

As of 25 July to 31 July 2002
RESPONSES TO CONTRACTOR QUESTIONS
ON
POLA CHANNEL DEEPENING PROJECT
IFB No. DACW09-02-B-0005

Note: Reference is made to Specifications Section 00100, clause 52.214-16, EXPLANATION TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS: "Any prospective bidder desiring an explanation or interpretation of the solicitation, drawings, specifications, etc., must request it in writing soon enough to allow a reply to reach all prospective bidders before the submission of their bids. Oral explanations or instructions given before the award of a contract will not be binding. Any information given a prospective bidder concerning a solicitation will be furnished promptly to all other prospective bidders as an amendment to the solicitation, if that information is necessary in submitting bids or if the lack of it would be prejudicial to other prospective bidders."

Q57: Would it be possible to adjust the bid date in the coming amendment to Thursday the 8th rather than the current Tuesday the 6th to facilitate our ability to prepare the best bid possible?

A57: *See current SF30 for current bid closing date.*

Q58: We ask that you reconsider Specification 01355, paragraph 3.5.6-a. "Use electric dredge(s) to the maximum extent practicable, but not less than for seventy-five (75) percent of the total dredge quantity."

A58: *No change because of the assumptions and commitments in our environmental documents.*

Q59: Referring to section 02145 "Wick Drains" subsection 3.1 par A "the mandrel or sleeve shall have a maximum cross-section area of 10 square inches". Can the following equipment be used on this project: with a cross-sectional area of 10 square inches or less at the lower end of the mandrel...and with a cross-sectional area of the mandrel on a current section exceeding 10 square inches... and with a projected cross-sectional area of the mandrel and anchor combined not greater than 14 square inches-as specified in sub-section 3.1 paragraph D.

A59: *See amended Specifications Section 02145 WICK DRAINS.*

Q60: Since we have to keep a 300 foot wide access open in front of designated loading area along C face, we would like to propose another alternative. The corner S/E of (area 3) going over the paved road to the pier 400 excess material disposal site.

A60: *The access route designated on the plans is the only landside access.*

Q61: My earlier request for a change in sequencing for removal of surcharge material from Pier 400 was declined. We still feel that removing areas 5 & 6 first, to uncover the majority of unsuitable material would work in the best interest of the project. Unless of course there is an engineering reason of some sort to the contrary.

A61: *There are engineering reasons for the specifications.*