

## **ADDENDUM NO. 1**

CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS MANAGEMENT SERVICES

PROJECT NAME: **Salado Creek Bridge**

DATE: 2/24/12

This addendum should be included in and be considered part of the plans and specifications for the name of the project. The contractor shall be required to sign an acknowledgement of the receipt of this addendum and submit with their bid.

CIMS PROJECT NO.: **23-00904**

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### **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

**Question:** Can the bid opening date be postponed to allow for proper time to prepare an estimate from the bridge supplier?

**Answer:** Yes, the date will be moved 1 week to March 6, 2012

**Question:** Are other pedestrian bridge designs going to be allowed for this project? The Public Works Department has used "Big R Bridges" for some of their pedestrian bridges we have built for them recently with good results. We are concerned that a sole source provider is not the best idea.

**Answer:** The intent of the project is not to specify a sole source for the bridge fabrication. The information provided is to define the design criteria required for the bridge design, fabrication and installation. However, all designs must meet the design criteria and aesthetic intent.

**Question:** What is the budget for the Salado Creek Bridge project that bids on February 28th?

**Answer:** The City of San Antonio no longer reveals the estimated project budget.

**Question:** Can you give me some specifics of what and where this project is located?

**Answer:** A map of the location is attached.

**Question:** The bid bridge specifications state that the bridge is 12' wide but the drawing sheet 17 is showing a clear width of 10'. Please clarify the width.

**Answer:** The information on sheet 17 shows the clear width of the trail required, but the 12' refers to the combined trail and bridge railing width. This is the width of the entire structure. The clear opening width of 10 feet must be maintained, however the overall structure width can vary based on the final bridge design by the vendor.

**Question:** Can you please provide me with information on the decision to not give out the engineers estimate anymore? The only reason the contractors need the engineers estimate is to be able to get a bond for the project? The bonding companies require engineers estimates in order to

ensure that they can back the company for that large or small of project whatever the case may be. It helps the bonding company to ensure that their company is not bidding on work that is way out of their reach because of manpower, etc. Contractors never base their bid on the engineers estimate, we base our bid on cost of materials, labor, equipment. I assure you that no contractor will raise his bid solely based on the fact that the engineers estimate was a lot higher than what I'm bidding. Project over the last year with the city have continually gone for half the engineers estimate at times.

**Answer:** 1. The City of San Antonio no longer reveals the estimated project budget. 2. The bond should be based upon each contractor's individual bid and not the engineer's estimate. The quantities given can be paired with the statewide or COSA cost average to determine a cost. Bridge manufacturers can give you an estimate on the cost of the bridge.

**Question:** The Special Specification 8000 (Pedestrian Bridge) calls for the contractor to provide an approved bridge supplier and design 10 days before the bid.

**Answer:** Those statements do not apply to this project. They will be removed from the specification.

**Question:** The Special Provision 420 002 COSA (Concrete Structures) refers to specific concrete finishing techniques. Does this contract require those techniques? The machines necessary to produce those finishes may be difficult to use in this application.

**Answer:** The information in the special provision is the standard update for the TxDOT specification. It does not apply in this situation and will be removed. Please follow the TxDOT 2004 Standard Specifications for Construction book for details regarding the use of this item.

**Question:** What class is the bridge deck?

**Answer:** All concrete on the project shall be Class A.

**Question:** Where are the access points to the site?

**Answer:** One access is coming along the trail from J Street Park. The other is from the abandoned neighborhood in the Wheatley Heights area. The attached map shows the details of the access points. Please note: viewing the site for the purposes of bid estimation should be done on foot. Residents and cyclists are complaining about vehicles on the trail and the hazard presented to those using the trail.

**Question:** Will the existing trail need protection during construction of the bridge?

**Answer:** Yes, please take measures to protect the existing trail from damage by construction traffic and heavy vehicles.

**Question:** What areas are available for staging, cranes and assembly? There seems to be a large area of tree clearing necessary for staging. How much ROW do we have to work within?

**Answer:** There are areas nearby the trail that are under the control of the City of San Antonio that may be used for staging areas for the project. Once the contract is awarded, we will work with the contractor to define the areas based on their requirements for staging.

**Question:** Please note that the bridge will need to be able to sustain various flood events during its lifespan. The design and fabrication must be able to withstand under water conditions.

**Answer:** Pape Dawson has provided a memorandum which is attached that includes the hydraulic data for the creek in this area.

**Question:** Which items in the bid pay for BMPs during construction?

**Answer:** BMPs are subsidiary to item 100, Prep ROW

**Question:** Will material testing be part of this project?

**Answer:** Yes, testing will be administered as per specifications and COSA policy

**Question:** Is there a new bid process, or is something different regarding the envelopes?

**Answer:** No, there is not a new bid process for COSA. This project is being bid as per the Local Agency Management (LAM) Process.

**Question:** Are Project Signs required? How many?

**Answer:** Yes, one (1) is sufficient.

**Question:** Is a site board with federal labor information required?

**Answer:** Yes, all necessary information must be posted on a notice board available to all employees.

END OF ADDENDUM No. 1

**INVITATION FOR BID**  
**(IFB)**

1. Sealed bid proposals and other required documents will be received at the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 100 Military Plaza (corner of Commerce and Flores Street), 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, San Antonio, Texas 78205 will be received for the following project:

**Salado Creek Bridge**

In accordance with all bid documents, plans and specifications which may be purchased at a cost of \$50.00 from the office of City of San Antonio's Finance Department at 111 Soledad, 5th Floor and picked up in the Plans and Records room at 114 W. Commerce, Municipal Plaza Building, Suite 900, San Antonio, TX 78205 Phone- (210) 207-8035. No refund will be made for plan sets that are returned.

2. The following documents constitute the required information to be submitted as a part of the bid proposal:
  - a. Envelope #1, shall contain:
    - 1) Bid document and any alternate bids.
  - b. Envelope #2, shall contain:
    1. Bid bond or cashiers check.
    2. Assurance of Compliance with Equal Employment Opportunity Statement.
    3. Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
    4. Statement on President's Executive Order.
    5. Addenda Acknowledgement Form (if applicable).
    6. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities.
    7. Child Support Statement.
    8. Certificate of Non-Collusion.
    9. Certificate of Interest in Other Bid Proposals for This Work.
    10. Litigation Disclosure Form.
    11. Certificate of Absence of Suspension, Debarment, Voluntary Exclusion, or Determination of Ineligibility.
    12. Addendum Acknowledgment Form

The envelopes shall be clearly marked with the name of the project for which bids are to be submitted.

3. The Bid shall be submitted in duplicate on Proposal Forms provided with the specifications.  
Envelope #1 shall contain the Bid and shall be clearly identified as: Bid Proposal For:  
**Salado Creek Bridge.**

Envelopes #1 and #2 will be received in the Office of the City Clerk until **2:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, March 6, 2012.** All envelopes will be opened and publicly read aloud. Any Bids received after that will be returned unopened. The City reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and waive any formalities.

4. A certified or cashier's Check or an original Bid Proposal Guaranty issued by a corporate surety company licensed to do business in the State of Texas and payable to the order of the City of San Antonio, Texas, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the greatest total amount of the Bid Proposal, must accompany each Bid as a guarantee that if awarded the Contract, the successful Bidder will promptly enter into a Contract and execute payment and performance bonds as outlined in the specification and Contract Documents.

5. A Performance Bond, in an amount of not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the Contract; a Payment Bond, as required by Chapter 2253 of the Texas Government Code, guaranteeing the payment of all persons supplying labor and furnishing materials; and an Extended Warranty Bond, either by separate instrument or incorporated in the foregoing bonds, will be required. Payment and performance bonds provided to the City of San Antonio for these purposes are required to conform with Article 7.19-1 of the Texas Insurance Code. To that end, all bonds provided (i) must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States secretary of the treasury to qualify on obligations permitted or required under federal law—or- (ii) must be provided by a surety company that is covered by reinsurance for any liability in excess of \$100,000.00 from a reinsurer authorized and admitted as a reinsurer in Texas holding a certificate of authority from the United States secretary of the treasury to qualify on obligations permitted or required under federal law.

A. A listing on the Department of the Treasury Listing of Approved Sureties on the date of bond issuance shall be sufficient proof of the aforesaid certificate of authority.

B. A copy of the reinsurance contract(s) with accompanying cover letter with original signature shall be sufficient proof of the aforesaid reinsurance.

Contractor shall provide either a copy of the list as described in "A." above, or the contract(s) and letter described in "B." above, together with the payment and performance bonds.

6. Bid Bonds, Performance Bonds, Payment Bonds, and Extended Warranty Bonds issued by a corporate surety company not licensed to do business in the State of Texas will not be accepted.

7. The successful Bidder will be required to execute the Standard Form Construction Contract prepared and supplied by the City.

8. This is a proposed Public Works Contract, and Chapter 2258 of the Texas Government Code requires that not less than the prevailing wage rate for Work of a similar character in this locality shall be paid all laborers, workmen, and mechanics employed in the construction thereof shall be complied with. The stated Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program goals for this project have been set at 0%. The City DBE Program is subject to approval by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

9.\* "NON-DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT. BIDDERS ON THIS WORK WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLY WITH THE PRESIDENT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11246,

"EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY," AS AMENDED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11375, "AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER 11246 RELATING TO EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY," AND AS SUPPLEMENTED BY REGULATIONS AT 41 CFR PART 60, "OFFICE OF FEDERAL CONTRACT COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS, EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BIDDERS AND CONTRACTORS UNDER THIS ORDER ARE EXPLAINED IN THE SPECIFICATIONS"

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10. Per Ordinance #69403, the City of San Antonio, its employees, contractors, and subcontractors shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or handicap in the award and performance of contracts, Violation of this ordinance is a criminal offense and subject to penalty.
11. Notice is hereby posted that a pre-bid conference will be held at the **Municipal Plaza Building, 114 W. Commerce, 9<sup>th</sup> floor conference room, San Antonio, Texas at 10:00 a.m. on February 21, 2012.** This conference will be held to answer questions prospective Bidders may have regarding the intent of the plans and/or specifications.
12. This project will be bid as a separated contract in accordance with a recent amendment to section 151.311 of the tax code. This will allow the contractor to claim a tax exemption on the contract price of materials.
13. Effective January 1, 2006, Chapter 176 of the Texas Local Government Code requires that persons, of their agents, who seek to contract for the sale or purchase of property, goods, or services with the City, shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire with the City Clerk not later than the 7<sup>th</sup> business day after the date that the person: (1) begins contract discussions or negotiations with the City; or (2) submits to the City an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential agreement with the City. The conflict of interest questionnaire form is available from the Texas Ethics Commission at [www.ethics.state.tx.us](http://www.ethics.state.tx.us). Completed conflict of interest questionnaires may be mailed or delivered by hand to the Office of the City Clerk. If mailing a completed conflict of interest questionnaire, mail to: Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 839966, San Antonio, Tex 78283-3966. If delivering a completed conflict of interest questionnaire, deliver to: Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 100 Military Plaza, San Antonio, TX 78205. Please consult your own legal advisor if you have questions regarding the stature or form.
14. This construction Contract is being funded with federal funds and is subject to all applicable federal labor standards provisions pertaining to payment of prevailing wage rates, anti-kickback provisions, overtime provisions, etc., as required by federal laws and regulations, in addition to labor standards applicable under State and local law.