

To: Offerors

From: David H. Haskett - Contracting Officer

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Subject: **Answers to the Questions asked by different Offerors for Driveway Restoration, during and after pre-bid site walk held on February 25, 2021.**

- 1) Kindly clear if the mentioned ready-mix concrete with PSI (35000-45000) is correct or is it (3500-4500)

The correct PSI is 3500-4500, Three thousand five hundred to four thousand five hundred.

- 2) Do we have to replace just the plumbing and electrical pipes under concrete or wires too?

If required, then vendor must replace

- 3) We are told to install the manholes on the turn/bend of the pipes. Would the manhole be required on the straight area as well and if it would, at what distance? Please mention.

Contractor will reconstruct existing manhole and increase quantity if required. Maintain 40' FT manhole to manhole distance in straight area

- 4) Is the 3" base for concrete driveway is 1:4:8 or 3500 psi?

1:4:8 is required for 3" base concrete, however 8" RCC concrete should be from a certified beaching plant strength of 3500 to 4500 PSI.

- 5) any edge brick or paver required for driveway?

Curbstone should be as per SOW section 3.5 where required

- 6) any edge brick or paver required for walkway?

Curbstone should be as per SOW section 3.5 where required

- 7) Please provide foundation size required for main gate columns.

The foundation will be designed as per size of the columns. With 06" PCC footing, foundation should be 48" wide and the depth should be not less than 3FT from FF level, footing concrete should be 12". Certified beaching plant Concrete strength 5000 PSI for main gate columns.

- 8) Is reinforcement required for footing and column for main gate?

Yes. As per Design requirement

- 9) Is surface finish required for driveway?
Drive surface will be prepared by the contractor for the installation of concrete title
- 10) Please provide thorough photographs of the whole site showing all areas where the works are to be undertaken and the gate
Photographs can't be provided due to security restrictions.
- 11) Please provide a plan drawing of the whole site showing the type of material currently present (eg concrete; RC concrete slabs), and type of material to be used for the works. Please ensure it includes all key dimensions and locations of any man-holes or services points.
No such information is available
- 12) Who is responsible to pay for and provide electricity on site for construction?
Embassy will provide electricity. The extension cords is the responsibility of the contractor.
- 13) Who is responsible to pay for and provide water on site for construction?
The contractor is responsible for water supply for on site construction
- 14) Is it permissible for staff to stay overnight on site for the duration of the works? If so, can basic living quarters be made available or can the contractor install temporary facilities on site?
No.
- 15) Can we assume that the US Embassy security personnel will be present for the duration of the project 24/7 (and therefore no need to provide security ourselves)?
No. Contractor is responsible for his/her belongings
- 16) Can the grass area on the garden (towards the street end) be used for storage if it is 'made good' (assumed to be just re-seeding grass) afterwards?
No, it cannot be used.
- 17) Is it possible to provide a site office within one of the existing buildings? If not, can a temporary site office be erected by the contractor inside the site, or outside the site boundaries?
No. If the vendor wants to make a temporary facility outside the premises, he/ she is responsible to obtain permission from Local Government.
- 18) Project name: states Resurfacing of Tennis Court. Is this an error, or is a tennis court required somewhere?
This is incorrect. The title is Driveway Restoration

- 19) Does the clause below mean that the Government (assumed to be the US Government) could suspend or terminate the work for any reason, then charge liquidated damages until work can proceed?

cl. 52.211-12 (b) (page 14) – (b) If the Government terminates the Contractor's right to proceed, liquidated damages will continue to accrue until the work is completed. These liquidated damages are in addition to excess costs of repurchase under the Default clause.

With used with the following clause (referenced on page 24):

52.242-14 Suspension of Work.

As prescribed in 42.1305(a), insert the following clause in solicitations and contracts when a fixed-price construction or architect-engineer contract is contemplated:

Suspension of Work (Apr 1984)

(a) The Contracting Officer may order the Contractor, in writing, to suspend, delay, or interrupt all or any part of the work of this contract for the period of time that the Contracting Officer determines appropriate for the convenience of the Government.

(b) If the performance of all or any part of the work is, for an unreasonable period of time, suspended, delayed, or interrupted (1) by an act of the Contracting Officer in the administration of this contract, or (2) by the Contracting Officer's failure to act within the time specified in this contract (or within a reasonable time if not specified), an adjustment shall be made for any increase in the cost of performance of this contract (excluding profit) necessarily caused by the unreasonable suspension, delay, or interruption, and the contract modified in writing accordingly. However, no adjustment shall be made under this clause for any suspension, delay, or interruption to the extent that performance would have been so suspended, delayed, or interrupted by any other cause, including the fault or negligence of the Contractor, or for which an equitable adjustment is provided for or excluded under any other term or condition of this contract.

(c) A claim under this clause shall not be allowed-

(1) For any costs incurred more than 20 days before the Contractor shall have notified the Contracting Officer in writing of the act or failure to act involved (but this requirement shall not apply as to a claim resulting from a suspension order); and

(2) Unless the claim, in an amount stated, is asserted in writing as soon as practicable after the termination of the suspension, delay, or interruption, but not later than the date of final payment under the contract.

(End of clause)

If due to contractor responsibility the project is terminated by the USG, the vendor will be liable to pay liquidity damages until the work is completed by the next awardee.

20) Please confirm, on this contract, are the payment terms 30 days from issue of invoice, which can be issued monthly?

Only one Invoice will be submitted after completion of the project. Payment will be made within 30 days from invoice submission date.

21) Please confirm that the Razor Wire will be installed only on pillars of Gate.

Yes, razor wire will be only be installed on pillars of the gate

22) Please confirm that the Dismantling of existing concrete is 11" (inches) or more than 11"?

No detail of existing specification of concrete is available

23) Please provide design of Main Gate.

Please refer to the picture below

24) RCC concrete pouring will be acceptable with mixture machine on site or required with concrete beaching plant?

NO, concrete should be from certified beaching plant.

25) Please confirm the number of main holes in the premises.

Please refer to the Question 3

26) Please Provide the drawing of electrical and other underground networks.

No such Drawing is available

27) Please confirm that concrete tile thickness is "2*2" and provide its Approved manufacturer?

2FT X 2FT X 2inch "concrete wizard"

Question 23 picture

