the bladder dam system. Please clarify that contractor will be allowed to source the material from outside of the Buy America clause.

Response 7:

Please refer to page 13 in the “Instruction to Bidders”

HG&E reserves the right to select a Supplier that cannot meet BABA requirements if the total cost of procurement from the non-BABA compliant Supplier is at least 30% less than the next closest BABA compliant Supplier or no BABA compliant bids are received.

Question 8:

Will alternative methods be allowed in place of raising and lowering the reservoir to test the newly installed bladder sections?

Response 8:

The bladders will need to be soap tested with the flashboards still in place. Once this is verified then the flashboards can be removed to check for leakage under the sealing plates or through the clamping mechanisms as well as the operational test. The contractor will need to coordinate with HG&E on the timing for lowering the reservoir to remove the flashboards.

Question 9:

How long does it take to raise and lower the reservoir for the testing of the newly installed bladder sections?

Response 9:

It will take approximately 16 hours to fully lower and raise the reservoir. The process will start in the evening and be lowered for the morning.

Question 10:

Could the bid date be extended?

Response 10:

The bid date will be extended 1 week to May 9th at 2pm