

Questions and Answers during Advertisement for CO PFH 81-1(4), Tarryall Creek Road

November 13, 2012

1. Q: We have been approached to review areas on the Tarryall Creek Road project that could require drilling and blasting to finalize the road cut excavations. Is there a point of contact for setting up a site visit for this project?
 - a. **Answer:** There will be no site visit.
2. Q: Will you be releasing cadd files for this project?
 - a. **Answer:** No.
3. Q: We would like to bid on the Tarryall Creek Road Construction project for Materials Testing and Quality Control services. Who is the prime bidder? Who would we need to send our bid to? Any information would be helpful
 - a. **Answer:** Please see the plan holders list on www.cflhd.gov and www.fbo.gov

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4. Q: Please Clarify Pay Item 15206-000,Slope,Reference And Clearing and Grubbing Stake as there is conflict. Schedule A Bid Schedule Shows 406.6 Stations for Payment. The FP-03 Section 152.03(c) indicates slope stakes are required at each Cross Section location. The plotted cross section's provided by Central Federal Lands have approximately 1,708 plotted sections in Schedule A. Is the Contractor required to stake each of these plotted section's? How will the contractor be compensated if we are required to slope stake more than 406.6 locations?
 - a. **Answer:** Slope stakes will be required at all locations per the FP-03 and contract SCRs. Payment will be as shown in the bid schedule and plan documents, although the number of stakes within each station range may vary due to field conditions. The reference in 152.03(c) for "Cross Sections" is in reference to the "Roadway Cross Sections" required in 152.03(b), not the Cross Sections that are located in the plans. 152.03(b) of the SCR's requires cross sections be taken at certain locations, 152.03(c) requires slope stakes and reference stakes at those cross sections that were established in 152.03(b). Please note there are SCR changes to these FP-03 sections. Be sure to review all contract documents thoroughly.
5. Q: The SCR's As well as the FP-03 imply original ground cross sections are to be taken at each cross section which possesses the same confusion as the previous question. What is the required frequency of Original ground Cross Sections? How will the contractor be compensated for original ground cross sections?
 - a. **Answer:** There is no specific pay item for cross-section surveying; however, cross-sections will be required as outlined in the FP-03 and contract SCRs. Also see previous question, as the locations are per section 152.03 not per the cross sections provided in the plans (although they may be the same.)
6. Q: Section 703-12(g) Gradation - States that the Gradation for the Superpave Aggregates can be found in Table 703-12. This table is not listed in the plans or invitation to bid.
 - a. **Answer:** Please see the FP-03 and/or SCRs for table 703-12.

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7. Q: Section 702.01 - states that the Asphalt Binder will conform to Subsection 702.04. This section is not included in the plans
 - a. **Answer:** Table 703-12 is found in the Standard Specifications for Construction of Roads and Bridges on Federal Highway Projects FP-03. The SCR's supplement the FP-03, both documents make up the specifications for the project.

8. Q: Section 107.10c specifies that all equipment mobilized to the site shall be thoroughly cleaned to remove dirt and plant debris. Will disassembly of equipment (i.e. removal of undercarriage pans, etc.) be required to remove trapped dirt and debris?
 - a. **Answer:** Equipment must be clean of noxious weeds; process and procedure for that requirement is at the discretion of the contractor.

9. Q: Has the FHWA prepared a earthwork mass-balance diagram for this project that can be furnished for information purposes to bidding contractors
 - a. **Answer:** No.

10. Q: The plan sheets show geogrid placed in subexcavation areas. This geogrid is not indicated to be subsidiary to the subexcavation on the plan sheet; however the specifications indicate that the geogrid is subsidiary to subexcavation. Please confirm that the geogrid is subsidiary to the subexcavation item.
 - a. **Answer:** Geogrid material and placement, within the subexcavation, is subsidiary to the subexcavation pay item.

11. Q: Section 624 indicates that topsoil shall have no clods & stones larger than 2-inches. The topsoil in the project area may naturally include materials larger than 2 inches. Is it the intent of the specification to require screening or other processing of topsoil to remove materials larger than 2 inches.
 - a. **Answer:** Material larger than 2 inches will not be allowed in the placed topsoil