

RACE STREET PIER
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
SUBMITTED BY BIDDERS
AUGUST 25, 2010

1. In General Conditions (page 22) there is a statement that ALL WORK is to be completed from vessels in the Delaware River. At the pre-bid conference the engineer stated that equipment weighing up to 600 PSF would be allowed on the pier. Which is correct? **Allowable load on the deck is 600PSF and work will need to be done from the river if the load is exceeded.**
2. Can we get a list of Philly certified MBE / WBE subs and vendors?
A list of M/W/DSBE subs and vendors compiled by the Urban Affairs Coalition is posted to the website. This list is not exhaustive. We encourage bidders to explore other subs and vendors on their own.
3. Could you have the Architect comment on the Planting Periods allowed for specific species versus the Project Schedule proposed? For example, is late March or Early April, assuming a May 1 completion, suitable for tagging, pulling and planting the specified plants with a reasonable chance of survival? **Please refer to SECTION 329300 – PLANTING AND PLANTING SOIL for planting periods and project schedule.**
4. Will you be posting shortly the Pre-Bid Meeting Attendance Sheet?
The Pre-Bid Meeting Attendance Sheet was posted to the website at the conclusion of the pre-bid meeting.
5. Bid item 12.4 is an allowance for Owner-Supplied benches. Alternate 3 is for Wood Benches in lieu of Standard Benches. Will the Owner be supplying the Wood Benches? **Yes, the Owner will be supplying the standard benches as well as the custom benches if selected as an Alternate.**
6. Bid items 26.1 and 26.3 are allowance items for Owner-Supplied Pole Lights and Light Fixtures. Please furnish the amounts to be included in the proposal.
Both of these items are Owner-Supplied and therefore are not required to be filled out in the bid sheets.
7. Alternate 4 is for Movable Tables. Please furnish the quantity for this item. **The bid sheet lists the quantity as each, so that the Owner can decide how many to purchase if selected as an Alternate. Please include a unit cost for Movable Tables.**
8. Section 05500, Metal Fabrications, provides one acceptable supplier and one acceptable fabricator for the metal planters. Please provide the names of additional suppliers and fabricators, if available, and the criteria for determining acceptability of "equals". **Additional suppliers and fabricators are not available. For determining the acceptability of "equals", please refer to section 055000 METAL FABRICATIONS, Part 1 - General, 1.6 "Quality Assurance". The Fabricator / Installer must be a firm with at least five years experience with a proven track record in Work of type required and shown in the Contract Drawings and with sufficient experience in the handling, fabricating, welding, and installation of steel elements of architectural quality.**
9. The schedule/coordination with the structural contractor currently on site was briefly discussed at the pre-bid meeting. Can you give us a rough schedule of this contractor's remaining work and briefly discuss how it will impact this contract? **November 30, and additional work may extend until January 2011. All work must start from the west end of the Pier, Columbus Ave., and extend to the east.**

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10. In GC part of the specs under “Laying out of Work” on page 22, it states that “All work performed immediately to the Pier 11 will be completed from vessels in the Delaware River for the duration of the contract ...” If Ride the Ducks resumes their operations, will we be able to have working platform/barges on the North side of the pier? **Must be coordinated with “Ride the Ducks”.**
11. Item 32.2 – Tree Type 01 has a predetermined amount of \$5,250 per unit. What does this PDA include (just material, installation,)? **The Large Caliper Tree Contract is a separate contract and includes supply, transport, installation and warranty of 37 large caliper *Quercus bicolor* (White Swamp Oak) trees (Tree Type 01). Refer to SECTION 011200 - MULTIPLE CONTRACT SUMMARY.**
12. The electrical bid items (Items 26.1 and 26.3) state “T.B.D.” in the unit price and total columns. Will these prices be supplied to us or an allowance given for bidding purposes? **Both of these items are Owner-Supplied and therefore are not required to be filled out in the bid sheets.**
13. The drainage plan (Drawing C-1.2) indicates 50 locations where we are required to drill thru the concrete slab. Will we be required to “catch” the concrete or can it just “fall” into the river? **See the drainage details on Sheet C-5.2. The bottom of the drainage vertical riser pipe shall be terminated approx. 2 feet below the top chord of existing steel truss.**