

IFB Questions and Responses

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Q#	Questions	WMATA Responses or Clarifications
1	<p>I was wondering if there was design work involved in this project: http://www.wmata.com/business/procurement_and_contracting/solicitations/view.cfm?solicitation_id=3295</p> <p>It mentions that there is, but the specs are already drawn up and the description seems like this project is for construction.</p> <p>Is there in fact project management, supervision, engineering, quality control, testing, transportation type work involved with this project?</p>	<p>This is a Bid-Build Solicitation. You state "it mentions that there is" design work. Provide the reference from the IFB to that statement so that WMATA can address your question. For Project Management refer to Clause 1.11 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERINTENDENCE BY CONTRACTOR of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS; for Supervision and Transportation - to Clause 1.11 PROJECT MANAGEMENT AND SUPERINTENDENCE BY CONTRACTOR of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS and Clause 01100 SUMMARY OF WORK of TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS that will be issued in Amendment 1; for Engineering - to Clause 01100 SUMMARY OF WORK of TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS that will be issued in Amendment 1; for Quality Control and Testing - to Clause 2.58 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE of CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL PROVISIONS and Clause 01400 QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS of TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS that will be issued in Amendment 1.</p>
2	<p>Good Morning, I am inquiring if FRP (fiber reinforced polymers) will be an accepted repair process for this Project. Thank you,</p>	<p>Are you referring to just the concrete spall repairs? Provide a catalog cut of the materials you are suggesting.</p>
3	<p>Do you have the current Plan Holders list for the Rehabilitation of WMATA Parking Garages at Shady Grove to send me.</p>	<p>WMATA does not have the plan holders list. Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visits attendees list is publicized on www.wmata.com. The list can be downloaded from http://www.wmata.com/business/procurement_and_contracting/solicitations/uploads/FQ15090%20List%20of%20Pre-Bid%20Conference%20and%20Site%20Visit%20Attendees.pdf</p>

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4	<p>I believe the pre bid conference occurred May 20. I am contacting you to ask for a list of all the pre-bid bidders along with their contact information. We would like to get in touch with them and offer our services.</p> <p>Our firm provides WBE services for durability consultancy with a variety of specialties and we also have design build capabilities. We review and assess conditions impacting service life of structures and can provide corrosion mitigation repair alternatives for long term corrosion mitigation.</p>	Refer to Response to Question No.3.
5	Is there a pre-bid being held on the first of June for the Rehabilitation of WMATA Parking Garages at Shady Grove (North), Franconia-Springfield (East), Grosvenor-Strathmore and College Park project? It doesn't list it on the solicitations page, but the synopsis makes mention of it	Pre-Bid Conference information is listed in Clause 4 PRE-BID CONFERENCE AND SITE VISIT of SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS, VOLUME 1.
6	I was wondering if you could send me a bidders list	Refer to Response to Question No.3.
7	<p>Please respond to the following question regarding FQ-15090/GG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owing to the recent reduction on WMATA's credit rating, plus public announcement regarding lack of available funding, is FQ15090/GG fully funded, and, what terms can the successful bidder expect with regard to payment: 30-days, 60-days, 90-days, etc. 	Refer to Clause 1.75 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEARS of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1 and 1.7 PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1.
8	<p>I attended the pre-bid meeting yesterday for this project and it was discussed that the only fire protection work to be done was to clean and paint the piping. I just wanted to confirm that there will not be any cathodic bonding or Metra flex requirements needed for the expansion joints.</p> <p>Also – was wondering what the procedure will be if, during the cleaning and painting, there are flaws found in the system?</p>	Cathodic bonding or Metra flex requirements needed for the expansion joints are not part of this Solicitation. The only fire protection work is to clean and paint the piping. Refer to drawing A11P-S-001 Sheet (M1269-25), Note No. 19 and item 23, Franconia-Springfield Parking Garage General Repairs of Clause 1.03 SPECIFIED WORK of Section 01100 SUMMARY OF WORK in Amendment 1.
9	In follow-up to yesterday's meeting, I confirmed that the Project Management Software System (Procore) requirements, as well as associated training, are addressed in Volume 1 Section 2.70.	Confirmed that Clause 2.70 PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SYSTEM of IFB Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS covers Procore requirements. Note: per paragraph 3 of the subject clause the informal training to Contractor's key project personnel will be provided by the Authority.
10	We are looking for information concerning the Engineer of Record for this project. We would like to submit our concrete repair materials for approval to the engineer, prior to the bid.	Any questions regarding the Solicitation should be made in writing to the Contract Administrator, Guzel Gufranova on ggufanova@wmata.com no later than seven (7) business days prior to the bid opening. Bids Due Paragraph (P.5) in LETTER TO BIDDERS will be revised in Amendment 1.

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11	<p>During the pre-bid conference, I asked whether a Safety and Security Certification was required on this project, and if the required 'Safety Superintendent' could be the same person as the 'Certification Manager'. The answer provided was that a Safety and Security Certification would not be required on this project .</p> <p>According to the solicitation document, it appears that a Safety and Security Certification is required. Please reference Volume 1 Appendix G, and provide clarification.</p> <p>Question: Is Volume 1 Appendix G applicable (i.e., is a Safety and Security Certification required?)</p> <p>Question: If yes, can the Certification Manager be the same person as the Safety Superintendent?</p>	<p>Appendix G - Safety and Security Certification Process and a Certification Manager is not required for this IFB. Amendment 2 will delete Appendix G - Safety and Security Certification Process, pp. 273-276, from Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.</p>
12	<p>Several of our sub-contractors were not able to make the walk thru last week. Is it possible for us to visit the parking garages and take a look?</p>	<p>Per Clause 4. Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit of SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS "...All the four (4) Parking Garages are publicly accessible..." Bidders may visit them without WMATA representatives. No notice to WMATA is required.</p>
13	<p>Regarding the following requirement in Volume 1, section 2.70 Project Management Software System: 'The Contractor shall use this internet, web based project management software system to manage all the documents issued to the Authority.'</p> <p>Please clarify if Procore is to be utilized by the Contractor to communicate and monitor compliance for the following processes and records.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Schedule of Values o Monthly pay applications o Meeting agendas/minutes o RFIs o Required Submittals o Meetings agendas and meeting minutes o Required QC Inspection and test records (i.e., daily reports) o Material certifications o Non-conformances o Project Photos o Certified Payrolls / Monthly DBE Reporting o Required recurring reports (i.e., monthly progress reports, schedule updates, Quality Manager review audits, etc.) o Safety & Security Certification o Punch List 	<p>Clause 2.70 Project Management Software System of CONSTRUCTION SPECIAL PROVISIONS states in part "The Contractor shall use this internet, web based project management software system to manage all the documents issued to the Authority." Item 4 in the same clause states: "The Authority reserves the right during the period of this Contract to expand the data that is to be entered into the internet based project management software system for document control."</p>

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14	Is there a Plumbing Specification? What Brand/Model of Drain is required?	Refer to Volume 3 Contract drawing A15P-S-001 for Repair work items - # 22 Replacement of drain bodies and covers as per details 1/S-517. Attached is the cut sheet for model and manufacturer, or approved equal. The cut sheet will be added in Amendment 2.
15	<p>The Drawings read: "Silane based Corrosion Inhibitor" but the Spec #7190 is for "Water Repellents". I just wanted to be clear that you're requesting a "Silane Sealer" vs. a "Corrosion Inhibitor". Also, BASF has reorganized and changed the names of all their products. So, can you please identify which of the two products you require for this bid? (I have attached the Tech Data Sheets for the Products).</p> <p>MasterProtect H 1000 (formerly: Hydrozo 100) – high-performance, clear, breathable, 100% Silane penetrating sealer for horizontal surfaces, water-repellent, abrasion-resistant</p> <p>MasterProtect H 1001 (formerly: Hydrozo 100 Plus) – high performance, penetrating water, oil, and stain repellent sealer for horizontal surfaces, clear and breathable, 100% Silane</p> <p>http://www.master-builders-solutions.basf.us/en-us/products/masterprotect/1879 □</p>	<p>We are requiring Silane Based Water Repellent (as specified in Volume 2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS Section 7190 Water Repellents Part 2 Products 2.01 Manufacturers A.1 BASF Building Systems and 2.01A.2, or approved equal and Article 2.02 Materials A.1 Hydrozo 100 and A.2 Or approved equal.) Use the BASF MasterProtect H 1001 or approved equal. Corresponding revisions to Volume 3 Contract drawings A11P-S-001, A15P-S-001, E09P-S-001 & J03P-S-001 and Volume 2 specification section 7190 will be issued in the future Amendment.</p>
16	On the Shady Grove Drawings, when you say to replace Drains "160 Locations" is it safe to say you want to replace "160 (EACH) Drains"?	As noted in Volume 3 Contract drawing A15P-S-001, Repair Item 22, the quantity for replacement is 160 drains. Quantities noted are approximate and should be verified, refer to Volume 2, Section 01100 Summary of Work, Part 1, Paragraph 1.02, Subparagraph 9 (as amended in Amendment 1) and Volume 3, Sheet G-101, Architectural Notes, Abbreviations and Symbols, Note 7 and Sheet G-102, Structural Notes, Abbreviations and Symbols, Note 11.
17	Shady Grove Drawings...you give a qty. of 3,500 LF of Drain Piping to be replaced. Is it safe to say you want to replace every LF of Drain Piping in that particular garage (even the Larger diameter lines)?	As noted in Volume 3 Contract drawing A15P-S-001, Repair Item 23, all the storm/drain piping, including the large diameter piping shall be replaced. Note that quantities noted are approximate and should be verified, refer to Volume 2, Section 01100 Summary of Work, Part 1, Paragraph 1.02, Subparagraph 9 and Volume 3, Sheet G-101, Architectural Notes, Abbreviations and Symbols, Note 7 and Sheet G-102, Structural Notes, Abbreviations and Symbols, Note 11.

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18	In volume one (1), para. 28.c, page 26, it states 'WMATA requires a minimum acceptance period of 120 calendar days from latest revised date.' What does WMATA plan to do if an award is not made during that period?	WMATA intends to award the Contract within minimum bid acceptance period of 120 calendar days. Refer to Clause 28 MINIMUM BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD of SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS. Per Clause 9-28 EXTENSION OF THE BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD <i>"If administrative or other difficulties are encountered after the bid opening which may delay contract award beyond the bid acceptance period stated in the solicitation, the Contracting Officer shall request an extension of the bid acceptance period from all of the bidders prior to the expiration of the bids to avoid the need to re-advertise for bids. The extension shall include the consent of sureties if applicable. The extension period as requested should be long enough to allow for the award of a contract. "</i>
19	In volume one (1), para. 30.c.2.a, page 27, it states 'If the Initial Contract Award did not include Option 1, the Contracting Officer may exercise this Option not later than 810 calendar days after the Initial Contract Award date.' In previous para. 28.c WMATA requires a minimum acceptance period of 120 calendar days for the submission. Please explain how WMATA expects contractors to hold Option One (1) pricing for 810 calendar days which translates to Two (2) years Three (3) months after the 'Initial Contract Award date'.	Paragraph 2 (a) of Clause 30 BASIS FOR AWARD in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS will be revised in Amendment 2 to state: <i>If the Initial Contract Award did not include Option 1, the Contracting Officer may exercise this Option not later than 810 calendar days from the initial NTP.</i> Paragraph 28 (c) of Clause 28 MINIMUM BID ACCEPTANCE PERIOD in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS remains unchanged.
20	In volume one (1), Note 4 of the Unit Price Schedule, page 55 and also para. 2.1.5.c).i, page 131, it states 'The 'Authority' has the right to exercise Option 1, College Park Parking Garage, within 810 calendar days from the initial NTP.' Please explain how 'The Authority' expects contractors to hold Option One (1) pricing for 810 calendar days 'after the initial NTP' which can be a completely different duration than after the 'Initial Contract Award date' stated on page 27.	Paragraph 2 (a) of Clause 30 BASIS FOR AWARD in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS will be revised in Amendment 2 to state: <i>If the Initial Contract Award did not include Option 1, the Contracting Officer may exercise this Option not later than 810 calendar days from the initial NTP.</i> Note 4 to the Unit Price Schedule and Paragraph 2.1.5.c.(i) of Clause 2.1 COMMENCEMENT, PROSECUTION AND COMPLETION OF WORK in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS remain unchanged.
21	Drawing G-102, Structural Repair Legend, shows a symbol to Replace Sign (EA). There are no signage details and no specifications in any posted documents. Please provide required details and associated specifications.	Sign replacement quantities are provided in Volume 3, Contract Drawings A11P-S-001GF (Repair Work Item 18), A15P-S-001 (Repair Work Item 21), E09-S-001 (Repair Work Item 22) and J03P-S-001 (Repair Work Item 18). In addition, Repair Work Item notes on these sheets indicate that signs should be replaced "in-kind". Volume 3, Contract Drawings provide plans with sign locations.

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22	In volume one (1), para. 2.15.b, page 156, it states 'The need for separate First Aid Attendant coverage will be determined by WMATA's Representative.' WMATA determination is warranted prior to proposal submission in order to include appropriate costs.	Paragraph B, Clause 2.15 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS will be revised to state in part: <i>Separate First Aid Attendant will not be required for this Project.</i>
23	Owing to the recent reduction on WMATA's credit rating, plus public announcement regarding WMATA's lack of available funding, is FQ15090/GG fully funded to issue an award this contract within the 120 days?	Clause 1.75 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEARS of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS and Note 8 to the Unit Price Schedule will be revised in Amendment 2 to state in part: <i>"Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2016"</i> . Additionally, refer to Clause 1.7 PAYMENTS TO CONTRACTOR of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS.
24	What payment terms can the successful bidder expect with regard to payments under this contract? Will it be 30 days? 60 days? 90 days? etc.	Refer to response to Question No. 7
25	In volume one (1), para. 1.75, page 123, and also in volume one (1), under Unit Price Schedule, Notes to Bidders (the second) para. 8 page 55, it states 'Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2015. The Authority's obligation for performance of this contract beyond that date is contingent upon the availability of funds from which payment for contract purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Authority for any payment may arise for performance under this contract until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for performance and until the Contractor receives notice of availability, to be confirmed in writing, by the Contracting Officer.' So, with the bid due date after June 30, 2015, How does the 'Authority' intend to issue an award and perform this contract. And, without the availability of funds after June 30, 2015, How will the contractor be paid for their performance?	WMATA budget is approved on a multiyear basis, based on which WMATA develops multiyear commitment. However, WMATA funding authorization is approved on a yearly basis. Hence, the need for Clause 1.75 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEARS of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS. Clause 1.75 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEARS of CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PROVISIONS, VOLUME 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS and Note 8 to the Unit Price Schedule will be revised in Amendment 2 to state in part: <i>"Funds are not presently available for performance under this contract beyond the fiscal year which ends June 30, 2016"</i> .
26	In volume one (1), under Unit Price Schedule, Item No. 3 for ALL garages is described as 'Quality Control Engineering Services per Section 01 40 00 of Book 2 Technical Specifications'. The documents provided on the WMATA site for this project does not include the mentioned 'Book 2 Technical Specifications' and there is no Section 01 40 00 included. Please provide.	Refer to Amendment 1.
27	Is the 'Quality Assurance Manager' referenced in Amendment 01 Technical Specification 01400 Quality Control and Assurance Requirements the same individual as the 'Quality Manager' specified in Volume 1, Section 2.58.6 and 2.58.10?	Quality Manager referenced in Clause 2.58 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS is a different individual than Quality Assurance Manager referenced in Clause 01400 QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS in Volume 2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (AS AMENDED).

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28	Is the 'Quality Control Manager' referenced in Amendment 01 Technical Specification 01400 Quality Control and Assurance Requirements the same individual as the 'Quality Manager' specified in Volume 1, Section 2.58.6 and 2.58.10?	Quality Manager referenced in Clause 2.58 QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLIANCE in Volume 1 BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS is a different individual than Quality Control Manager referenced in Clause 01400 QUALITY CONTROL AND ASSURANCE REQUIREMENTS in Volume 2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS (AS AMENDED).
29	Do you know of any DBE electrical contractors that have expressed a special interest in this project or can you recommend any	In order to find a list of WMATA certified DBE firms for electrical work refer to DBE vendor directory on: http://www.wmata.com/business/disadvantaged_business_enterprise/dbe_search.cfm and type in NAICS code: 238210
30	I'm trying to determine the amount of space allowed for each phase in each of the garages. The specs refer me to the drawings, however I cannot find on the drawings where this is explained. Can you direct me? Thank you.	Refer to Amendment N0.1 –Item 3 Volume 3-Drawings Add INDEX OF DRAWINGS-III Drawing No. G-003A, (M1269-3A), and Sheets No. M1269-276 through M1269-288 (Suggested Phasing Plans)
31	Item 14(typical) on bid forms requires removal of existing striping and marking. However, note 2 (typical) on the drawings states that the contractor shall match the existing striping layout. Please clarify: does the existing striping have to be removed (via sandblasting) or can we restripe over the existing without removal?	Volume 1-BIDDING AND CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS -Unit price Schedule item 14 stated Removal, cleaning and sandblasting of existing cross walk striping, ADA access ramps and traffic control striping/markings followed by surface preparation and installation of new cross walk striping, ADA access ramps and traffic control striping. Contractor to remove existing striping. Also refer to Volume 2 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION Appendix F –Measurement of Quantities.