



To: Paul Vlasich, Town of Exeter

Date: March 2, 2016

Memorandum

Project #: 52151.04

From: Todd Monson, VHB

Re: Prequalification Meeting
Response to Questions

On February 24, 2016 at 10:00AM, the Town of Exeter and its consultant, VHB, held a pre-qualification meeting for the *Great Dam Removal and Exeter River Restoration Project* at the Town of Exeter Library. Eight contractors attended the meeting. The Town of Exeter and VHB provided an overview of the project and requirements as outlined in the Permit Level Plans dated December 7, 2015. VHB informed the group that questions and responses presented at the meeting would be considered informal, and that all questions must be submitted in writing. To date, no written question were received following the meeting. To better inform all potential bidding contractors, this memorandum summarizes questions and responses that were discussed at the meeting, as well as some additional responses that were not directly discussed at the meeting.

1. Will the job require federal wage rates?
 - a. *No, the job will not require federal wage rates.*
2. Can the prequalification statements / forms be sent electronically?
 - a. *No, the prequalification statements must be submitted as hard copies to the Town of Exeter Public Works Department by 2:00PM local time on March 9, 2016.*
3. Will the job be bid as Lump Sum or Unit Price?
 - a. *The bid form indicating how items should be bid will be included with the Specifications to be provided with the Bid Documents following notice of prequalification. It is anticipated that a combination of lump sum and unit price items will be included.*
4. How will Rock Excavation, if determined necessary, be bid?
 - a. *Rock excavation will be included as a Unit Price item.*
5. Is hazardous waste expected to be encountered onsite and how will it be handled? Will there be a bid item?
 - a. *Provisions related to Hazardous Waste will be included in the Specifications which will be made available with the Bidding Documents following notice of prequalification.*
6. Are there structural drawings of the dam / weir / fish ladder?
 - a. *No, there are no structural design or as-built drawings of the dam, fish weir, or fish ladder.*
7. Will the Contractor be responsible for obtaining any individual permits?
 - a. *VHB confirmed with EPA that a Construction General Permit is not required as disturbance outside of the river does not exceed 1.0 acres. Additionally, dewatering of the cofferdam in the river would not trigger the Dewatering General Permit. The ACOE permit should cover both issues. However, it will be up to the Contractor to determine if other dewatering activities will require a dewatering permit.*
8. Is there a dredge / fill permit associated with the Project?
 - a. *The NHDES Permit covers dredge / fill requirements. This permit is currently pending approval.*
9. Is there geotechnical information for the streambed available?
 - a. *Yes. The Town has posted the Geotechnical Report on the Town website.*

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10. Are there archaeological constraints? Will anyone be on site monitoring?
 - a. *No, there are no archaeological constraints. The archaeological review was performed and determined that the site has been disturbed and there are no items on site. There will be no one on site monitoring.*
11. Will there be a bid item for blasting of ledge?
 - a. *No, there will be no bid item for blasting. There will be no blasting allowed on site.*
12. Will there be ledge removal?
 - a. *The permit drawings provide an estimate of the bedrock elevations. The river restoration and dam removal was designed to minimize ledge removal. However, the full profile of bedrock within the river is not fully known, and may not be determined until construction. It is expected the Contractor, Engineer and Town will work together during Construction to determine final grading based on the ledge conditions in the river.*
13. There has been local discussion of the trash upstream of the project. Will this affect the project?
 - a. *No, this does not affect this project.*
14. Is there concrete finish repair work required?
 - a. *There will be some concrete finish repair work required where the structures to be removed are saw cut from the existing structures to remain.*
15. What methods for removal of the dam and bedrock are required?
 - a. *Some areas require saw cut / removal of concrete with hand tools at existing structures as indicated on the plans. However, in general, we will not dictate the means and methods for removal of the concrete dam / fish weir / fish ladder or bedrock (if necessary), with the exception of prohibiting blasting. As stated on the plans, limiting vibrations of nearby structures to be protected is of concern, and this requirement may affect the methods for removal of the dam / fish weir / fish ladder and bedrock (if necessary).*
16. Is the empty lot available for site access? If so, will the Contractor need to make provisions with the Owner?
 - a. *Yes, the lot is owned by Peter Olney and will be available for site access. The Town and the Contractor will coordinate with the Owner to obtain access to the site. The owner of the lot has been thorough in his review of the project and is supportive of the project.*