INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) No. 020-003

BENCHMARK ROAD SLOPE STABILIZATION

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Below are questions VRE received as of September 17, 2019 at 2:00 P.M. EST, with responses. Whenever possible, questions are presented as originally asked. Otherwise, the questions or inquiries are presented to capture the main thrust or idea.

**Question #1:** Will VRE add a temporary seed and mulch bid item given the time of year for the planned construction?

**Response #1:** Please refer to Sheet ES-002 (4 of 21) for seed mix and additive requirements for time of year. The Contractor is responsible for establishing not less than 75% uniform stand of permanent grass (see Trackside Seeding ES-002, fourth note). The Contractor may be required to provide supplemental seeding, and this shall be included in the bid price for “Regular Seeding/Overseeding”.

**Question #2:** Does the disposal area have to be denuded prior to placing fill excavated from the project?

**Response #2:** The Contractor shall prepare the designated area by cutting grass. Denuding and land disturbance are not required.

**Question #3:** Will night construction be allowed? If so, what hours will be allowed?

**Response #3:** See Addendum No.1, Attachments J and L and Contractor Hours of Operation. The VDOT Land Use Permit Special Provisions limit Authorized Hours and Days of Work to 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, Monday through Friday for all highways classified as arterial or collector. The Contractor may seek waiver of these conditions requiring VDOT, Spotsylvania County, VRE and CSXT approval.
**Question #4:** Will the Contractor be required to obtain any permits or pay any permit fees?

**Response #4:** See Addendum No. 1, Attachment K. The Section 401 Water Quality Certification expiration is July 2, 2020. Work shall be performed in accordance with the outstanding permit. See Addendum No. 1, Revised Specification Section 31-25-05. VPDES permit is not required because the disturbed area is less than 1 acre.

**Question #5:** Will the Contractor be responsible for posting bonds to VDOT or other municipal entities?

**Response #5:** No. VRE is not aware of any bond requirements from the Contractor to VDOT or Spotsylvania County.

**Question #6:** Will the petroleum pipeline have to be matted, plated or otherwise covered when traversing above it with equipment?

**Response #6:** See Addendum No. 1.

**Question #7:** Will VRE consider waiving the requirement for financials to be submitted with the bid and only require them of the apparent low bidder?

**Response #7:** See Addendum No. 1.

**Question #8:** Please clarify if the Contractor is required to prepare/pay for /obtain the VPDES Construction Permit as stated in Section 31 25 05.

**Response #8:** See response to Question #4.

**Question #9:** Please clarify who is required to prepare the SWPPP Document.

**Response #9:** A project specific SWPPP is not required as the project disturbs less than 1 acre. This does not relieve the Contractor from the obligation to meet the requirements of the Specifications, Section 31 25 05 as revised and provided in Addendum No. 1.

**Question #10:** Please clarify who is required to maintain the SWPPP Documents once construction begins.

**Response #10:** The Contractor is responsible for complying with the requirements of Erosion and Sediment Control and Stormwater Management in accordance with Section 31 25 05 of the Specifications and the Plans.
**Question #11**: There does not appear to be lime called for on sheet 4 of 21 of plans. Please clarify that lime is not to be used.

**Response #11**: Lime is not required.

**Question #12**: Who will provide any necessary safety training required by this contract?

**Response #12**: It is the Contractor’s responsibility to complete, document and provide evidence of all required training, including Roadway Worker Protection training prior to the Notice-to-Proceed. The Contractor may obtain this required training on their own, but it must be provided by an accredited company approved by CSX Transportation and at the Contractor’s expense.

**Question #13**: Does the safety training have to be completed prior to the bid due date?

**Response #13**: No. Required safety training is not required before the bid due date but is required prior to issuance of Notice-to-Proceed.