

**State of Connecticut
Office of Policy and Management
Rentschler Field Parking and Traffic Circulation Improvements
East Hartford, Connecticut
(MMI Project No. 3097-01)**

UPDATE #1

Updated information for the subject project includes the following:

A list of attendees at the February 8, 2010 prebid meeting;

Responses to questions and RFI's received to date, including those posed at the February 8 Prebid Meeting.

February 18, 2010 Prebid Meeting: As previously announced, a second prebid meeting will be held at 10:00 on Thursday, February 18 in the Stadium Club Room at Rentschler Field (enter through the press entrance adjacent to Gate B.). The presentation portion of this meeting will be brief, as the main purpose is to provide an opportunity for a more extensive field walk than was conducted at the February 8 meeting. Information presented at the February 8 meeting is available in the Invitation to Bid, the bid documents and the updated information noted above. Bidders are reminded that the deadline for questions/RFIs and requests for clarifications is Monday, February 22 at 3:00 PM. Responses will be posted no later than March 1, 2010. Bids are due on March 15, 2010 NLT 2:00 PM.

Pre-Bid Meeting #1 – Sign-in Sheet
February 8, 2010
10:00 a.m. – Third Floor at the Stadium

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This document includes responses to all questions and RFIs received by OPM on the project as of February 15, 2010, including questions posed at the prebid conference and site walk on February 8, 2010.

REMINDER: A second prebid conference and site walk is scheduled for Thursday, February 18 at 10:00 at the Stadium Club Room at Rentschler Field, 615 Silver Lane, East Hartford. Bidders are advised to visit the OPM website periodically for project updates.

Q1. Due to the large area that this project entails, we are requesting an electronic version of drawing GR-1 – 6.

A. CAD files of the bid drawings will not be made available. Bidders are directed to use only the documents available for purchase from Joseph Merritt.

Q2. Please provide the engineer's estimate for the project.

A. The engineer's estimate will not be made available during the bidding phase. Please note that the bid format does not follow the CTDOT unit price format.

Q3. What is the retainage percentage for the project?

A. Retainage is addressed in Section 4.1 of the draft contract included as Appendix III in the Invitation to Bid.

Q4. Have plans and specs not yet been posted to the OPM website?

A. Plans and specs will not be posted to the OPM website. They are available from Joseph Merritt for purchase per the Invitation to Bid.

Q5. Is a Project Labor Agreement required for the project?

A. C.G.S. 32-656, which is part of the authorizing legislation for Rentschler Field states in part that "The Secretary (of OPM) shall require...that each prime construction contractor shall **either** comply with the prevailing wage laws **or** enter into a project labor agreement..."(emphasis added)

Q6. Are all workers who will be on UTC property required to have 40-hour HAZWOPER training? Is a Health and Safety Plan required?

UTC requires that all employees involved in subsurface work on UTC property have completed OSHA 1910.120 HAZWOPER training with current eight-hour refresher training. A Health and Safety Plan consistent with either 1910.120 or 1926.65 requirements must be prepared by the Contractor for the work

Q7. What level of protective clothing is needed?

A. Based on available soil contaminant data Level D is appropriate. As with any brownfields project discovery of unknown conditions could require an upgrade. Soil contaminant data are included in the bid documents on a CD.

Q8. Is solidification of unsuitable material required?

A. The CTDOT solidification spec is not included in the bid documents, however the Contractor shall not be precluded from employing such practice. The goal is to reuse as much material as possible. Per the CTDOT Form 816, the contractor will have the opportunity to spread material to dry before mixing and reusing it.

Q9. How is the contractor to be paid for the three options for dealing with discoveries of contaminated soil that are in the NTC (leave in place for testing; stockpile nearby for testing; transport to a central storage location)?

A. The main point of the Notice to Contractor – Environmental is that the contractor is expected to plan his activities so discovery of an unknown condition does not affect the schedule. If the discovery is in an area of cut, excavation and material handling is included in the lump sum price bid. If over-excavation is required, the bid unit price will apply. If the contractor is required to move such material a second time to reuse it, a cost plus amount will be negotiated for that work.

Q10. How are materials that are structurally unsuitable for reuse to be managed?

A. Contaminated materials that are structurally unsuitable are to be managed in accordance with the Notice to Contractor – Environmental. Clean materials deemed unsuitable for reuse shall be disposed of off site, the cost for which shall be included in the lump sum price bid for 'Earthwork' per the Notice to Contractor – Excavated Material Management. Information about the disposal location must be provided to OPM per the NTC.

Q11. Does the clearing contractor's (Moosehead Harvesting) scope include stumping the site?

A. No. Moosehead is cutting to a height of 8-12 inches and removing all woody material. Stump removal will be the responsibility of the Contractor.

Q12. Have the electrical services on site been tested for live-dead status?

A. Yes. The information is included in the bid package drawings. (See sheets EX1-EX6).

Q13. Is the second prebid & site walk mandatory?

A. No. It is mainly intended as an opportunity for contractors to bring along potential subcontractors to view the conditions.

Q14. Is the site open for visits at other times?

A. No. Access is over UTC property and is subject to strict limitations. Also, the clearing operation is ongoing for most of the period preceding the bid date.

Q15. Are any buildings to be demolished?

Two small CMU buildings remaining intact in the South Klondike region that will need to be demolished/interior fixtures disposed of. All other former buildings were previously demolished – building foundations and slabs shall be processed to a depth of 2'-0" min. below proposed grade.

Q16. Are any septic systems to be abandoned?

A. All known septic systems were previously abandoned by UTC.

Q17. Item 0909502A – Timber Post and Beam Rail

- 1.) TS-53 states "rails shall be nominal 4" x 8". Drawing SD-15 details 4" x 10" rails. Please advise which will be required

A. 4x8 is the standard; the special provision shall govern over the detail on Drawing SD-15.

2.) *TS-53 states a specification for galvanized fasteners. Drawing SD-15 details do not show any fasteners. Please verify if fasteners are required; if so please revise detail to show size, quantity, and location of fasteners.*

A. The reference to the hardware shall be deleted – not pertinent to this type of rail.

3.) *TS-53 calls for a CCA treatment of timbers. Due to environmental concerns, CCA has been phased out of use for guardrail applications in this region; it is available by special order. ACQ is widely used, but generally costs more. Will the Owner consider switching exclusively to ACQ, and completely withdrawing CCA requirements? This would benefit environmentally, and keep a level playing field for all bidders to use ACQ only.*

A. ACQ is the current standard. While CCA is still specified by Form 816, references to CCA shall be revised to ACQ.

Q18. Item 0914017A – Ornamental Metal Fence (4' high): TS-62 states a specification for finish painting of the product. However, this product comes with its own powder-coated finish from the manufacturer, Ameristar. Will manufacturer's standard coating be acceptable, as opposed to painting specification?

A. Manufacturer's powder-coat finish will be acceptable.

Q19 One of the concerns is the finish or surfacing of the timbers. Should they be rough-sawn or S4S (smooth four sides)?? TS-53 calls for "all exposed edges of member shall be chamfered." Does this refer to posts, rails, or both?? Details do not show this. Is this required?? It is generally referred to eased edges. Please keep in mind the more custom mill-work, the harder future maintenance/repairs will be.

A. Clarification: Top of posts to be chamfered. Exposed vertical edges on posts and exposed edges on rails shall be 'eased'. Posts and timber rails shall be smooth on all four sides.