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**All inquiries must include the contract number.**

08-456004	
Inquiry No.	Inquiry/Response
1.0	<p>Question_1: Are the cross sections available for this project?</p> <p><b>Response: Cross Sections are now available to be picked up. They are on a CD in pdf format. If interested in obtaining a copy, please call the above listed number.</b></p>
2.0	<p>Question_2: As the 556,000 M3 of Imported Borrow (Bid Item 50) and the over excavation will have a major impact on the cost of this project it is imperative that the bidders be able to make an accurate verification and assessment of this work. The contract plans show the original ground contours on the Layout Plans (sheets 11 through 27) and the finish grade contours on the Drainage and Contour Grading Plans (sheets 72 through 88). The only method that can utilize this information involves manually digitizing the two sets of contours and overlaying them. This does not provide for a suitable level of accuracy. Please provide either electronic files of the plan sheets (.dgn or .dwg) or cross sections for the project.</p> <p><b>Response: Please see response to question # 1.</b></p>
3.0	<p>Question_3: Are the Cross Sections available in electronic format. If so, will they be made available to the Contractor on a CD or posted on the Web Site? If Electronic format is unavailable, will the Engineer make paper copies for the Contractor or allow Contractor to make copies?</p> <p><b>Response: Please refer to the response for Inquiry No.1.</b></p>
4.0	<p>Question_4: Do you Have a railroad agreement?</p> <p><b>Response: Section 13: Railroad Relations and Insurance Requirements will be part of an Addendum to be issued for Contract No. 08-456004. The Addendum is scheduled to be released on Thursday September 24, 2009. The Addendum will also have a modification to the Federal Minimum Wages.</b></p>
5.0	<p>Question_5: Who pays railroad flagging?</p> <p><b>Response: The cost for railroad flagging will be paid for by the State as specified in Section 13.</b></p>
6.0	<p>Question_6: How are the quantities measured for items # 81,82 &amp; 83?</p> <p><b>Response: Please Refer to Addendum No. 1</b></p>
7.0	<p>Question_7: No catch basin filter inserts are shown on plan. Are there any postconstruction storm water best management practices are to be built?</p> <p><b>Response: No postconstruction management practices using catch basin filter inserts are included in the contract.</b></p>

8.0	<p>Question_8: Item 148 "Concrete Barrier (60R Mod)". Should this item read "Concrete Barrier (60E Mod)"? If not, please provide details for a 60R concrete Barrier.</p> <p><b>Response: For construction details see Construction detail sheets C-20, C-21, C-22 and C-23. For quantities see Q-3.</b></p>
9.0	<p>Special_Provisions_Specific: "One Meter as shown on the plans shall be over-excavated, restore to grade with imported borrow and compacted to 95% relative compaction for the" listed "embankment locations".</p> <p>Question_9: Plan sheet 3 of 410 LEGEND: indicates "limits of over-excavation and re-compacting existing material at 95% relative compaction. Is this not a contradiction to the quoted portion of specials mentioned above?</p> <p><b>Response: The X-3 Typical Cross Section Legend should have stated " LIMITS OF OVEREXCAVATION AND RECOMPACTING IMPORTED BORROW MATERIAL AT 95% RELATIVE COMPACTION."</b></p>
9.1	<p>Question_9.1: Will the Special Provisions take precedence over plans in this case? Please confirm, one way or another, or indicate Caltrans intent?</p> <p><b>Response: The special provisions take precedence over the plans.</b></p>
10.0	<p>Question_10: Is Railroad Protective Insurance Required? Please specify the Specifications Section where Railroad Protective Insurance might be required?</p> <p><b>Response: Section 13, Railroad Relations and Insurance Requirements included in Addendum No. 1 issued September 25, 2009 covers Railroad Protective Insurance.</b></p>
11.0	<p>Question_11: The Special Provisions for this project were unclear regarding application of the 10% trigger or 5% trigger threshold for calculation of asphalt price adjustments for price index fluctuations. Please clarify.</p> <p><b>Response: Addendum No. 1 was issued on September 25, 2009 specifying the 10% threshold is to be used for AC Price adjustments.</b></p>
12.0	<p>Question_12: Are the steel plates for the Art Work Steel intended to be one piece per radius section?</p> <p><b>Response: "bid per the contract documents."</b></p>
12.1	<p>Question_12.1: There are no dimensions or Patina colors provided for the Art Work Steel. Is the up to the Contractor to determine?</p> <p><b>Response: "bid per the contract documents."</b></p>
12.2	<p>Question_12.2: Welding Quality Control seems like an unnecessary added expense for an architectural, non-structural steel decoration. Will this requirement be changed or waived?</p> <p><b>Response: "bid per the contract documents."</b></p>
13.0	<p>Question_13.0: Why is the index compensation on this job 10% and not 5%?</p> <p><b>Response: Pending.</b></p>
14.0	<p>Question_14.0: Please provide a detail of the NPS 3 supply line. The plan, sheet 359 and 381 of 410 show the line inside the type 28 barrier sidewalk. Is the casing plastic and does the plastic extend through the approach slab? Is an air release valve assembly required? A hose assembly required? Please provide specific details as the standard plans do not address the line through the barrier sidewalk.</p> <p><b>Response: "bid per the contract documents."</b></p>
15.0	<p>Question_15.0: Because this has federal money, will the agency be withholding retention.</p>

	<p>Response: Retentions of funds as stated in the special provisions will be made on this project. Federal Funding has no effect on the special provisions for Contract No. 08-456004.</p>
16.0	<p>Question_16.0: Ref sign Str plans and quantity sheet SQ-5- Clarify how you intend to pay for work called out as "Remove Sign Structure" for Overhead sign # 9-A and 12-A.</p> <p>Response: Full compensation for removing overhead signs 9-A and 12-A will be considered as included in the contract prices paid for Item 91 Furnish Sign Structure (Truss) and Item 92 Install sign Structure (Truss), including disposal of the signs and regarding the removal area and no additional compensation will be allowed therefore.</p>
17.0	<p>Question_17.0: There are no provisions for k-rail on the outside shoulder for falsework. Can we assume the State will require k-rail on the outside shoulders for falsework in Stage 1? Also, the k-rail will be placed on the ETW.</p> <p>Response: Pending.</p>
18.0	<p>Question_18.0: PLANS DO NOT SHOW EDISON SERVICE POINT FOR SERVICES ON "SIGNAL &amp; LIGHTING LOCATIONS 1 AND 2 (E-13 AND E-17)</p> <p>Response: Full compensation for providing service is included in the contract price paid for the appropriate bid item showing the Service Cabinet as shown on the plans. Service points shall be close to the Service Cabinets shown on the plans. If the Service point is farther than 30 meters from the Service Cabinets shown on the plans compensation for connecting beyond the 30 meter distance will be paid for as Extra Work as provided in Section 4-1.03D of the Standard Specifications.</p>