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GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE
PHYSICAL SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(051)
and
WIND RETROFIT
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(052)

Contract No. 2016-B-1

To: Prospective Bidders

RE: **Response to Bidders' Question No. 145 and 146**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following is the response to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Question No. 145 and 146:

BID QUESTION No. 145:

Please refer to drawing number S100. In this typical section there is an "Exist traveler rail" pointed to on the drawing. From our walkthrough, it is clear that there is an existing traveler rail on the South Approach Viaduct along spans 4, 5 & 6. Please address any restrictions on this existing traveler rail. Is the contractor able to use these travelers for his/her means?

RESPONSE:

The existing traveler rail on the South Approach Viaduct along spans 4, 5 and 6 were installed as part of Contract No. 99-B-5, Seismic Retrofit of South Approach Structures, as listed in the Golden Gate Bridge Record Drawing Index in Section 2-1.06B, Supplemental Project Information. You may make an appointment to review these record drawings. Use of the existing traveler rails for the Contractor's means is considered a temporary structure and the Contractor must comply with the provisions of Section 48-3, Temporary Structures, including verifying the structural integrity and capacity of the rails and structure supporting the rails under all loads imposed by the Contractor's operations as well as the bridge service dead and live loads.

BID QUESTION No. 146:

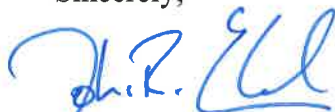
We have been in contact with a Canadian based company who is capable and qualified with regard to manufacturing the travelers for this contract. Although they are a Canadian based company, they are capable of meeting the Buy America requirement because they have a manufacturing facility located within the United States. We would like to solicit this company to provide a quote for this project. However they cannot bid this contract because their engineering would be based out of their Canadian headquarters. Does this restriction also apply to the net supplying companies being that they are European based?

RESPONSE:

A company with headquarters outside of the continental United States is not barred from participation, as long as the company is operating within the continental United States. However, it is imperative to note that, as stated in Special Provisions Section 5-1.23, Submittals, all submittals for this contract, including contractor's engineering drawings and fabrication shop drawings, must be prepared in their entirety within the continental United States. These restrictions apply to all suppliers under this contract.

See Addendum 4 for revisions to Article 2, Geographic Limits, of the Non-Disclosure Agreement for the Release of Security Sensitive Information for Construction Purposes. This Addendum lists the documents that may be sent outside the continental United States, and the requirements that must be followed in order to send these limited number of documents outside the continental United States. Note that Contract plans and technical specifications, which will be needed to prepare contractor's engineering submittals, is not allowed to be sent outside the continental United States.

Sincerely,



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