Renew Paving IDIQ - Belgium

W912PA-26-R-A002 Amendment 0001

Questions and Answers

1. Q: SOW G-16 states " Some Task Orders may require that the assigned Quality Control (QC) Manager not be assigned to other projects based on the Task Order's project size, complexity, and corresponding QC requirements. This QC Manager requirement will be indicated in the documents included in the Task Order Request for Proposal (TORFP) package." Please confirm that if a QC Manager is required to be assigned for one Task Order exclusively, this will be reimbursed as a separate line item in the contractor's Task Order proposal.

   A: The Statement of Work (SOW) for G-16 has been revised in full. Please refer to Attachment 1 SOW IDIQ PAVING Amendment 0001 to review the updates, which are marked in red text.

2. Q : Sollicitation Section L-1 D states: "2. Section B - Price Book. Reference Attachment 2 - Price Book. Insert the proposed prices into Attachment 2 - Price Book for Exhibit Line Item Numbers (ELINs) from 1001 AA to 7007 CT which are highlighted Green. Items not highlighted do not require a price." Because item 7007 CT is not marked in green, can you please confirm we only have to fill green highlighted items with prices? Can you please clarify the purpose of the other items in the price schedule?

   A: Confirmed. Only the green-highlighted Contract Line Items (CLINs) require pricing. The green highlighted CLINs represent the most frequently utilized CLINs based on past requirements. To streamline the evaluation process, the Government only requires pricing inputs for the green highlighted CLINs. Non-highlighted CLINs represent capabilities that may be required on future Task Orders. If required for contract performance, non-highlighted CLINs will be priced at the individual Task Order level.

3. Q: Could you consider a compensation factor on unit prices for small Task Orders with a total amount of less than €25,000.00?
   A: No.

4. Q: Price Book: Summary Sheet - Unit 30 AU: Can you please specify the unit?

   A: “AU” stands for Annual Usage. However, the Summary tab has been updated to remove columns D, E, and F. The Government has found that these columns are not meaningful in terms of pricing or price analysis.

5. Q: Item 1001 AB "Topographic surveys: layout of roads - measurement of levels" Could you please specify maximum area or number of points to be surveyed?

   A: The price (1 EA) is for one project/task order; the CLIN is not priced per area or number of points.

6. Q: Item 1001 AC "Additional cost for labor work during night, weekends and legal holidays" Please clarify unit: Is the unit referring to a labor hour, a laborer shift, a shift of multiple workers, or something else?

   A: The unit refers to one hour of labor (see the legend at the bottom of bid schedule).

7. Q: Item 1001 AN-R "Move buried ducts" - Can you please specify in more detail which scope shall be included in this item? Excavation - Backfilling existing utility trench - excavation new utility trench - backfilling new utility trench - disposal of duct - delivery and installation of new duct?

   A: All operations must be included in CLIN 1001 AN thru AR as follows: excavation, backfilling existing utility trench, excavation new utility trench, backfilling new utility trench, disposal of duct, delivery and installation of new duct.

8. Q: Item 1001 CH "Demolition and evacuation of foundation/subfoundation made of bottoming treated with additives" Can you please specify additives?

   A: See paragraph F.4.2.1.2 of the Qualiroute.

9. Q: Item 1002 AK "Preliminary work - spotting and marking of buried installations with electronic devices" Could you please specify maximum area to be surveyed?

   A: The price (1 EA) is for one project/task order.

10. Q: Item 1002 CN "Backfill - Additional cost for special reinforcement" Please specify reinforcements.

    A: The backfill shall be reinforced with lime/cement.

11. Q: Item 1004 AS "Additional cost for additives" - Can you please specify which additives? Can you please confirm Unit CM refers to the CM of concrete?

A: See paragraph G.1.2.10 of the Qualiroute (PROTECTION AGAINST DESICCATION, RAIN PROTECTION, FREEZE PROTECTION and PROTECTION AGAINST MECHANICAL EFFECTS). The unit is Square Meter and not Cubic Meter. Attachment 2 – Price Book has been updated for to reflect SM for all X004-AS CLINs.

12. Q: Item 1004 AY "Supply and installation of grill" - Can you please specify this item?

    A: See paragraph M.4.6.2.3.1 of the Qualiroute (INSTALLATION OF METAL REINFORCEMENT MESH).

13. Q: Item 1005 EF "Supply and installation of single access barrier" - Can you please confirm a gate is requested with this item?

    A: Yes, this is a gate type BETAFENCE FORTINET.

14. Q: Item 1007 AB "Execution of a temporary road during the work + repair at the end of the work" - Can you please specify the temporary road: Gravel road - asphalt road - steel plates – concrete plates -other?

    A: Construct a temporary gravel access road. And, upon completion of the project, this road must be removed and hauled off-site and the area restored to its original condition.

15. Q: 1007 AA General marking of the work site 1 EA - can you please specify this item?

    A: All temporary construction site and safety markings, marker, lights, safety net.

16. Q: 1002 AK Preliminary work - spotting and marking of buried installations with electronic devices - Can you please specify maximum surveyed area?

    A: It is for one project/task order.

17. Q: 1002 CZ "Grinding of ground surface" - can you please specify this item?

    A: See paragraph O.1.23.2.5 of the Qualiroute (MILLING)

18. Q: 1002 AE “Provide report of approved soil analysis by Walloon - Orientation study of soil in accordance with "decret sol" - Can you please clarify if fees for DAS shall be included?

A: Yes, DAS must be included.

19. Q: 1002 AF Provide report of approved soil analysis by Walloon - Characterisation study of soil in accordance with "decret sol" - Can you please specify maximum surveyed area and depth?

A: It is for one project/task order.

20. Q: 1002 AG Provide report of approved soil analysis by Walloon - Soil quality Report " rapport qualite des terres" in accordance with "decret sol" - Can you please clarify if fees for Walterre shall be included?

    A: Yes, fees for Walterre must be included as described in SOW Section G-19.

21. Q: 1002 AG Provide report of approved soil analysis by Walloon - Soil quality Report " rapport qualite des terres" in accordance with "decret sol" - Can you please confirm excavation volume is less than 1,000 cubic meters for 1 EA of this item?

A: The report is for one project/task order.

22. Q: 1001 AA Ground samplings (sounding) to determine ground resistance - provide report - can you please specify maximum depth?

    A: This is a plate bearing test to determine soil bearing capacity.

23. Q: 1001 AA Ground samplings (sounding) to determine ground resistance - provide report - can you please confirm 1 EA of this item means 1 sampled spot?

    A: Yes, 1 EA of this item means 1 sampled spot.

24. Q: 1002 AK Preliminary work - spotting and marking of buried installations with electronic devices- Can you please specify maximum surveyed area?

    A: The price is for one project/task order. All projects will be conducted in the areas listed in the SOW Section G-01 part C).

25. Q: Regarding line items BI through BX (description), what do you mean by: series 3, 2, and 1?

A: This defines the nominal stiffness and pipe wall thickness according to sewer standards, see paragraph C.38.1.4.5 of the Qualiroute and NBN EN14364.

26. Q: Request clarification on the requirement to demonstrate prior relevant paving services experience performed specifically in Belgium within the past five (5) years. Request consideration to allow relevant paving experience performed in other EU

and/or NATO countries to be considered acceptable for evaluation purposes, provided the projects are similar or greater in scope, complexity, and value.

A: The requirement to demonstrate relevant prior experience in surfacing works specifically carried out in Belgium within the last five (5) years is due to the fact that this contract refers to the Qualiroute (Walloon Region), SB250 (Flemish Region), and CCT2015 (Brussels-Capital Region) standards.

27. Q: Request clarification regarding the below requirements referenced in the solicitation:

    * Certificate of Compliance from the Belgium Ministry of Finance for payment of Social Security;
    * Belgian Contractor Certificate – Class 5, Category C (General enterprise of road works).

    Are these certifications mandatory at the time of proposal submission, or may they be provided after contract award and prior to commencement of performance?

    A: The required certifications are mandatory at time of proposal submission.

28. Is this a brand new contract OR is (was) an incumbent performing these services? If not brand new, could you please provide the current / previous contract number?

    A: This is a replacement effort for an existing contract. The current contract number is W912PA-21-D-0003.