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Amendment 2

Questions and Answers

1. **Question: Product Confirmation**

Below is the scope of work description of #3 Clean Ballast Stone:

“#3 Clean Ballast Stone … meeting NCDOT/AASHTO #3 specifications (nominal 2"-3"), washed, with minimal fines.”

To ensure we quote the correct product, can you please confirm whether the Government intends this to be standard NCDOT/AASHTO #3 Clean stone (washed, 2"–3", minimal fines), or if there is a separate “ballast-grade” specification beyond standard #3 Clean that we should follow?

Answer: The word "ballast" was used in the description as "ballast" or "railroad ballast" is a common trade name for this specific material. If this material meets the NCDOT/AASHTO standards for #3 Clean stone this should be acceptable for our uses. I'd also like to point out Section 6 of the SOW, that a sample submittal is required prior to delivery so that we make sure the product meets our needs prior to hauling.

2. **Question: Material Use**

Can you confirm the intended field use for each of the materials listed in the SOW (Carriage Trail Mix, ABC Road Base, and #3 Clean Ballast Stone)? Understanding their specific applications will help us ensure we source material that best aligns with your performance expectations.

Answer: As stated in the statement of work, Section 2, this material will be used to affect a variety of repairs to gravel carriage trails on the Moses H. Cone estate. The materials meeting the specifications in Section 4 should meet our expectations. I'd also like to point out Section 6 of the SOW, that a sample submittal is required prior to delivery so that we make sure the product meets our needs prior to hauling.

3. **Question: Truck Weight Limits**

Can you confirm the allowable truck weight limits for all roads used on this project? If the intent is to follow Blue Ridge Parkway weight restrictions, please confirm the applicable limits so we can size the fleet appropriately.

Answer: Deliveries of Carriage Trail Mix to the Sandy Flat Maintenance Area can be made without accessing the Blue Ridge Parkway Motor Road and standard DOT regulations apply.

Deliveries of ABC Base and #3 Clean to the Old John's River Road site (and potentially to Laurel Springs) do utilize the Parkway and the following weight limits would apply.

Vehicle Type	**Gross Weight Limit**
Single (3 axles)	48,000 lb (21,800 kg)
Single (4+ axles)	52,000 lb (23,600 kg)
Combination (4 axles)	62,000 lb (28,100 kg)
Combination (5+ axles)	66,000 lb (29,600 kg)
Over Price Lake Bridge	**50,000 lb (22,680 kg) max**

4. **Question: Delivery Locations**

Can you confirm all required delivery locations, including any optional or alternate locations listed in the solicitation?

*Answer: *Blowing Rock Locations are listed in the Statement of work in Section 3. Scope of Work.*

3. Scope of Work

The Contractor shall furnish, mix, haul, and deliver 1500 tons of Carriage Trail Gravel Mix, 500 tons of Aggregate Base Course (ABC) Road base material, and 500 tons of #3 clean ballast stone in accordance with the material specifications and delivery requirements described below.

All carriage trail mix (1500 Tons) shall be delivered to the Blue Ridge Parkway's Sandy Flat maintenance area located at Milepost 294.5:

5580 Shulls Mill Road
Blowing Rock, NC 28605

ABC Road Base (500 tons) and #3 Ballast Stone (500 tons) shall be delivered to the Old Johns River Road material storage site located near Milepost 296 on the Blue Ridge Parkway just over one (1) mile away from the Sandy Flat maintenance area, and at the following coordinates

36°08'37.0"N 81°43'23.6"W

Material will be dumped at a stockpile location within these two areas as directed by the NPS Site Supervisor.

An alternate location is identified in Options 6,7,&8. The address in the SOW is excerpted below

Bid Option 6: Additional Material for Different Delivery Location to MP 245.6 in Laurel Springs, NC. (500 Tons of ABC Road Base)

The Contractor shall provide a firm, fixed unit price for additional materials beyond the base quantity delivered to a different location. This material shall meet all specifications described in Section 4 and include all mixing, hauling, and dumping. **Alternate Delivery address will be Bluffs Maintenance Area at 49800 Blue Ridge Parkway in Laurel Springs, NC. (Milepost 245.6)** The Government may or may not exercise this option in whole or in part at any time during the period of performance (365 days), subject to operational need and funding availability. Activation of this option will occur only through a written modification issued by the Contracting Officer. The contractor will have sixty (60) days to fulfill the bid options after issuance of the modification.

5. **Question: Period of Performance**

There appear to be two different performance periods:

The Scope of Work states 60 days from award, SAM.gov lists 7/30/2026 - 7/29/2027

Can you confirm which period of performance governs this requirement?

Answer: This is addressed in the SOW in Section 8. The base quantity (2500 tons total) shall be delivered within 60 days of the award date. Options can be exercised for up to a year after the award date. If an option is exercised during this time, the contractor will have 60 days to fulfill the option after the modification is issued.

Answer is in the SOW:

8. Period of Performance

The period of performance for the base requirement shall begin on the date of contract award and extend for a period of sixty (60) calendar days. The Government anticipates award in July 2026.

The Contractor shall complete delivery of the 2500-ton combined base quantity within sixty (60) calendar days of the award date, unless otherwise approved by the Contracting Officer. Specific delivery dates and schedules shall be coordinated with the NPS Site Supervisor based on operational needs.

The bid option for additional material and/or alternate location shall remain available for a period of one (1) year (365 calendar days) from the date of contract award. The Government may exercise this option in whole or in part at any time during this one-year period through written modification by the Contracting Officer. The contractor will have 60 days to fulfill the bid options after issuance of the modification.