



CAMERON COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Benjamin L. Worsham, P.E. ★ County Engineer

Pre-Bid Meeting
PCT 4 Various Roadways Phase II Project I
Meeting Notes
March 2, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.

I. Introductions

Chris Rodriguez, Project Engineer from GDJ Engineering, introduced himself and asked for everyone to introduce themselves. Those present included:

- Benjamin Worsham, County Engineer
- Christine Reyes, Cameron County
- Adonica De Los Santos, Cameron County
- Roberto Luna, County Purchasing Department
- Dalia Loera, County Purchasing Department
- Robert Macheska, GDJ Engineering
- Christopher Rodriguez, GDJ Engineering
- Rosa Garza, County Clerk
- Ronica Blanco, Earthworks Enterprise

II. Project Information

- A. Project Summary: Resurfacing, Restoration, and Rehabilitation of local roadways consisting of scarifying, grading, compacting, flexible base, asphaltic concrete pavement, drainage structures, signing, and pavement markings.
- B. Project Limits: Various Locations with Alternatives (7 Cameron County Roadways, 2 City of Primera, and 15 City of La Feria)
- C. Project Length: Total length with Alternatives Approx. 7.6 Miles total.
- D. Contract Timeline: 200 Working Days for base bid.
- E. Additive Alternative Bidding: 4 additive alternatives are included in the bid package.
 - City of Primera Roadways and City of La Feria Roadways are included in the project as additive alternatives. Each of those alternatives has its own contract timeline which is noted on the bid tabs of the bid document.
 - Base bid will include construction of the 7 Cameron County Roadways (Spangler Ln., Kelly Dr., Palis Dr., Montezuma Rd., Tampa Ave., Taylor Rd., Scenic Rd.), the County will provide roadway materials for these roads. The materials to be provided: flexbase, prime coat, seal coat, aggregate, and the ACP. The contractor is responsible for providing base bid unit prices specifically to install those materials provided (labor only).
 - For Additive Alternative No. 1, the contractor will be bidding to provide materials that the County was originally providing on the base bid (highlighted bid items).

The unit bid price should not include the labor since it was already included in the base bid, but should only include the price for the contractor to provide the materials.

- For Additive Alternative No. 2, includes most of the sections of the City of Primera roadways which includes rehab of Burns Road and Primera Road. However, Primera Road is broken into two (2) different alternatives. The County has this as an option to add this as part of the project depending on how the bids come in. Inclusive of everything being rehabbed on Burns Road and the portion on Primera Road from Tamm Lane to Burns Road (from Burns Road to the West). For these limits the contractor will bid for materials and labor (the County will not provide material). There is a materials note below each additive alternative to clarify how the contractor shall bid.
- For Additive Alternative No. 3, it will be reconstruction for the section on Primera Rd from Burns Road to Stuart Place Rd. This rehab is more in depth than the other roadways. There is treatment of the Subgrade, the typical section is different on this one specifically. Be sure to take a closer look and bid accordingly to the type of work for this alternative. Unit bid prices need to include labor and materials.
- Additive Alternative No. 4 is for the City of La Feria Roadways which includes 15 roadways. Consists of pothole repairs and other rehab improvements. These plan sheets are at the end of the plans and begins on sheet 205. Unit bid prices need to include labor and materials.
- Presented Bid Document to show the Bid Tabs. For the base bid, the items highlighted in yellow are materials that will be provided by the County. These unit bid prices for these highlighted items should only include labor. The remaining items that are not highlighted in the base bid should be bid as you normally would, with materials and labor included. Additive Alternative No. 1 unit bid prices should only include amount for the materials. Additive Alternative No. 2 is the City of Primera Roadways for Burns Rd and part of Primera Road from Tamm Lane to Burns Rd. Additive Alternative No. 3 is from Primera Rd from Burns Road to Stuart Place Rd. These alternatives have their own barricades, contract time, mobilization so just make sure to bid accordingly. Additive Alternative No. 4 for City of La Feria Roadways, they have their own bid sheets which are broken by projects so be sure to bid according to their bid sheets. For everyone's reference, the City of La Feria did their own set of plans and requested the County added them which is why they are different than the rest of the bid tabs. As part of the bid docs, the City of La Feria has their own set of specifications.
- Bidders have till the end of the day on March 3rd to submit questions, once deadline finishes all questions will be answered and posted on the Purchasing Departments website.



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- Addendum will be sent out after the meeting for the bid document. The acknowledgment form will also be sent out and needs to be included when submitting the bid proposals when they are submitted to the County Purchasing Department.
- Addendum 1 is posted to the website.

III. Bidding Information

- A. **Bid Deadline to Submit: March 8, 2022 – 11:00 A.M.**
- B. Bid Submittal Location: Cameron County Purchasing Department
- C. Submit Bid Questions to: Benjamin Worsham, P.E., Cameron County Engineer
benjamin.worsham@co.cameron.tx.us or Chris Rodriguez, P.E., GDJ Engineering,
chris@gdjeng.com
- D. Deadline to Submit Questions: March 3, 2022 by 5:00PM

IV. Documents and Drawings

- A. Copy of Bid Packet can be found at: <https://www.cameroncountytexas.gov/purchasing-bids-rfpq-addms-tabs/>
- B. Copy of Plans can be found at:
GDJ Engineering
2805 Fountain Plaza Blvd., Suite A Edinburg, Texas 78539
(956) 603-2025
Chris@GDJEng.com

V. Miscellaneous

- A. Questions / Comments
 1. For the base bid, will the County only provide roadway materials or also for underground materials (pipe, etc.)?
At this time, only for the roadway materials. Bid tabs show which items will be provided as they are highlighted and called out.
 2. For Additive Alternative No. 1 it says Substitution Alternative No. 1?
An addendum had just been released, making that clarification. GDJ would be sending out the addendum and acknowledgement form to all plan holders after the meeting which will also include a link with the latest bid document and plan set (no changes to plan set only to the bid document). The acknowledgment form needs to be signed and submitted with the bid. The bid doc on the purchasing website is old and an addendum will be added to identify changes to the bid document. The bid date will remain the same.
 3. The base bid will count the most and the alternatives will be a decision the County makes but the base bid counts the most?
The County will determine if they want to include the Additive Alternatives, if they will award that section of the project depending how the bids come in. There have been contractors in the past projects who were the lowest bidder for the base bid but because they didn't include the alternative bid they were not awarded the contract. It is encouraged for everyone to submit the base bid as well as the alt bids for the project.



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