

Questions and Answers during Advertisement
CA FTNP JOTR 11(3), Pinto Basin Road
DTFH68-13-B-00002

December 4, 2012

1. **Q:** (SCR Section 105.04 Storing and Handling Materials) Are these locations to be used as waste areas for excess dirt and asphalt millings or dump sites and later graded off? Also if these areas are to be used as dump sites for excess materials will they need to be hydro seeded, etc.? Please inform and give direction.
 - a. **Answer:** The 105.04 Storing and Handling Material section calls out which areas are available and how they can be used for staging, storage of materials and equipment. Excess excavated material may be temporarily stored at these sites or in designated wayside locations. Clean excess material (without asphalt) may be deposited permanently in the Range Borrow Pit. Pulverized asphalt is to be used as aggregate base as specified in 105.05 Use of Material Found in Work. All staging areas are to be restored to their original condition at no cost to the government. Revegetation and seeding are not included in this contract.

December 6, 2012

2. **Q:** Regarding Item No. 63501-1000, Temporary Traffic Control, Traffic Safety Supervisor: FP-03, Section 156.08, includes the statement "Do not designate the superintendent as the traffic safety supervisor". Are there additional prohibitions regarding other project roles that the traffic safety supervisor (TSS) is allowed to perform? Is this a full-time, traffic-control-dedicated position? (Note: we're asking this for the record because we notice some potential prime contractors on the plan holders list who are not likely to be familiar with the TSS position when it is a separate Pay Item, which has been a relative rarity for FHWA's projects in California).
 - a. **Answer:** There are no other prohibitions regarding other project roles that the Traffic Safety Supervisor is allowed to perform. The Traffic Safety Supervisor must complete all traffic safety responsibilities as described in the contract documents before performing other duties.

December 14, 2012

3. **Q:** Per Page E-8 of the Project Special Conditions, the last paragraph concerning construction water, I just got off the phone with both Districts you listed for water and both said they will not be servicing this project. The construction water is a crucial part of this project and at this time we have no sources and have no idea how to bid this item with no sources. Could you please help us with finding water sources so we can provide costs for this crucial item of work.

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- a. **Answer:** Please try these water sources in addition to those listed on Page E-8:
- **Twenty-nine Palms Water District 760-367-7546**
 - **Hi Desert Water District 760-365-8333**
 - **Joshua Basin Water 760-366-8438**

December 17, 2012

4. **Q:** Can the Road be shut down during construction, or do you require one lane for both directions and pilot cars?
- b. **Answer:** The road cannot be closed. At least one lane of traffic must remain open, and construction caused delays to public traffic must be limited to a maximum of thirty minutes through the project.

December 18, 2012

5. **Q:** On Page A-i, second bullet point under submit the following documents with your bid package, “bid schedule including Buy America Act & Hazardous Materials, Pages A-7 – A-26”. **There is no Page A-26 in the specifications that I printed out off your site. Please clarify whether there is a Page A-26.**
- c. **Answer:** There is no page A-26. The reference is supposed to be to page A-25.