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TO: Prospective Bidders

RE: CONTRACT NUMBER 14122
KEY NUMBER 15644
I-84: EXIT 64 (HOOD RIVER) – BUNDLE 224
COLUMBIA RIVER HIGHWAY
HOOD RIVER COUNTY
GRADING, DRAINAGE, STRUCTURES, PAVING, SIGNING AND ROADSIDE
DEVELOPMENT
BID LETTING DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2009
LETTER OF CLARIFICATION #4

The following information is provided in response to questions or issues of significance that have been raised by one or more prospective bidders. This is for information only.

Item/Question: In Addenda No 2, a Item was added for Utilities attachment on Structures, and I am not sure the intent of this item. I have looked at the bridge drawing and do not find placement of utilities on the Structure (I.E. Water, Storm Etc) as these are normally the utilities attached to the Structure. Could you provide clarification for this Item work covered, Pay Section.

ODOT Clarification/Response – *Section 00589 UTILITY ATTACHMENTS ON STRUCTURES includes electrical conduit. See Drawings I-1647, I-1648, and 82328 for details of the electrical conduit needed for bridge lighting.*

Item/Question: Reference the dewatering on the Exit 6, OBDP Bundle 224. Is it anticipated to just use open sumps and pumps? Would it not be better to require the use of well point dewatering and therefore eliminating the softening and boiling of the bottom of the excavation as well as much smaller excavations and eliminating turbidity problems?

ODOT Clarification/Response – *Construction requirements related to the means and methods of dewatering were not provided in the project specifications. Contractor should determine best approach..*

Item/Question: Contractor stated they added excavation quantities from profiles and notes, totaling around 19,000 to 20,000 CY. Addendum 4 changed Excavation quantity to 14,400 CY. This quantity differential could be an issue if there is an excessive amount of unsuitable material a contractor would have to haul away. What is correct?

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ODOT Clarification/Response – *Quantity was incorrectly changed in Addendum 4. Addendum 5 has revised excavation quantity to match plans.*

Item/Question: Contractor asked if preboring is required for piling.

ODOT Clarification/Response – *Specials do not require preboring; Standards states “only when specified or with written approval”, and there is no bid item. However, if the contractor cannot reach minimum tip elevations per plans with the driving equipment then, per standard specs and specials; prebore maybe required.*