



INVITATION FOR BIDS #010-008

VRE FREDERICKSBURG STATION INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIRS

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Below are questions with responses that VRE has received as of April 13, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. EST. Whenever possible, questions are presented as originally asked. Otherwise, the question is presented to capture the main thrust or idea of the question or inquiry.

1. Will any federal money be used to finance the project?

Yes.

2. What permits are required by the City of Fredericksburg for this project?

Based upon VRE's discussions with the City of Fredericksburg, the following permits will be required: (1) special excavation permit for work within the City right-of-way; and (2) site plan, building, plumbing and electrical permits from the Building & Development Services department. The Bidder should further investigate required permits with the City of Fredericksburg prior to bidding as the above list may not be all inclusive.

3. Who will be responsible for pulling the permits?

The Contractor is responsible for pulling all permits. See Part I - Schedule, Section B.10, Paragraph E and General Note 14 on Plan Sheet No. 2 of 75.

4. Will VRE be responsible for paying CSX directly for the cost of flagging?

Yes. See the "Railroad (CSXT) Coordination" section on Plan Sheet 2 of 75 for responsibilities regarding flagging.

5. Can VRE provide a schedule for the freight and passenger trains that pass by the station?

The approximate schedule of passenger trains passing by the station can be found on VRE's website (<http://www.vre.org/service/schedule.htm>) and from Amtrak's website (<http://www.amtrak.com>). On a typical weekday, VRE operates fourteen (14) trains and Amtrak eighteen (18) trains through the station. The schedule for freight trains is variable, and therefore cannot be provided. However, the number of freight trains passing through the station is in the range of twenty-five (25) to thirty (30) per day.

6. In the event of inclement weather, what provisions are provided by VRE for extension of the stipulated contract completion period?

See Part I – Schedule, Section B.22 and Specification Section 01 02 50, 1.03, Paragraph F for provisions related to inclement weather delays.

7. Is the Contractor expected to complete both the base bid and alternate bid work within the two hundred forty (240) calendar days allotted from the Notice-to-Proceed to Beneficial Use?

Yes.

8. Should VRE elect to award the base bid work only, will the two hundred forty (240) calendar days identified for contract completion be reduced?

No.

9. Item No. 12, Clean Concrete Surface, on the Schedule of Prices is a lump sum bid quantity. While the plans clearly indicate the areas to be cleaned, how will VRE address additional areas that may require cleaning?

The areas to be cleaned are shown on the plans. The lump sum bid quantity for Item No. 12, Clean Concrete Surface, shall be inclusive of all cleaning required by Specification Section 03 01 30.51 regardless of areas indicated on the plans. Additional work beyond the contract shall be per Specification Section 01 02 50.