

COUNTY OF BERKS

Purchasing Department

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS **Amendment #1 Issued on June 17, 2024** **Re: Invitation to Bid #24-17-GR**

This Amendment should consist of a total of 2 pages. If you have not received this Amendment in its entirety, please contact the County of Berks Purchasing Department at (610) 478-6168.

The County hereby amends the above noted Invitation to Bid (ITB) as indicated herein. All other details of the ITB remain unchanged. Language that is underlined denotes that which has been added. Language that has been stricken denotes that which is hereby removed.

Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

A pre-bid conference was held at Berkley Road Bridge No. 59C located on Berkley Road in Ontelaunee Township on June 11, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The following individuals and companies were represented at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
George Rodrigues	County of Berks
Andy Collins	Mar-Allen Concrete
John Bush	McCormick Taylor
Darby Chukinas	Road-Con

Several key points were reviewed by the Purchasing Department at the beginning of the pre-bid meeting. They were:

1. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., an amendment will be issued to respond to any and all questions and clarifications submitted and/or identified as needed by the County. Questions answered, or responses not set forth in an amendment shall not be valid and binding upon the County.
2. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., submit all questions in writing to the County point of contact, as detailed therein.
3. Section One, Clause 4.A., contains the deadline for receipt of bids. The County Controller's clock shall be considered the official time. There will be no exceptions to the Bid Deadline.
4. Section One, Clause 4.D., refer to the section for details on who must sign the bid.
5. Section One, Clause 4.E., Consent of Surety must accompany the bid.

6. As per Section One, Clause 5.B., a bid that contains exceptions or offers substitute products not previously approved by the County may result in the County rejecting the Bid as a non-responsive Bid.
7. Section One, Clause 13.A.1. and Clause 13.A.2., all bonds must be submitted on the County's form.
8. Section One, Clause 16, Insurance – Please review carefully with your agency/broker to ensure you meet or exceed all the limits and the endorsements identified therein.
9. Sign up to receive notices on the Purchasing page of www.berkspa.gov.

Following is a list of questions asked at the pre-bid meeting, and the County's response to each question, as well as clarifications addressed. The responses to these questions form an integral part of the ITB package and these responses may alter a Contractor's responsibilities in submitting a bid. Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

Clarification 1

Section Three – Technical Specifications – Article 1 - Summary

- 1.2. Access to adjacent properties shall be maintained at all times. Property owners shall be notified prior to any work to be done on their property to coordinate necessary access requirements. The County shall be notified prior to any coordination with property owners and copied on all correspondence. Reading Area Water Authority (hereinafter "RAWA") has granted access to the Work location from adjoining RAWA property. Contractor shall communicate all requests to access the Work location from RAWA's property with the Engineer. Engineer shall coordinate such access with RAWA.

Section Three – Technical Specifications – Article 4 – Item Specifications

Q2 What method of construction formwork is being used for the underpinning?

A2 As per Section Three, Technical Specifications, Article 4, Item Specifications, Clause 4.1.17.4.7, construction formwork to the construction joints shall be cast-in place as indicated on Appendix B, Construction Plans, to ensure the concrete fills the voids below the footing.

Should you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact George Rodrigues, Deputy Director of Contracts and Procurement, via phone at (610) 478-6168 ext. 6270 or via email at grodrigues@berkspa.gov.