



FULTON COUNTY PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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Jerome Noble, Director



February 9, 2006

RE: **#06ITB48536K-RS, New Hope Road Sidewalks**

Dear Bidders:

Attached is one (1) copy of Addendum 1, hereby made a part of the above referenced Invitation to Bid (ITB).

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

Sincerely,

Rholanda M. Stanberry

Chief Assistant Purchasing Agent

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

1. What kind of stone should be used on the retaining walls (cultured stone, granite rubble, or natural field stone? Please, clarify.

See plan sheet No. 31-2 for note about GA Std 9031-L. The stone to be used is Rubble Masonry as described in GDOT Spec 834 Masonry Materials.

2. Detail 9031 L of Georgia DOT Standards shows that the width of the top of the Mortar Rubble Retaining Wall is 8 inches. However, section 834.2.02 (Masonry Stone) of the Georgia DOT Standards requires that the stone to be used should have a width of not less than 12 inches. What will be the top width of the retaining wall 8 inches or 12 inches?

See plan sheet No. 31-1 Wall number 1. The wall described is a modified GA Std 9031-L. The modification is a 12" width across the top.

3. Where the constructor should include the cost of the eventual sod replacement, grading complete or line item 702-0001 MISC LANSCAING will be used to cover the cost? Please clarify.

The plans and specs call for replacing grasses in kind. However, FC has provided two additional methods of payment, 700-9300 and 702-0001. The contract calls for Permanent Grassing, Sod and Miscellaneous Landscaping. The sod item and Misc. Land items will be used as if and where directed by the engineer. The contractor should plan on replacing grasses in kind and if the engineer determines sod is needed it will be paid for under that items.

4. Because of the conditions of the area where is located the gravity retaining wall No. 1 (embankment area with a steep slop) we believe that might be more feasible and inexpensive the construction of a cantilever wall. The slope of the embankment is very steep, 1:1.5, making complicated to hold the forms. In addition, the asphalt road presents transversal cracks on that area that could be the result of deficient soil compaction on the existing embankment. Settlement on the embankment may increase due to the elevated load of the proposed gravity retaining wall (we estimated that the weight of the gravity retaining wall may be over 300 tons). A cantilever wall might lighter and stable than a gravity retaining wall (concrete or mortar rubble masonry). Therefore, we suggest (i) that Fulton County allows the contractor to place a gravity retaining wall (concrete or mortar rubble masonry) or a cantilever wall on wall No. 1 (ii) change the unit of the

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retaining wall No. 1 from cubic yard to lineal feet in order to make comparable unit costs of bidders (cantilever wall would have much less volume than a gravity retaining wall, but a higher cost per cubic yard) that means to add a new line item just for wall No. 1, and (iii) increase quantity of the item 310-1101 GR AGGR BASE CRS, INCL MATL, to use it in case that be needed to stabilize foundation on wall No. 1 (it would be use as direct by engineer).

Bid job as is. The contractor can, after being awarded the contract, if desired, submit a Value Engineering proposal in accordance with GDOT specs. 104.08 for their consideration. If the contractor would like to value engineer the project and save the county money he does so at his own risk.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 1

The undersigned bidder acknowledges receipt of this addendum by returning one (1) copy of this form with the bid response package to the Purchasing Department, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 30335 by the bid due date and time **Monday, February 13, 2006 no later than 11:00 A.M.**

This is to acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 1, _____ day of _____, 2006.

Legal Name of Bidder

Signature of Authorized Representative

Title