



Notice of Addendum STPA Form F 60800 (2008)

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To: ALL BIDDERS

Subject: Addendum 7

**ADDENDUM # 7
Tender # STPA 2008S-37
Tar Ponds Surface Cap
for the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency**

Query/Clarification: Questions submitted to the Agency on July 30, 2010

Question 1:

Requesting clarification to the Scheduling of Work paragraph located at the end of the Unit Price Bid Form section 00 41 43.

Section .2 requires the TP7 contractor to complete the Surface Cap Layer within one construction season and prior to December 1.

Section .3 states that the TP7 contractor shall ensure that all of the S/S that is completed by the TP6B contractor and released to TP7 contractor by November 1 is either capped with the full thickness (by December 1 according to Section.2) or receive 1.2m thick frost protection layer. The placement and subsequent removal of the frost protection layer is at no cost to the owner.

Section .5 states that the dates listed in section .4 are the latest dates and that the TP6B contractor may release areas sooner.

At the site walk it was evident that the TP6B contractor will finish S/S South pond earlier than 25 April 2011. The possibility exists that they could release this entire area by November 1, 2010. This would require the TP7 contractor to place a full surface cap on the South Pond in one month or place 1.2 m of frost protection over the entire area and remove it later at his own cost. The same scenario could be played out for each of the two subsequent phases.

Are these interpretations correct? If so, please confirm that the TP7 contractor will need to include cost in his proposal for frost protection over the entire cap for all three phases?

Response Question 1:

Related to subsection .5 and the statement made above, please refer to the Unit Price Bid Form (Scheduling of Work) and note that the TP6B Contractor does not release areas for cap construction but rather the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency or Design Engineer at their representative will.

Related to the TP6B progress, the Contractor is free to make their own assessment of TP6B progress and further noted that the TP6B Contractor does not release areas for cap construction. Please refer to the Unit Price Bid Form (Scheduling of Work).

The TP6B Contractor is responsible to meet the protection requirements for all areas that have not received a release from the Agency and DE, as outlined in Section 00 41 43, Scheduling of Work .2 and .3. TP7 is responsible to protect or cap areas which have been released by the STPA or DE to provide and meet the protection requirements as outlined in Section 00 41 43, Scheduling of Work .2 and .3.

Related to the questions on whether the interpretations are correct and what should be included in the Contractor's bid price, it is envisioned that sequential placement of cap will be enabled as stated in the Unit Price Bid Form (Scheduling of Work). It is up to the contractor to best determine means and methods to meet the contractual requirements.

Further, the contractor should refer to 97918-TP7-SKT-001 contained in Addendum #6 for the minimum area to be available at the commencement of construction activities in the Fall of 2010.

Question 2:

We respectfully request an extension to the closing date for the above referenced tender. This additional time will be instrumental in evaluating options and ensuring best value for all stakeholders. The Tender Documents currently specify the closing date as August 10, 2010. Although any additional time would be helpful we would propose an additional two weeks (August 24, 2010) given the magnitude of the project.

Response Question 2:

Please see Addendum #6 for an extension to the bid closing date.

Question 3:

Can the STPA provide a schedule showing where and when areas will be released by the TP6B contractor to allow the capping contractor to proceed? It will be critical to know the quantity and location of areas released each month to allow for resource allocation and production estimates. Please include the estimated area released on a monthly basis for each Phase between May through November.

Response Question 3:

The STPA will not be providing a schedule showing areas to be released on a monthly basis for the duration of the project. Please refer to the Unit Price Bid Form for details related to Scheduling of Work. Portions of the site, as stated in the Bid Form and updates in the addenda, will be available for construction activities as soon as the Contractor secures a Notice to Proceed.

Further, the contractor should refer to 97918-TP7-SKT-001 contained in Addendum #6 for the minimum area to be available at the commencement of construction activities in the Fall of 2010.

No additional information will be provided during the bidding period.

Question 4:

Are there any implications if the successful contractor works on weekends as noted in Section 01 14 00, 1.2.1 Special requirements "Regular work hours"

Response Question 4:

Please refer to Specification 01 14 00 (Work Restrictions) for 'regular working hours'. The milestone schedule shows the duration of the work activities and is not meant to imply continuous working time. Working time will be governed by section 01 14 00 of the specifications.

Question 5:

"The schedule presented in the Tender docs illustrates weekend as working time, is this the case" It is our understanding that each hydrovac load will carry a minimum of 4 tonnes and upwards to 7 tonnes on a periodic basis. The sediment will be accepted at a charge of \$600 per load.

Be advised that the above noted cost applies only to those soils/sediment that you indicated were represented by the analytical data that we received from you for review. If you require disposal for additional soil, not represented in the analytical data you forwarded to us, then analytical results will be needed prior to granting authorization to accept. Also, a Waste Approval Application – WAA (provided by us and completed by you) will be needed to approve acceptance of soil prior to the initiation of the work. Once the WAA is approved, Waste Manifest Tracking Sheets will be provided to you and will need to accompany each load of soil disposed of at our facility. The above pricing is related to the acceptance and treatment of soil only.

Response Question 5:

Please refer to Specification 01 14 00 (Work Restrictions) for 'regular working hours'.

It appears that the remainder of the question (after the first sentence) was included in error. If that is not the case, please clarify the question and resubmit.

Query/Clarification: Question submitted to the Agency on August 2, 2010.

Question 6:

Section 3.1.5.2 of the EPP provides procedures as to how construction water is to be handled if encountered, however there is no mention to the option of handling and treating the water onsite using a portable water treatment plant. Is a portable water treatment plant a suitable method to treat and discharge encountered construction water, similar to other project elements?

Response Question 6:

Yes.

Query/Clarification: Question submitted to the Agency on August 3, 2010.

Question 7:

We are requesting clarification to a discrepancy we have found on the drawings. Drawing TP7-DWG-N-001 calls for the removal of the Existing Construction Access Roads "By Others". Drawings TP7-DWG-N-002, 003, and 004 states that the roads are to be removed but it does not state "By Others". Who is responsible for removal of the Existing Construction Access Roads for the North and South Pond?

Response Question 7:

The removal of the roads is the responsibility of the TP7 Contractor. Please refer to Addendum #6.

Query/Clarification: Questions submitted to the Agency on August 4, 2010.

Question 8:

Subsequent to a review of the tender documents and a recent inspection of the current site conditions, particularly the south pond, please confirm that the slag aggregate material that is placed over solidified and stabilized sediment will be removed by others prior to construction of the impermeable cap.

Response Question 8:

Confirmed.

Question 9:

Are the UTM coordinates and elevations presented in tabular form on the tender drawings available to bidders electronically in either DXF or CSV format? If so can they be provided at your earliest convenience?

Response Question 9:

No additional information in this regard will be provided during the bid period.

Question 10:

Please provide a schedule for the existing road removal for each project Phase. Please confirm that the existing construction access roads will be removed by Dec 3rd, 2010 for Phase 1.

Response Question 10:

Completion of road removal for each phase is required prior to the end date within the milestone schedule for each phase.

Question 11:

For section 312216 Cohesive Soil Backfill. Can the agency provide general locations of the onsite stockpile locations? If the contractor is responsible for environmental controls of these stockpiles the locations will need to be provided.

Response Question 11:

Please refer to 97918-TP7-SKT-001 for areas that are currently available for construction activities including stockpiling. As areas are released to the TP7 Contractor by the Sydney Tar Ponds Agency or the DE, these areas will be available for TP7 construction activity including stockpiling. Please refer to the Unit Price Bid Form (Scheduling of Work).

Question 12:

Based on the revised schedule for Phase 1 capping (start placement on Jan 5, 2011) can it be assumed that the TP7 contractor will not be required to provide frost protection for Phase 1 ?

Response Question 12:

A revised milestone schedule will be provided in Addendum 6.

Question 13:

Based on the latest addendums and associated questions we request an extension of the submission date to Monday August 16th, 2010.

Response Question 13:

Please refer to Addendum 6 for an extension to the bidding period.

These changes will not require a revision to the Closing Date and Time given in Addendum #6.

In your bid, please indicate that you have noted this change by including the words "Includes Addendum # 007" on your *Bid Form*. If there is more than one (1) Addendum issued for this tender, please acknowledge each separately on your *Bid Form*.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn MacNeil", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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