

Alabama Department of Transportation - Proposal Questions and Answers

Project Number IM-I459(322)

Call # 005

County

JEFFERSON

Project Description

For constructing the Traffic Sign Replacements on I-459 from the I-20/I-59 Interchange (Exit 0) in McCalla to the I-59 Interchange (Exit 33). In the County of JEFFERSON, State of Alabama.

As of: 2/8/2024

Item	Question	Answer
1	The Department found an error with Note 900. NPDES Permit coverage is not required for this project.	Revised Note 900. Please see Flagged Revision 1.
2	Plan sheet 2, Note #907 discusses a mandatory pre-bid conference; however, the date/time/location are "X" out. I also did not see anything in the notices to contractors document. Please confirm there is or is not a mandatory pre-bid for this project.	Revised Note 907, no mandatory Pre-Bid will be held. Please see Flagged Revision 1.
3	Another question, Sheet 2-B, Project Note 1010 states the removal of aprons, post bases, etc. is a subsidiary obligation of Item 710C. There is not a 710C pay item in the project. Is this note needed or should there be a different subsidiary item?	Revised Note 1010 to reference pay item 710B. Please see Flagged Revision 1.
4	Please provide the meeting location and other details for project note 907.	Revised Note 907, no mandatory Pre-Bid will be held. Please see Flagged Revision 1.
5	Can you please provide the TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT PLAN per not 758 of the Traffic Control Plan notes on Call No. 5 IM-I459(322) in Jefferson County?	The TMP can be provided through Office Engineer

6	<p>I noticed project note 907 was changed to "omitted" in Change-1. I would ask the need for a mandatory pre-bid be reconsidered. First, there were several topics I was going to bring up at the pre-bid. I will bullet point them below and will be glad to go into greater detail if you feel it is necessary.</p> <p>This sign project is unlike any sign project ALDOT has let before. For instance, the 35k Sq ft Guide Sign line item calls for the normal Guide Signs we see for Class 6 signs in the ALDOT letting. If you go to the project notes, you will see project note 300 actually details that the signs must be extruded panel, digitally printed, and must use Type XI sheeting. The very next note changes the I-beam specs drastically. So, the first two notes changes the bulk of your material to something very few contractors have ever installed or even purchased before. Not highlighting just those two changes in a mandatory pre-bid is asking for a post bid catastrophe.</p> <p>Outside of that, there are several items/details on the project that warrant additional conversation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bag Concrete use on square tube installation - Assembly Period - Greater Clarification on Sign Hangers (this could have huge swings in cost and/or price based off of clarifications) - Traffic Control, this is not a normal project, typically a normal work zone would not required (ie...signage all the way around I-459). With this type of work signage would just be required when there were actually personnel working. <p>Everyone of these questions, has about three follow up questions based off of the initial answer. Thus, the need to just have a good open discussion with all potential bidders to ensure everyone is on the same page.</p>	No mandatory pre-bid is required for this project.
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