



Bid Questions and Answers Report

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Project: 437312-1-52-01

Letting Date: 10/30/2019

Location: CENTRAL OFFICE

Description: SR 93A (I-75)

Question:	27613: I uploaded the EBS file into AASHTOWare and the bid items and quantities appear to be loaded correctly. The problem I'm having is when I export to create a .COL file to use when uploading the bid items into HCSS, they are not importing into the proper columns in HCSS and this is throwing up errors. I have never had this problem before when performing this same process with EBS file for FDOT bid lettings. I made sure that it wasn't just my system by performing the export/import on a previous EBS file and it worked perfectly. Can someone please check to see if all the columns are set up the same as previous FDOT EBS files when exporting to a .COL file. This will make a huge difference on bid day when trying to export from HCSS into AASHTOWare to submit our bid. Thank you	Posted:	10/2/2019 1:39:28 PM
Answer:	Department has checked and all the columns in EBSX files are set up the same as previous FDOT EBSX files.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/15/2019 1:21:51 PM
Question:	27737: Clearing limits along the inside of the existing fence line are shown as less than 10' wide. This is a very narrow area to clear and some areas are very densely overgrown with vegetation and trees. It may be necessary to clear wider due to the width of equipment needed.	Posted:	10/17/2019 7:19:58 AM
Answer:	Clearing is only allowed per the areas shown in the plans, which includes 10-ft at the R/W line per the typical sections.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 4:31:23 PM
Question:	27738: If it is necessary to clear wider than 10' along the fence line, will this additional area be required to be sodded? Will this additional sod be paid for?	Posted:	10/17/2019 7:24:20 AM
Answer:	Clearing is only allowed per the areas shown in the plans.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 4:35:51 PM

Question:	27740: It may be necessary to clear additional areas for ingress and egress along the fence line. Will these additional areas be required to be sodded? Will this additional sod be paid for?	Posted:	10/17/2019 7:34:02 AM
Answer:	Clearing is only allowed per the areas shown in the plans. Any additional ingress/egress areas requested shall be coordinated with the Engineer. Any locations outside of the jurisdictional wetlands shall be sodded as approved by the Engineer.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 4:38:14 PM
Question:	27759: Can you please provide a typical section for the acceleration/deceleration/gore areas coming on and off the ramps.	Posted:	10/21/2019 8:37:51 AM
Answer:	The approach for these locations matches the intent shown in Standard Plans 000-525 for Ramp Terminals regarding transition from mainline pavement design to the ramp pavement design, which occurs beyond the physical gore. The intent for the parallel acceleration/deceleration auxiliary lanes and the gore areas is to match the mainline pavement design, more specifically, the pavement design of the outside adjacent travel lane.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 5:02:53 PM
Question:	27777: Is the contractor responsible to remove Category 1 invasive exotics within the project limits? Such as brazilian peppertrees which have been observed within the 10' fence clearing limits.	Posted:	10/21/2019 1:59:00 PM
Answer:	The Contractor shall clear any vegetation, including the invasive exotics, for the 10-ft mow strip as indicated in the contract plans. However, complete removal of Category 1 invasive exotics is not required as part of this contract.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 5:06:09 PM
Question:	27778: Within the 10' fence clearing limits, will the contractor be required to clear and grub all overhead vegetation or will the contractor be allowed to clear & grub up to a limit less than all, for example 10' above natural ground?	Posted:	10/21/2019 2:06:36 PM
Answer:	The Contractor shall clear and grub the 10-ft mow strip area as indicated in the contract plans. The intent for this mow strip is to accommodate installation and maintenance of the fence.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/23/2019 5:07:31 PM
Question:	27779: Will the contractor be able to coordinate and move fence location based on existing field conditions? For example: adjacent fence encroaching FDOT ROW, large tree trucks, adjacent concrete walls. All of these conditions exist.	Posted:	10/21/2019 2:13:51 PM

Answer:	The fence shall be placed at the location of the existing LA R/W fence along the corridor. The Engineer may approve exceptions on a case-by-case basis.	Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted: 10/23/2019 5:12:41 PM
Question:	27780: Does the contractor need to survey the ROW line or can the contractor assume the existing fence line is in its proper location?	Posted: 10/21/2019 2:17:27 PM
Answer:	No, the Contractor does not need to survey the ROW line. The Contractor shall replace the fence in its current location.	Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted: 10/23/2019 5:13:50 PM
Question:	27783: After several project visits, it has been apparent the fence line clearing is a major project concern. Heavy vegetation and exotic Brazilian Pepper trees are intertwined with existing fence and will make clearing & grubbing operations extremely time consuming and costly. In an effort to minimize risk, will the department allow the contractor to mulch existing vegetation including brazilian pepper trees and spread evenly across the clearing limits?	Posted: 10/22/2019 9:29:01 AM
Answer:	Mulching the existing vegetation and spreading it across the clearing limits is not permitted.	Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted: 10/23/2019 5:22:14 PM
Question:	27784: Will all of the fence material need to be produced domestically - under the "Buy America" provision? If so, domestic sources for this material are limited.	Posted: 10/22/2019 9:28:16 AM
Answer:	All of the fence material shall be produced domestically under the Buy America provision.	Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted: 10/24/2019 3:59:30 PM
Question:	27803: There is major concern regarding the completion of the fence removal and replacement and associated clearing within the allowable contract time. Was the nature of this work considered in the calculation of the contract time?	Posted: 10/23/2019 7:03:08 AM
Answer:	All work, including work associated with the clearing and grubbing and fencing replacement, was considered in the calculation of the contract time.	Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted: 10/24/2019 3:08:41 PM
Question:	27805: How is the placement of the asphalt wedge shown on sheet 125 (Temporary Traffic Control Plans 3) paid for?	Posted: 10/23/2019 8:43:16 AM

Answer:	Placement of the asphalt wedge is to be paid for under Pay Item 102-1 - Maintenance of Traffic.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/24/2019 3:10:56 PM
Question:	27806: How is the removal of the temporary asphalt wedge shown on sheet 125 (Temporary Traffic Control Plan 3) paid for?	Posted:	10/23/2019 8:44:46 AM
Answer:	Removal of the asphalt wedge is to be paid for under Pay Item 102-1 - Maintenance of Traffic.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/24/2019 3:11:57 PM
Question:	27807: There are many large trees within the clearing limits for the fence line. Are these to be removed?	Posted:	10/23/2019 8:49:05 AM
Answer:	The intent of the clearing limits are for the Contractor to clear the 10-ft area for installation of the fence as well as for future maintenance. If there is sufficient area for installation and future maintenance of the fence, leaving any large trees in place would be at the discretion of the Engineer.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/24/2019 4:37:21 PM
Question:	27808: There is new landscaping within the clearing limits for the fence. Is this to be removed?	Posted:	10/23/2019 8:51:26 AM
Answer:	Any new landscaping installed by the Department that is within the clearing limits for the fence shall remain. The removal of any new landscaping would be at the discretion of the Engineer.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/24/2019 4:58:25 PM
Question:	27809: Have property owners who maintain livestock on property affected by the removal and replacement of the fence already been made aware of this upcoming project? Additionally is the contractor required to provide notice to them prior to removing and replacing fence, and if so, how much notice is required?	Posted:	10/23/2019 8:55:59 AM
Answer:	The property owners who maintain livestock on adjacent property were not made aware of this project during design. The Contractor shall assume responsibility for providing notice and maintaining security of livestock on adjacent property during removal of the existing fence and construction of the new fence.	Status:	ANSWER PUBLISHED
		Posted:	10/25/2019 12:00:58 PM
Question:	27812: Plan note states that in wet areas, remove above ground vegetation to ground level only. It will not be feasible to sod these areas. Please advise.	Posted:	10/23/2019 11:26:35 AM

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Answer: As the wet areas are only being cleared to ground level, sod does not need to be placed in these areas. Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED  
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Question: 27813: Due to the limited amount of areas to stage a chipping operation and safety concerns with mulch trucks entering and existing the interstate, will we be allowed to blow the chips into the existing wooded areas? Posted: 10/23/2019 11:28:54 AM

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Answer: Due to the presence of invasive and exotic plant species, blowing the chips into the existing wooded areas is not permitted. Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED  
Posted: 10/24/2019 5:12:00 PM

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Question: 27827: It appears that temporary barrier wall will be required for the guardrail removal and construction of the pier protection on SR674. I do not see any included in the summary of quantities. Posted: 10/23/2019 3:11:54 PM

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Answer: It was the design intent that construction be completed during nightly lane closures and/or shoulder closures as a continuous active work zone. Based on this design intent, no temporary barrier wall was quantified in this phase of construction. Status: ANSWER PUBLISHED  
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