

July 20, 2015

ADDENDUM #1
IFB #16-16
239.1 JACKSON STREET REMEDIATION

The number of this Addendum, Addendum No. 1, must be entered in the space provided on the Bid Form.

REPLACE:

DUE DATE: Sealed bids will be publicly opened on: **July 24, 2015** at City Hall in the Purchasing Department, Room 60, 375 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852, at **11:00AM**, EST/EDST, for the work described herein. **BIDDERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT A BID INCLUDING ALL BID FORMS CONTAINED IN THIS PACKAGE. DO NOT REMOVE PAGES.**

CLARIFY:

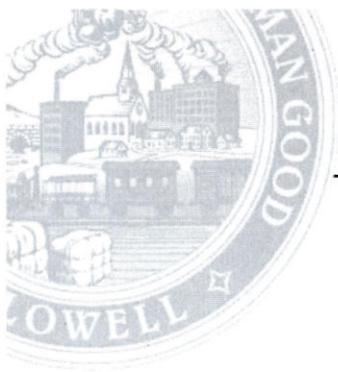
1. When is the expected award and expected start date?

Work is expected to commence upon completion of a contract with the successful bidder. As stated in the pre-bid meeting, a portion of the money funding this work is an EPA Cleanup Grant. This grant is scheduled to expire on 9/30/15. While the City anticipates receiving an extension for this grant through the end of the year, it is not guaranteed. Work will need to commence as quickly as possible following award.

2. The drawings show groundwater lower than the bottom of excavation, but historical boring logs indicate that groundwater could be within 6 inches of the bottom of excavation. Do you anticipate dewatering be required?

Dewatering is not anticipated as part of this work.

3. Bid Form Schedule A, one of the required bid submittals, does not have a completed "Estimated Quantity" column. Therefore, we assume it was the Owner's intention for the bidder's to fill out the estimated quantities and remaining items on the Schedule. This appears to give a tremendous amount of opportunity towards a variability of the bids and we question whether or not this is even legal according to Massachusetts Public Bidding Laws. Please confirm that bidders are supposed to fill out the quantities for each item on Bid Form Schedule A and that this method of bidding is in compliance with Massachusetts Public Bidding Laws. Schedule A is not required to be completed



4. If quantities are exceeded beyond those recorded in Schedule A Bid Form, will the additional work be completed under a Change Order at the respective unit prices?

The Schedule A Bid Form was included in the technical specifications to allow the City to understand differences in pricing and to provide a possible starting point for future change orders. Change orders, if necessary, are evaluated on an individual basis.

5. It is understood that the historical brick wall at the edge of the canal is braced, however is the wall and bracing capable of withstanding normal vibration cause by sheet pile installation? Vibration monitoring requirements are detailed on page 31 41 16-4 of the Bid Specifications Package.

6. Will the parking lot at the entrance of Canal Street be available for site worker's personal vehicles and staging haul trucks?
291 Jackson Street, which is located across from 110 Canal Street and 293.1 Jackson Street, can be made available for personal vehicles and staging haul trucks. However, there are utilities on that site that the winning bidder will need to take into account. Appropriate precautions will need to be taken with respect to these utilities through the use of materials (gravel, metal sheeting, etc.) to ensure the utilities remain intact when driven over. Any precautions proposed will need to be approved by the City's Engineering Department prior to use of the site. Bidders will need the appropriate insurance to cover the use of another property for parking.

7. Is a project trailer required?

No. On page 01 50 00-6, per the Bid Specifications Package, a field office can be used if "deemed necessary."

8. Would an alternate method of shoring be acceptable for the work?

If the contractor has a viable alternative, it will be considered by the City. However, if an alternative method increases costs and/or requires additional EPA approvals (which would result in scheduling delays), it will not be viewed as favorable to the City.

Sincerely,

PM Vaughn
Chief Procurement Officer