

COUNTY OF BERKS

Purchasing Department

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Amendment #1 Issued on March 22, 2024

Re: Invitation to Bid #24-06-GR, Berks Road Culvert Replacement Project

This Amendment should consist of a total of 2 pages. If you have not received this Amendment in its entirety, please contact the County of Berks Purchasing Department at 610-478-6168.

The County hereby amends the above noted Invitation to Bid (ITB) as indicated herein. All other details of the ITB remain unchanged. Language that is underlined denotes that which has been added. Language that has been stricken denotes that which is hereby removed.

Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

A pre-bid conference was held at the existing culvert located on Berks Road in Bern Township on February 28, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The following individuals and companies were represented at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Ryan Allgyer	Allgyer Enterprises
Brian Bohenic	Barwis Construction, LLC
Rex Levensgood	County of Berks
AJ McCloskey	County of Berks
George Rodrigues	County of Berks
David Powell	Empire Services
Gary Souilliard	Grace Industries, Inc.
Eric McCracken	Great Valley Consultants
Joe Rogosky	Great Valley Consultants
Len Hatter	H&K Group, Inc.
Neal Maese	H&K Group, Inc.
Tyler Gable	Kinsley Construction, Inc.
Craig Martin	Kinsley Construction, Inc.
Glen Powell	Schlouch Inc.

Several key points were reviewed by the Purchasing Department at the beginning of the pre-bid meeting. They were:

1. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., an amendment will be issued to respond to any and all questions and clarifications submitted and/or identified as needed by the County. Questions answered, or responses not set forth in an amendment shall not be valid and binding upon the County.

2. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., submit all questions in writing to the County point of contact, as detailed therein.
3. Section One, Clause 4.A., contains the deadline for receipt of bids. The County Controller's clock shall be considered the official time. There will be no exceptions to the Bid Deadline.
4. Section One, Clause 4.D., refer to the section for details on who must sign the bid.
5. Section One, Clause 4.E., Consent of Surety must accompany the bid.
6. As per Section One, Clause 5.B., a bid that contains exceptions or offers substitute products not previously approved by the County may result in the County rejecting the Bid as a non-responsive Bid.
7. Section One, Clause 13.A.1. and Clause 13.A.2., all bonds must be submitted on the County's form.
8. Section One, Clause 16, Insurance – Please review carefully with your agency/broker to ensure you meet or exceed all the limits and the endorsements identified therein.
9. Sign up to receive notices on the Purchasing page of www.berkspa.gov.

Following is a list of questions asked at the pre-bid meeting, and the County's response to each question, as well as clarifications addressed. The responses to these questions form an integral part of the ITB package and these responses may alter a Contractor's responsibilities in submitting a bid. Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

Section Three – Technical Specifications

Q1 Will silt socks be used for erosion control?

A1 As per Section Three, Technical Specifications, Clause 3.1.4, an erosion blanket shall be installed at the locations illustrated on the construction drawings. Silt socks shall not be used.

Clarification 2

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- 4.10. The Contractor shall protect all mailboxes, trees, vegetation, planters, sidewalks, and other features in and near the Work, and any features damaged shall be replaced at no additional cost and to the satisfaction of the County. County shall remove the trees immediately adjacent to the Project site. County shall grind the stumps of the removed trees.

Should you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact George Rodrigues, Contract Manager, via phone at 610-478-6168 ext. 6270 or via email at grodrigues@berkspa.gov.