



## FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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Jerome Noble, Director

August 9, 2005

RE: **#05ITB45599K-JD – Buffington Road Improvements Phase I – Project T019**

Dear Proposers:

Attached is one (1) copy of Addendum 1, hereby made a part of the above referenced Request for Proposal (RFP).

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions in the RFP referenced above remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Daniel".

Joyce Daniel  
Assistant Purchasing Agent

This Addendum forms a part of the contract documents and **modifies** the original RFP documents as noted below:

**1. Clarification of term "Available Days"** - Any calendar day exclusive of Saturdays, Sundays, and Legal Holidays on which the Engineer determines that the Contractor is not prevented from accomplishing at least five hours of productive work on the controlling item or items of work which would normally be in progress at that time by causes beyond his control, and not due to his fault or negligence, including but not restricted to unsuitable weather and its aftermath, suspension order of the Engineer, acts of God, acts of public enemy, fire, flood, epidemic, quarantine, strikes, or freight embargo.

**2. Page 21, Section II: BID FORM** – Last paragraph to read: The Bidder agrees hereby to commence work under this Contract, with adequate personnel and equipment, on a date to be specified in a written order of the Contracting Officer and to fully complete all work under this Contract within **Two Hundred (200) Available Days** from and including said date.

**3. Questions**

**Question 1:** Will Fulton County require the Prime Contractor to provide and maintain a field office for the Fulton County Inspectors that will be over the subject Project? If so, what will be the requirements for this office and how will it be paid for?

**Answer:** No field office will be required.

**Question 2:** Will Fulton County use the same criteria for DBE Participation that GDOT uses? In particular, if a Prime Contractor is a certified DBE Contractor their DBE status for the work they perform does not count toward the DBE participation goal for the contract.

**Answer:** This project utilizes Federal dollars and the DBE participation requirements are the same as GDOT's requirements.

**Question 3:** Does this RFP include construction materials testing services?

**Answer:** There is a line item on the cost proposal sheet that allows \$15,000 for testing.

**Question 4:** What pay item should the contractor include the cost for adjusting the existing manholes?

**Answer:** Add Pay Item 611-8050 Adjust Manhole to Grade - 3 Each.  
This should be added to the price quote sheet.

**Question 5:** Please explain the type of fence to be installed and tie to existing see notes Sheet 17 of 102 to 23 of 102, stations 19+08 to 25+13, 27+02 to 29+23, 39+24 to 45+55, 43+00 to 44+69, 45+70 to 47+92, 49+71 to 53+43 and 56+54 to 57+57. Provide us the scope and specification for the fence and what pay item should the contractor include the cost?

**Answer:** Add Pay Item 643-0100 Field Fence Woven Wire -1900 LF.  
This should be added to the price quote sheet.

**Question 6:** There are some poles located where the sidewalk will be placed. Will these poles have to be relocated? If so, is the utility owner aware of the pole relocations?

**Answer:** Yes, the poles will have to be relocated where conflicts with the sidewalk, etc. occurs. Coordination has been done with the utility companies but it is the contractors responsibility to further coordinate any relocations with the appropriate utility owner. GDOT's Special Provision for dealing with utilities will be followed. This is also addressed in the ITB in Section 10, Special Provisions.

**Question 7:** The ITB has a conflict regarding the numbers of available days to complete the project. One place says 120 Available Days and the other says 200 Available Days. Which is correct?

**Answer:** 200 Available Days is correct.

**Question 8:** In the bid form you have a pay item for Testing Allowance \$15,000, who will be responsible for the QC Testing the Contractor or the county? Should the contractor include in his bid costs for performing QC Testing?

**Answer:** The contractor will be responsible for testing. Yes, the contractor should include this in the bid costs for performing QC Testing.

**Question 9:** On Plan Sheet #4 Note #7 states "The contractor shall remove all silt and debris from existing drainage structures, pipes, and culverts before any

work begins and at the completion of the project. The cost of this work shall be included in the price for grading complete.” Does the county really want to clean out all of the drainage both before construction and after construction? This seems like unnecessary costs in the job bid.

**Answer:** Clean it out at the end.

**Question 10:** Does a contractor submitting a “Prime Bid” for the subject project have to be a pre-qualified GDOT Contractor?

**Answer:** Yes

**Question 11:** On the subject project most of the work will have to be performed utilizing lane interference (flagmen) and there are no work restrictions listed in the ITB. Will the county restrict the hours that the contractor will be allowed to interfere with traffic. As it stands now the contractor’s bid will be based on being able to work a full 10-12 Hour day. Is this correct or will the county have restricted work hours?

**Answer:** 6 a.m. – 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. No interference with traffic.

**Question 12:** In the ITB Pg 7 to 13 Instructions to Bidders you list the forms (project schedule not one of the items) that you want submitted at the time of the bid, but later in the ITB Pg 81 you call for a project schedule to be submitted at the time of the bid. Which is correct? Also, if you do require a project schedule to be submitted does it need to be a fully detailed “Primavera” or “Microsoft Project” type schedule, or can it be a simple bar chart type schedule?

**Answer:** Project schedule to be submitted with bid. Detailed is preferred, but simple bar chart is acceptable.

**Question 13:** With the project limits there are 6 light type poles (See the attached photograph) that we are not sure who they belong to. These poles are not shown on the plans and are in conflict with the proposed construction. Who will be responsible for removing/relocating/replacing these poles?

**Answer:** The contractor shall coordinate the relocation with the owner. It is the contractor’s responsibility to identify the owner and coordinate the relocations.

**Question 14:** It appears that there may be some utilities that will need to be relocated due to conflict with the construction. We understand that it is the contractor's responsibility to coordinate the relocation efforts, but has the county already secured commitments from the utility companies that are in conflict and obtained a utility adjustment schedule from each? If the utilities cannot be relocated in timely manner to accommodate the contract time, will the county compensate the contractor for delays, extended overhead, and lost production?

**Answer:** No. We will be following GDOT's special provision for utilities. No compensation for utilities delays. The schedule impact due to delays will be considered when charging available days.

**Question 15:** It is our understanding that the anticipated NTP for the subject project is October 1, 2005. Is this correct?

**Answer:** It will probably be November.

**Question 16:** There are quite a few trees that will have to be cleared in order to accomplish the construction shown on the plans. Because of the project's proximity to Atlanta we assume that no burning will be allowed. Is this correct? Will the contractor be required to remove and properly dispose of all clearing debris (chips from grinding operations) from the project? Or will the chips be allowed to remain within the project limits?

**Answer:** No burning. Remove chips from project limits.

**Question 17:** Preparing Fulton Counties bid documents is a very large task. On most projects we do not choose our subcontractors until the day of the bid due date. With this in mind, it becomes an even larger task to assemble all of the DBE and Subcontract forms to include in multiple copies of the bid. Would the county give consideration to allowing the Prime Contractor's 3 days after the bid due date to complete and submit the DBE and Subcontractor forms (Form B, Exhibit A, Exhibit B, Exhibit C, Exhibit D, Exhibit E) for the subcontractors utilized? This is how GDOT handles the situation and it works very well and it allows the contractor to make adjustments to their bid right up to the last moment. At the very least each Prime Contractor could submit Exhibit C, so that the county can still see which subcontractors were utilized. This would be a tremendous help to the Prime Contractor and would still provide the county with the information that they require.

**Answer:** It is Fulton County's policy for the Prime to provide all subcontractors being utilized on the proposed solicitation at the time of submission.

**Question 18:** There are some trees not identified on the drawings that are in the limit of cut and fill areas. Several are alive trees. Is your intent to remove all the trees that are on the grading areas or is your intent to save some of them. Please clarify and identify the trees that the Contractor needs to remove that are not shown on the drawings.

**Answer:** All trees within the cut and fill limits will be removed.

**Question 19:** What are the hours that the Contractor can close the lane in order to construct the project?

**Answer:** Lane closures will not be allowed between the following hours: 6:00 a.m. thru 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. thru 7:00 p.m. No interference with traffic will be allowed during these times.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

The undersigned proposer acknowledges receipt of this addendum by returning one (1) copy of this form with the proposal package to the Purchasing Department, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 30335 by the RFP due date and time **Monday, August 15, 2005 no later than 11:00 A.M.**

This is to acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1, \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005.

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Legal Name of Bidder

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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