To: Prospective Bidders

RE: Response to Bidders’ Question No. 27

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following is the response to a question submitted by prospective bidder and designated as Bid Question No. 27:

BID QUESTION No. 27:

It was stated at the Pre-Bid Meeting that ALL listed subcontractors in the bid proposal must first pass security clearance.

There are "hourly" subcontractors such as traffic control companies and trucking companies who basically bid hourly or daily rates. These subs typically leave it up to the General Contractor to determine services and durations needed and do not require to review plans or specifications. Many of these are DBE subs and as they do not typically review plans may not want to go thru the process to obtain plans and specs.

Would it be acceptable to list such a subcontractor who has not gotten clearance and provided the deposit for the plans? Such subs can of coarse go thru the security clearance prior to the GC awarding them a subcontract.

RESPONSE:
As stated in the NDA for Bidding Purposes, you must not disclose the Contract Documents to any individuals within your organization, except as provided in the NDA for Bidding Purposes, or to any prospective subcontractors, consultants or suppliers without first verifying that such third parties have executed an NDA for Bidding Purposes with the District.

In order to fully understand the scope and risks associated with this Project, all of the Contract Documents, including Volumes 1 through 5 and Contract Plans, should be reviewed by any
prospective subcontractors, consultants or suppliers. All listed subcontractors that access the Contract Documents must execute the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Release of Security Sensitive Information for Bidding Purposes (NDA for Bidding Purposes) and provide a deposit, as well as complete and submit the other forms noted in the NDA for Bidding Purposes.

If you choose to list a subcontractor or enter into a subcontract with a subcontractor, consultant or supplier that has not reviewed the Contract Documents, because you have made the decision that such subcontractor does not need to access the Contract Documents to provide you with a bid, you are solely responsible for any and all cost and time impacts related to such subcontracted work. The District will consider any party participating in a bid proposal that has not executed the Non-Disclosure Agreement for Bidding Purposes with the District and fulfilled all other related conditions as not having had access to the Contract Documents to review them.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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