

Pre-Bid Conference Questions
City of Williamsburg, Virginia
Invitation for Bids (IFB) 01-4101-15
York Street from Page Street to Quarterpath Road
Sidewalk and Roadway Improvements
VDOT Project No: 060-137-R49, P101, M501 UPC: #104334
March 12, 2015

The following questions were recorded at or provided in writing immediately subsequent to the pre-bid conference for the above IFB.

1. Is watering of the trees during the warranty required?

Per the Project Specific Provisions, watering during the warranty period is included in the unit price for Plants. Contractor is responsible for the health of the plants during the establishment and warranty period. Refer to paragraph 9 of the PSP and question #7 herein.

2. Are VDOT C-25 forms required?

C-25 (Source of Materials) forms are required for all materials incorporated into the work. In addition, form C-28 (Subcontractors) will be required at the start of construction. The C-5 form will be filled out and submitted by the City at the beginning and completion of the work.

3. Who prepares the stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWPPP)?

The contractor will prepare the SWPPP and perform as the operator in compliance with the stormwater regulations and City code. As required by law, the operator will certify that the SWPPP has been prepared when registering with the VSMP Authority. Note that the City is a VSMP Authority. Therefore the contractor will register for the construction general permit (CGP) through the City and the City will be inspecting the site for compliance with the regulations including examining the SWPPP.

4. What is the City's specification for CG-12 truncated domes?

The City's preference based on past projects is to use solid colored 12"x12" concrete pavers with truncated domes. These are placed after the sidewalk has been formed and are placed on a mortar bed with sanded joints. The City uses a darker red ("Brownstone") color on standard concrete sidewalks, and a dark gray ("Charcoal") color on brick sidewalks. Note that domes are only used where sidewalks must traverse vehicular pathways, except for private entrances, per VDOT policy. This will limit the use of the domes at the street crossings.

5. Is a VDOT permit required or is this City right of way?

No, a VDOT land use permit is not required. The project is located solely in City rights of way. Since this is a Public Works CIP project, a right of way permit will not be required.

6. Is there any electrical work on the project?

Yes. There are 7 private lights to be removed and placed for salvage by the owner at 351 York Street. Four of the existing circuits will be capped and three new fixtures will be installed on the existing concrete base. Contractor will coordinate with the property owner (and the City Inspector) for disconnection and connection of the electrical supply. Because the electrical work is on private lights, an electrical permit is required from the City Codes Compliance office to comply with Building Code. This permit can be obtained at the same location as for the land disturbing permit and VSMP permit registration.

7. in regards to the planting/landscaping material. I believe that the City is following VDOT section 605.05 – Establishment Period in regards to planting material warranty. Per sect.605.05 (a) establishment period begins following completion of planting (spring or fall) and the Engineer confirms in writing all plants are viable. Establishment period continues through one growing season. Plant replacements per sect. 605.05.4. Per your expectations, the plantings for this project will be a fall planting (Nov.1 thru March 31) with the establishment period through the Spring? Termination of establishment period should occur in the spring 2016, which would mean replacement period between March 1 thru March 31? Would this be a correct understanding of the plant establishment/warranty?

Per the modified 605.07 in the Project Special Provisions, the plants shall be maintained "...until final acceptance and throughout the warranty period." Section 605.05 does set the establishment period as a minimum of 1 growing season as determined in writing by the Engineer. This minimum standard is to allow for flexibility if there is an issue with timing of planting. If we will end up with a fall planting, The City would probably set the warranty period to be just less than a year or around leaf fall (November) of the following year. If this were a spring or summer planting, The City would probably terminate the warranty period at the end of March as soon as it could be determined that the plants have survived the winter. In either case, this project will likely have about a 1 year warranty on the plants and not a 6 month warranty.