

Clarifications for Bidding

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BIDS DUE</u>
Center Road Natural Area Parking Lot	Location: Peninsula Township 13253 Center Road Traverse City, MI 49684
GFA Project No: 09273	Date: August 3, 2009 Time: 10:00 am

This Clarification is issued prior to the receipt of bid proposals to amend the Contract Documents as follows. This Clarification becomes part of the Contract Documents as of this date and supersedes the information in the originally issued Contract Documents where applicable. The Contractor shall acknowledge this Clarification in His/Her bid. These questions have been asked by prospective Bidders & our response follows each question.

Question 1. I visited the site yesterday and noted that GFA had staked the corners of the parking lot. All the stakes said "corner of asphalt". The plan only specifies paving the approach and a 23A gravel parking lot. Does the parking lot get asphalt or does it stay gravel? If the parking lot does get asphalt, what thickness and mix design would you specify?

Answer 1. The parking lot is gravel.

Question 2. MDOT specifies 8" of aggregate in an MDOT opening. The plan specifies 6". Which should be bid?

Answer 2. Bid 6" of aggregate.

Question 3. The specification specifies an award date of 8-13-09 and a 100% completion date of 8-31-09. There is also a specification that notes the contractor is to obtain the MDOT permit prior to start of work. If we get an award by August 13, 2009 to start the project and submit an application for an MDOT permit by August 14, 2009, it will take anywhere from 2 weeks to 1.5 months to get an MDOT permit for this project. The time table for completion by August 31, 2009 is not possible. A more realistic schedule would be start date would be October 1, 2009 with a completion date of October 31, 2009. If you award by August 13, 2009 that gives the contractor 1.5 months to get the MDOT permit. If it comes quicker than that, it is a bonus for everybody.

Answer 3. The chosen Contractor should submit the MDOT permit application on or before August 14, 2009. The completion date of August 31, 2009 will be extended by the length of time MDOT takes to issue the permit.

Question 4. If we get award by August 13, 2009, a MISSDIG also has to be done. If we call for MISSDIG at 700am on August 14, 2009, it won't be good until August 19, 2009 at 800am. That takes 3 days. That is a very aggressive schedule for completion by August 31, even if we had an MDOT permit to start immediately.

Answer 4. The Owner has set August 31, 2009 for completion.

Question 5. If the site does not balance, can we get fill sand from close by on site if we regrade and restore the borrow area?

Answer 5. No.

Question 6. Detail 4/3 -- Cobble swale detail on sheet 3 of 3 specifies 2 layers of 6A stone. 6A stone is a 5/16" - 1.0" size of stone that goes in concrete. Please verify that this is exactly what you require. If not please identify size of rip rap to go in this swale.

Answer 6. Use a single layer of stone called for in detail 9/3 in lieu of 6A stone called for in detail 4/3.

Question 7. Paving detail 1/3 on page 3 of 3 specifies 220 lbs/yd bituminous aggregate and a 110 lbs/yd surface course of 1100T-20AA. Paving a 1.0" surface course is not recommended with 1100T, because the stone in 1100T is too big. Paving at one inch (1"), the paver screed will break the stones in the asphalt and will leave a very rough surface course. If 1100T is the specification, we recommend that we pave a 1.5" base and a 1.5" surface course, or go to a different mix design that will allow a 1.0" surface course. Will these variances be allowed?

Answer 7. Use a base course of 165 lbs/sy 13A and a surface course of 110 lbs/sy 36 A

Question 8. Are there liquidated damages on this project?

Answer 8. No.

Question 9. Does the site balance?

Answer 9. It is the Contractor's responsibility to calculate earthwork volumes.

Question 10. The emergency overflow in detail 7/3 calls for 4-6" stone. Is that appropriate?

Answer 10. Use a single layer of stone called for in detail 9/3 in lieu of 4-6" stone called for in detail 7/3.



Peninsula Township

13235 Center Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684
Rob Manigold, Township Supervisor

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CENTER ROAD NATURAL AREA PARKING LOT

Bids Due August 3, 2009 10:00 AM EST

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Compensation

Please provide a lump sum bid for completion of the work items indicated in the drawings labeled "Center Road Natural Area Parking Lot" (Sheets 1, 2 & 3; Rev A; Issued for Bids, dated 07-27-09). Indicate the time period during which the price quoted remains in effect, in the Bid.

Schedule

These work items should be 100% complete by August 31, 2009.

Bidding Instructions

Each Bid must be submitted in a sealed envelope addressed to:

Peninsula Township
13235 Center Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684

If forwarded by mail, the sealed envelope containing the Bid must be enclosed in another envelope addressed to:

Peninsula Township
13235 Center Rd., Traverse City, MI 49684

Each sealed envelope containing a Bid must be plainly marked on the outside as Bid for:
CENTER ROAD NATURAL AREA PARKING LOT

The outside of the envelope should the name of the Bidder, Bidder address, Bidder license number, if applicable. The Bid shall be signed by an authorized officer or employee.

Deadline for Submittal Date: Monday, August 3, 2009

Deadline for Submittal Time: 10:00 AM (EST)

Selection Criteria

Due diligence inquiries will be conducted. The project will be awarded based on the following:

- Cost Estimate
- Demonstrated ability with similar projects, including cost control, schedule compliance, and scope management.

Supplemental Information

Proposal Invitation and Acceptance

Peninsula Township reserves the right to accept the proposals in whole, or in part, and to reject any and all proposals and negotiate separately or solicit new proposals to better serve its interests. This Advertisement for Bids does not commit Peninsula Township to award a contract nor to pay for costs incurred by successful or unsuccessful firms in the preparation of their proposals.

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Peninsula Township is committed to provide equal opportunity in employment. No person is to be discriminated against on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, or disability.

Contact Information

All questions regarding this Advertisement for Bids should be directed to Mr. Brian Rowley, Gourdie-Fraser, Inc., E-mail browley@gourdiefraser.com, no later than June 31, 2009.