

0020400 – EXAMINATION OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF WORK
COMMENTS FROM INDUSTRY REVIEW

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Comments:

On first read I found the following sentence could be taken to state WHEN the department will post answers:

The Department will respond to questions posted to this site before 5:00 P.M. on the seventh calendar day prior to the bid opening.

I would revise the sentence to say:

Questions posted to this site before 5:00 P.M. on the seventh calendar day prior to the bid opening will have responses posted to the same website by the Department.

Then delete the entire sentence beginning "For all questions..."

Newell, Paul
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Comments:

In the original copy, the 3rd paragraph read as follows: "When, in the sole judgement of the Department, responses to questions require plans revisions, specifications **revisions**....."

Do we want to leave it generic or would specification **supplements** work better?

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Comments:

The usage note should also include: "Add URL, Contact information and email address" URL is missing.

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Comments:

At the top right hand corner, there is a usage note "All jobs, add email address, contact person and phone no)

Comment: Change to "All jobs, add email address, contact person)

Comment: The URL address has an ftp://. I recommend leaving this as a blank line, because we use a http:// address.

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Comments:

My office receives all the pre-bid technical questions for every District 2 Construction project, per the specifications. We have reviewed the proposed specification and provide three comments for consideration. 1) The URL address needs to be filled in. One statewide web address that doesn't change, gives consistency to the user. It also reduces the potential for mistyping or entering an incomplete URL from project to project. From that statewide web address, the user would select the District and go to the appropriate location. 2) I question the appropriateness of "The Department will respond to questions posted ... before 5:00 P.M. on the seventh calendar day prior to the bid opening." This is the day after the cut-off for revisions. We are finding four out of ten questions result in revisions. With the language as proposed, we would not be able to respond to those questions, other than with a "bid it as you see it" response. This is not preferred. With my suggestion, the project team would have two and a half business days or four and a half calendar days to process a revision, if needed. My suggestion is: using "... 2:00 pm on the eighth business day prior to bid opening." Since the eighth business day is normally a Friday, 2:00 pm provides time for the project team to receive the issue and choose to work over the weekend to resolve it. 3) In the sentence starting with, "Take responsibility to review and be familiar..." you reference five calendar days prior to bid opening. We understand the preference to give the contractors sufficient time to prepare a bid. There have been times when we have had to put out an urgent clarification addendum just before the Confidentiality Period. I believe the Contractor should be held responsible for awareness of all answers / changes made before the Confidentiality Period. I suggest the specification should read, "... be familiar with all questions and responses posted to this website up through four business days prior to the bid opening ..."

We will be working to set up a website to comply with this proposed specification.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Comments:

Here are some comments I have received on this specification:

- 1) You should get with legal as apparently this will not hold up in court. Our specs are so weak we can't enforce this even though it is pretty clear to me as to what it says.- Bill Craig, RE Palatka Construction.
- 2) Great idea. I think they should still allow for questions by phone though.- Lori Williams, RE Gainesville Construction.
