

COUNTY OF BERKS

Purchasing Department

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Amendment #1 Issued on April 19, 2024

Re: Invitation to Bid #24-08-GR, Wertz Covered Bridge Stair Replacement Project

This Amendment should consist of a total of 3 pages. If you have not received this Amendment in its entirety, please contact the County of Berks Purchasing Department at 610-478-6168.

The County hereby amends the above noted Invitation to Bid (ITB) as indicated herein. All other details of the ITB remain unchanged. Language that is underlined denotes that which has been added. Language that has been stricken denotes that which is hereby removed.

Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

A pre-bid conference was held at Wertz Covered Bridge located at the Red Bridge Recreation Area at 2141 Tulpehocken Road, Wyomissing, PA 19610 on April 3, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. The following individuals and companies were represented at the meeting:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Entity</u>
Ed Anewalt	Anewalt's Landscape Contracting
Brian Evans	County of Berks
Brendan Lederer	County of Berks
George Rodrigues	County of Berks
Cathy Wegener	County of Berks
William Faithluvhope	DESCCO Design & Construction
Eric Peterson	DESCCO Design & Construction
Ben Longenecker	GHL Construction
Terry Naugle	Great Valley Consultants
Todd Cameron	Purcell Construction

Several key points were reviewed by the Purchasing Department at the beginning of the pre-bid meeting. They were:

1. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., an amendment will be issued to respond to any and all questions and clarifications submitted and/or identified as needed by the County. Questions answered, or responses not set forth in an amendment shall not be valid and binding upon the County.
2. As per Section One, Clause 1.B., submit all questions in writing to the County point of contact, as detailed therein.

3. Section One, Clause 4.A., contains the deadline for receipt of bids. The County Controller's clock shall be considered the official time. There will be no exceptions to the Bid Deadline.
4. Section One, Clause 4.D., refer to the section for details on who must sign the bid.
5. Section One, Clause 4.E., Consent of Surety must accompany the bid.
6. As per Section One, Clause 5.B., a bid that contains exceptions or offers substitute products not previously approved by the County may result in the County rejecting the Bid as a non-responsive Bid.
7. Section One, Clause 13.A.1. and Clause 13.A.2., all bonds must be submitted on the County's form.
8. Section One, Clause 16, Insurance – Please review carefully with your agency/broker to ensure you meet or exceed all the limits and the endorsements identified therein.
9. As per Section 2, Advertisement for Bids, and Section 8, Bid Form, bids shall be delivered by the bid submission deadline to the County Controller on the 12th Floor of the Berks County Services Center.
10. Sign up to receive notices of future County of Berks Invitations to Bid at <https://www.berkspa.gov/departments/purchasing/itb-rfp>.

Following is a list of questions asked at the pre-bid meeting, and the County's response to each question, as well as clarifications addressed. The responses to these questions form an integral part of the ITB package and these responses may alter a Contractor's responsibilities in submitting a bid. Where conflict exists between these responses and information in the original ITB package, the responses shall prevail.

Clarification 1

Section Three – Technical Specifications

- 1.1.2.2.2. The Contractor shall coordinate and schedule the work on site with the Owner. Work shall be performed during normal working hours from 7:00 a.m. thru 4:00 p.m. during the normal work week of Monday through Friday. Work outside of the aforementioned time periods shall only be performed if preauthorized by Owner.

Clarification 2

Section Three – Technical Specifications

- 2.1.1.3. Existing Conditions.
 - 2.1.1.3.1. Conduct demolition to minimize interference with Owner operations at the site.
 - 2.1.1.3.2. Provide, erect, and maintain temporary barriers and security devices.

2.1.1.3.3. Conduct operations with minimum interference to public or private thoroughfares. Maintain egress and access at all times. Any temporary closure of a thoroughfare shall be preauthorized by Owner prior to said temporary closure.

2.1.1.3.4. Do not close or obstruct roadways without permits.

2.1.1.3.5 At the end of each workday cover all open trenches and secure work area to ensure area is safe for park visitors.

Appendix A – Construction Plans

Q3: Is there stone work on the existing structure that should be saved?

A3: There is no stone work on the existing structure, as per Appendix A, Construction Plans, Drawing 3186-008-D-003, the Contractor shall remove and properly dispose of all materials of existing stairs except as otherwise noted for items or materials to be salvaged and/or reused.

Should you have any questions regarding this Amendment, please contact George Rodrigues, Deputy Director of Contracts and Procurement, via phone at 610-478-6168 ext. 6270 or via email at grodrigues@berkspa.gov.