

**CONTRACTOR'S INQUIRY RESPONSES**

**The Miller Sweeney Bridge  
Dolphin and Fender Replacement  
Over Oakland Estuary, Alameda County, California**

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Inquiry No.	Inquiry	Response
1	For the LS bid items, should the unit price be the total lump sum or 1/100 <sup>th</sup> of the total lump sum? The total lump sum items are usually 1, not 100%.	100% = 1.
2	Why is the sheet M-1, Sustainable Design guide, included in the specs? Who is to fill that out?	Sheets M-1 and M-2 are included for informational purposes. They will be filled out by the Contractor for this project.
3	Refer to page 1-72. This project will definitely require Longshore and Harbor Workers' (L & H) insurance.	See Addendum No. 2
4	Please issue the original drawings for reference.	The original design drawings are posted on our website. See Addendum No. 1.
5	Are the new piles to be in the same place as the existing piles?  How does the Owner contemplate existing piles and stubs be removed?	Yes.  See Section 14.16 of the Special Provisions.

6	Details on plan sheet 7 call for copper pile caps and PVC pile caps. Which is required?	See Addendum No. 2
7	Refer to Note 13 on page 7 of the plans. What determines whether the plastic lumber boards and wales are “unsuitable”, and who makes that determination?	See Addendum No. 2
8	Are plans available which show the clearance around the two bridges, when in the open and closed locations?	See response to question 4.
9	The specifications state on page SP-18 that the work on the M-S bridge is “... restricted between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm...”. Is this what it meant to say? What restrictions apply during that period? Is there a period when that work is NOT restricted?	Work that requires the bridge closure shall be performed between 10 am and 4 pm.
10	The specifications state on page SP-15 that the M-S bridge can’t be closed to traffic while the Park or High Street bridges are closed. Does this include short-term closures such as might occur for a single vessel passing at either bridge?	This does not apply for vessels passing.
11	Section I.B.3 calls for Validation of Certification of a sub’s M/WBE status. Are you looking for any particular certification, such as through Alameda County? Will self-certification suffice?	PWA accepts certifications from the various agencies listed on page COP-2 of the Construction Outreach Program specifications.
12	The Nondiscrimination Requirement stated in II.B says that employment “shall reflect the overall minority composition of the workforce population of Alameda County” at 32%. In achieving that 32%, will we be expected to follow an explicit ratio of specific ethnicities in the workforce population?	No. As stated on page COP-7, paragraph II.B, the overall minority composition shall be 32%.

13	What is the name and location of the supplier that the Consultant contacted for the timber piles?	Donald Dickerson North Pacific Group, Inc. (Portland) 800-851-0104 x92
14	Define "dry vibratory extraction".	Dry vibratory extraction as stated in the Special Provisions was meant to be the same as vibratory extraction.
15	Since piles can't be gripped and vibrated, how would you direct the Contractor to proceed to extract the piles? Would you direct the vibratory hammer and clamp to be lowered into the water?	The Contractor may perform jetting upon the Engineer's approval. See Section 14.16 of the Special Provisions.
16	Under the Installation section on specification page SP-25, Paragraph H.c requires a tolerance of "Maximum Out-of-Position: 1 inch". How does the Engineer propose to address the 1" tolerance issue? If sub-bottom obstructions cause the pile to exceed the 1" tolerance, will you expect the Contractor to excavate and remove the obstructions?	Bid per bid documents.
17	Where is the referenced AGS Geotechnical Report?	The report can be viewed on the Alameda County Public Works Agency website at <a href="http://www.acpwa.org">http://www.acpwa.org</a> under Doing Business With Us/Construction Contracts (click on Bidder Inquiries, then select Geotechnical Report from Spec 2122)
18	Can the original design drawings be distributed on CD?	See No. 4
19	What is the height of the existing railroad bridge?	The railroad bridge can be raised when needed, for approximately 135 feet of vertical clearance, depending on the tide.
20	What is the length of the existing piles to be removed and disposed?	See original design drawings. Field condition may differ.
21	Page SP-29 (first paragraph) says that hardware shall be hot-dip zinc coated. Page SP-30 says all new bolt connections shall be stainless steel. Which one should it be?	See Addendum No. 2
22	Sheet 6 of the plans, Note 13 – should HDPE be UHMW?	See Addendum No. 2

23	Can a wood treatment coating be used as an alternative to the "Greenheart" pilings?	Bid per bid documents.
24	Can the bid date be extended?	See Addendum No. 2
25	Clarify the estimated quantity on Bid Item No. 5 and No. 8.	See Addendum No. 2
26	Is it acceptable to layer the UHMW material?	Yes.
27	Can the piles be vibrated all the way to grade rather than only 80%?	Yes. However, the piles must be installed for their full length.
28	Is this a Federal-aid project?	No.
29	Are the UHMW materials for the dolphins paid under the new contingent bid items 11 and 12?	UHMW material for the dolphins will be paid for under the applicable dolphins pay item. See Section 14.20 (Addendum No. 2).