



**Santa Cruz Branch Line Bridge Supports, Repairs and Member Replacements Project**

**Pre-Bid Meeting – July 8, 2013 2:00 PM**

**RTC's Office, 1523 Pacific Avenue, CA 95060**

Meeting Purpose: This was a contractors "Pre-Bid" meeting for RTC's railroad bridge rehabilitation project.

- 1.) See the sign – in sheet for a list of attendees. The meeting commenced with introductions by all.
- 2.) Bill Baker (BB) and Luis Mendez (LM) presented the following details of the project summary and background:
  - The Project is for rehabilitation of about 20 of the 37 bridges on the Santa Cruz Branch Line that RTC acquired from UPRR.
  - One of the bridges, the timber bridge at MP 23.54, has been burned, and will need to be replaced in-kind entirely rather than rehabilitated and that is included in the scope.
  - The right of way is planned to have a bike and pedestrian path in the future but the bridges will not have this feature incorporated for this project.
  - Access is granted through the RTC ROW, other access will need to be arranged by the contractor.
  - Access to the La Selva Beach bridge from the beach below is possible using ramps at the public beach parking area of Manresa Beach located to the south of La Selva Beach. Ramps should be inspected for limited width with curbs & handrail. Permit will need to be arranged with Coastal Commission when equipment to be brought in is defined. Other access to the La Selva Beach bridge previously used by UP was though ROW owned by the La Selva Beach Improvement Association.
  - The work at the La Selva Bridge is extensive and includes replacement of towers, repair of girders.
  - The Contract duration is 400 calendar days
  - This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> bidding of this project. Changes from the previous bid package are:
    - Removed the schedule restrictions to accommodate the Railroad running a Christmas Train. The GC's and Supplemental GC's no longer have this schedule restriction. One Page in the drawings still has this restriction

under Construction Schedule (Dwg. No. 3 of 67, MP 9.09). This will be corrected by addendum.

- o Changed the requirement for the amount of work performed by the bidder's own forces from 50% to 30%.
- o The timber bridge at MP 23.54 is moved to Priority 1.
- o Item 4i. Cleaning and Painting Girders, in the bid schedule was added.

3.) Bill Baker covered details on the Bid package and Process:

- The bid documents are available online at [www.sccrtc.org/RR-Bridgework](http://www.sccrtc.org/RR-Bridgework) and printed copies can be provided at cost.
- Reference documents for the project including inspection reports are also available online at [www.sccrtc.org/RR-Bridgework](http://www.sccrtc.org/RR-Bridgework).
- Bids will be received until 2:00 PM on August 2, 2013.
- The deadline for Bidders to submit questions will be extended two weeks to July 22, 2013.
- Information on Notices and Addenda will be provided to plan holders.

4.) Bidders are encouraged to inspect the bridges. To Arrange Site Access Contact:

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5.) As information, the bridges visited on prior site inspections are:

Antonelli Pond MP 22.29  
San Lorenzo River MP 19.43  
Capitola MP 15.89  
Hidden Beach MP 11.16  
Seascape MP 10.45  
La Selva Beach MP 9.09  
Retaining Wall MP 8.94  
San Andreas Road MP 8.64

6.) The following questions from potential bidders were addressed:

Q1. Will RTC re-post questions & answers from the previous bid?

A. No, to avoid any potential confusion bidders are advised to submit questions for this bid even if they are the same as previous questions.

Q2. If inspection reports differ from the scope in the bid documents, which prevails?

A. The bid documents prevail.

Q3. Is there a percentage difference between bidders pricing and engineers estimate that requires rejection of the bid?

A. No.

Q4. Has the Engineer's Estimate changed from the previous bid?

A. No.

Q5. If the bids received are still above budget as before, will RTC reject the bids?

A. The RTC's goal is to build the project. There are no plans to reject the bids and the RTC will consider all its options after the bids are received.

Q6. Did the previous bids get priority 1 work within budget?

A. The sub-totals for priority 1 work from previous bids were \$6,703,900 and \$5,363,000. The Engineer's Estimate for Priority 1 work is \$3,264,475. The project budget is \$4M

Q7. The Supplemental GC's state that the mainline track becomes operational on July 1, 2014. But the contract duration is 400 days which will go beyond July 1, 2014. Please clarify.

A. From start of contract work to July 1, 2014, the contractor has schedule priority to work on the bridges. Particular focus is on the La Selva bridge. During this time if the Railroad wants to move trains/equipment, Railroad will request track access from the contractor for the areas under construction so as not to interrupt contractor's work. After July 1, 2014 it is expected that La Selva work will be complete and the Railroad will have schedule priority for all mainline track. The contractor will request track access from the railroad to complete any remaining bridge work so as not to interrupt train operations.

Q8: Is the project low bidder determined by the bid amount of the entire package, including all items in the bid schedule?

A: Yes.

Q9. With the budget defined as \$4M, what prevents a bidder from entering prices for high priority Items up to the \$4M, then under pricing the other items in order to attain the lowest overall price or otherwise manipulating the bid?

A. RTC feels that the bid documents contain safeguards to compel bidders to submit a properly priced bid where pricing is allocated to each bid item on a fair and balanced basis. The RTC is constantly working to obtain additional funding, therefore, the \$4M budget may be increased, if funds are secured. In addition, priorities may change, for example, a work item that is currently at priority 3 may become a priority 2 item and vice-versa.

Q10: Given the project budget of \$4 million, is it acceptable to bid items up to this amount and leave the remaining items with no value estimate?

A: No. Bids that do not have all items bid on, will be rejected as non-responsive.

Q11: How long after award of the project, are bid items over the \$4 million project budget open?

A: All the bid items are open for selection by RTC to authorize for completion during the duration of the contract.