

To: Prospective Bidders on Corte Madera Ecological Reserve Expansion Project
 From: Barbara Salzman, Marin Audubon Society
 Re: Answers to Contractor Questions Posed through Memo Date
 Date: October 12, 2017

Below are summaries of all questions asked to date by prospective bidders, and the answers as we currently have as of this memorandum date. Please note that the Standard Contract has been amended and is included along with this memorandum.

INSURANCE

- Please see the attached amended standard contract that MAS will issue, reflecting additional insurance requirements required under the SMART Agreement (Appendix I of the bid package)

Question	Answer
Are "Errors and Omissions" Liability Insurance and "Professional" Liability Insurance the same or different?	They are the same.
For Commercial General Liability, is Claims Basis acceptable in place of Occurrence Basis?	Undetermined whether acceptable. This change will require sign off by the State Coastal Conservancy and the Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit.
Deductibles acceptable?	Any deductible must be declared to and approved by the State Coastal Conservancy. Any deductible over \$10,000 must be approved by the Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit.
Is "standard mail" vs. "first class mail" acceptable language for written notices?	Yes.
Are "non-admitted" carriers acceptable, if they meet the AM Best requirement?	Any deviations from stated requirements will require sign off by the State Coastal Conservancy (willing to consider) and the Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit (undetermined).
Are admitted carriers that do not meet the AM Best requirement acceptable?	Undetermined whether acceptable. Any deviations from stated requirements will require sign off by the State Coastal Conservancy and the Sonoma-Marine Area Rail Transit.
Must insurance be primary and for any claims?	Yes.

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Which policies must include endorsements?	Endorsement requirements are described in the MAS Contract Article XI, Insurance.
Is it acceptable for the General Liability policy to refer to “personal <u>and advertising</u> injury, not just personal injury?	Yes.

OTHER QUESTIONS

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Is there an Engineers estimate for the project?	Estimates are not being provided.
As methods for compaction of the stockpiles has been identified as track walking and not using a compactor, will compaction testing be required on any of the stockpile areas or just under the public access path?	Compaction testing requirements are provided on p.40 of the Specifications. Compaction testing is only required in areas of engineered compaction (public access areas and slopes >3:1). No testing is required in the track-rolled areas.
Will the services of a Geotech be required for any of the stockpile areas or just the public access features?	Geotech services are required for the public access areas (see p.40 of the Specifications). These services are not required for the stockpile areas.
Please provide the datum used in the logging of the test pits and borings in the investigation performed by Harding Lawson.	The bore logs present the surface elevation at each bore location relative to mean sea level, which were roughly equivalent to NGVD29 in 1979-1980.
All test pit/boring shows heavy debris (tree limbs, lumber, brick, asphalt, 55 gallon drums, etc). Should this material lie at the proposed finished grade, this material would obviously not be suitable for a finished wetland surface. Should the contractor assume that all material at designed finished elevations will be suitable as is or should we assume the need to over-excavate in areas to remove such debris? If so, please provide clarification as to how much over-excavation will be expected of the contractor	Construction notes on sheet 3 in the Plans indicates that soil conditions at the bottom of excavation areas will be subject to Owner/Representative approval. The excavated marsh plain will be buried by natural sedimentation, so the main concerns will be trash, asphalt, and large debris. Given the unknown exact subsurface conditions at finished grade around the site, contractors should assume up to an average of 6” of over-excavation.
Will the new chain link fence posts be set in concrete, or driven?	Driven

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<p>Are as-built drawings of the subsurface drainage system available? Do we know the invert of the laterals</p>	<p>Audubon has some old sheets of the drainage system alignment. We only have a partial scan of the sheet showing the alignment, which does not include invert elevations/pipe depths. We will coordinate with Audubon to obtain a full scan of the existing sheet, if this is desired.</p>
<p>Should the contractor assume that exclusion fencing will be required to surround the entire site? Does the Project Area referenced in appendix E5A-biological opinion encompass the entire project site?</p>	<p>The Biological Opinion (Appendix E1) requires that exclusion fencing be installed along the entire tidal wetland edge, which is shown on sheet 2 in the Plans. Audubon's biological monitor will mark this line in the field for the contractor (see notes on sheet 2).</p>
<p>The schedule of values includes a unit rate line item for disposal of large surface debris, but does not include an estimated quantity. What is the estimated quantity for this line item for bidding, and should it be bid as a lump sum or unit cost?</p>	<p>The debris was marked in the field for the site walk. There is some uncertainty in the quantity, so we would like a unit price based on truck tickets. Contractor can decide how best to combine truck tickets with loading, trucking, and debris breakdown. Our estimate is 5 truckloads. It would help bid comparison if the estimated total cost for 5 truckloads is provided, recognizing that pay to the contractor will reflect actual quantity moved.</p>
<p>What size trucks are used for the 5-truck load estimate?</p>	<p>10-wheelers (10 cy capacity) were assumed for the internal estimate. Contractors should determine what makes the most sense based on information gleaned from the site visit.</p>
<p>Can large concrete debris identified for removal be broken into smaller dimensions and buried on-site with other debris?</p>	<p>Audubon is ok with this approach, if it can be easily done.</p>
<p>Is a bid bond required</p>	<p>The contract does not require a bid bond</p>