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Addendum #5 – Request for Statements of Qualifications for Construction Management Services for the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District Wastewater Treatment Plant Redundancy Project

Interested parties are hereby informed that the Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) issued on May 9, 2019 by the South San Luis Obispo County Sanitation District (District) for the above project has been amended by the following information. A signed copy of this addendum acknowledging the receipt of this addendum shall be included with the Statements of Qualifications.

1. Question: Task 2.16 of the RFQ – Special Inspection Services and Materials Testing, includes soil and foundations inspection in the scope of work to be performed by the successful Construction Management Firm. Specification Section 02300, Part 1.04.B.2 of the Project Manual states “The Contractor shall retain the services of a qualified independent professional geotechnical engineering firm subcontractor to perform all specified import fill and field testing requirements.” Note 3 under “Special Inspections and Tests – General” on Sheet S002 of the Contract Drawings states “Independence: The Approved agency and/or inspectors shall not be compensated by the contractor.” Is the District’s intent that field soils materials testing be provided by the Construction Manager or by the contractor? Do tests performed by the contractor conflict with the “independence” requirements in the Contract Drawings? Please clarify.

Answer: The intent is for both the construction management firm and the contractor to provide field materials and soils testing, with the contractor providing primary quality control and the construction management firm providing checks for quality assurance. Field testing performed by the construction management firm would satisfy the requirement for independence from the contractor. Please refer to Section 02300, Paragraph 1.04.B.1 for services to be provided by the Owner or Engineer. The services listed, except for the observation of deep soils compaction (stone columns), shall be provided by the construction management team. Yeh and Associates, as a subconsultant to KJ, will provide observation of the stone columns installation. The Contractor shall provide field soils and material testing as described in Section 02300, Paragraph 1.04.B.2 and the frequency of the Contractor’s testing is defined in other Section of Section 02300. Please note that we are planning to issue an addendum to correct the language on frequency of Contractor testing in Paragraph 3.09.G to indicate the following:

“G. Testing Frequency (Provided by Contractor):

- 1. Trench Backfill: Test every 200 lineal feet of trench for each 2 feet of fill and for each fill type.
- 2. Backfill underneath Structures (concrete slabs on grade, buildings, tanks, etc.): Test every 200 square feet for each 2 feet of fill and for each fill type. Contractor shall provide no less than two tests per structure for each 2 feet of fill.
- 3. Other Earthwork: Test every 500 square feet for each 2 feet of fill.”

2. Question: Will the Geotechnical Engineer of Record, Yeh and Associates, be willing to certify the subgrade of major structures to satisfy the Structural Observation requirements of the contract and the California Building Code if the routine compaction testing and special inspections included on Sheet S002 of the Contract Drawings are performed by a third party?

Answer: Yes, Yeh will certify provided they are allowed periodic visits at milestones for preparation of subgrade and to review reports of compaction testing and observations by the materials testing and inspection firm. These site visits are included in Yeh’s scope of work as a subconsultant to KJ. The construction management firm will need to coordinate with KJ and Yeh on the timing of these visits.

3. Question: Will Yeh and associates require that the firm performing compaction testing and special inspections assume the responsibility of the Geotechnical Engineer of Record?

Answer: No, hence the reason that Yeh and Associates shall be involved with the review of materials testing and inspection during construction. Yeh will remain as GER and shall be given notice for involvement to review the items listed in the RFQ and Addendum.

4. Question: Please confirm that the Structural Observations listed on Sheet S002 of the Contract Drawings will be performed by the Design Engineer/Geotechnical Engineer of Record and not the Construction Manager.

Answer: Items 3.A/B/C of the structural observations section (between gridlines C and E/0 and 1 on Sheet S002) will be provided by Kennedy/Jenks structural engineer. Concrete, CMU, other inspections would be provided by the construction management firm. The construction management firm will need to coordinate with KJ to have KJ’s structural engineer on site at the appropriate times.

Signed,

Acknowledgement of Addendum No. 5



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