

**Replacement of Bridge No. G-03
Corona Bayard Road over
North Branch of Potomac River**

Meeting Date / Time: January 25, 2012, 10:00 AM

Meeting Location: Commissioners Public Meeting Room
203 South Fourth Street, Room 209
Oakland, MD 21550

Meeting Attendees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Company</u>
Brian Bowers	Garrett County Purchasing Department
Sue Wolf	Garrett County Purchasing Department
Dwight Emory	Garrett County Department of Engineering
Gary Love	Garrett County Department of Engineering
Pat Hudnall	Garrett County Department of Engineering
David Ritchie	Garrett County Department of Engineering
David Borusiewicz	Wallace Montgomery
Jack Alvarez	Alvarez Construction, Inc.
Bob Orders	Orders Construction Company
Steve Burkholder	Bilco Construction Company, Inc.
Brian Schroyer	Byco Enterprises, Inc.
Dan Manges	Charles J. Merlo, Inc.

Following introductions, Brian Bowers, Garrett County Purchasing Agent, opened the meeting with the following announcements:

Bids for the project are due on February 9, 2012 by 1:30 p.m. in the Purchasing Department in Room 208. One (1) original and two (2) copies of bid documents are to be submitted. A separate packet has been included in the front of the Invitation for Bids for the convenience of the Bidders.

Bid Submission includes: Garrett County Signature Bid Page, Affidavit Form; SHA Proposal Form, and Bid Bond or Certified Check. A Bid Bond Form is included in the packet. The project is a Davis Bacon Wage Rate Project. Since the time the project was advertised, the wage rates have changed, and a new wage scale will be issued via a forthcoming addendum.

The DBE goal for this project is 10%. Contractors shall make every effort to achieve the 10% goal as SHA usually will not allow a waiver of this requirement.

Additional questions regarding the project can be faxed to (301)334-1985, to the Purchasing Department. The deadline for questions is 2 pm; Tuesday Jan. 31, 2012. Questions asked after that time will not be answered.

Minutes meeting from the pre-bid meeting will be distributed by email to everyone in attendance at the meeting today as well as those who are on the bidders list. Any updates, including meeting minutes and addenda will be placed on the website and also on the FTP site.

Please note that security has changed at the Courthouse and should be considered if you are hand delivering bids. Late bids will not be accepted.

Mr. David Borusiewicz continued the meeting and provided the following project description:

The project is a federally funded bridge replacement project that has been developed in conjunction with the County, SHA and FHWA.

The existing structure is an historic wrought iron truss bridge that has been closed since the late 1990's. The purpose of the project is to completely remove the existing bridge and construct a new, single span, steel beam bridge.

The existing structure is comprised of three (3) spans, with two (2) approach spans, and a main span over the river. The main span is a through-truss that will need to be completely removed as part of this project. The existing piers are located right along the edges of the river and will need to be removed below existing ground.

The new bridge will incorporate concrete stub abutments with pile foundations. The steel H-piles will be augered in place for this project, filling the holes with concrete. The superstructure will be 27 feet wide, with a reinforced concrete deck, and steel bridge rails along both sides. The bridge will include new steel plate girders.

There is an existing at grade crossing of CSX immediately south of the bridge that will require coordination with the railroad owner during the course of the project. There are provisions in the Contract for coordination with the railroad which shall be considered for construction access, staging areas, etc. Approach pavement reconstruction shall be completed on both sides of bridge including a portion of Althouse Hill Road. Drainage improvements are also included along those roadways.

All permits have been obtained and copies are included in the IFB. There are in stream restrictions for the project which are identified in the JPA.

Brian Bowers opened the meeting for questions. The following questions were asked and responses provided:

Question: Will there be flagging required for CSX and is there an item included in the Contract?

Response: There is an item in the contract for Maintenance of Railroad Traffic. Coordination with CSX is required and contact information is included in the Contract Documents including requirements for flagging.

Question: Is West Virginia paying for railroad flagging or will we be bidding; and including what we estimate the railroad flagging cost, and will reimburse the railroad directly.

Response: The Contractor will pay for the flagging directly to CSX. That is how it has been handled on previous contacts. Note that the railroad requires a 30 day notice in advance of when you will need a flagger. This coordination is the Contractor's responsibility.

Question: What is the completion date of the project?

Response: 180 working days from Notice to Proceed.

Question: Since project is in both West Virginia and Maryland, will there be predetermined West Virginia wages for work in West Virginia? Wage rates are different in West Virginia.

Response: Federal wage rates are required. The County will coordinate with SHA and determine what the requirements are. A formal response will be provided and an addendum issued if necessary. It is noted that the majority of the structure is within the State of Maryland.

Follow up: Based on discussions with MD SHA's Federal Aid Programming Division, because the project is being administered by Garrett County, all Maryland provisions shall be followed. Therefore the Garrett County Wage Rates shall apply for the entire project.

Question: What Specifications will be used for work in West Virginia?

Response: Maryland Specification shall be followed for the entire project limits.

Question: Should Maryland sales tax be paid on all materials?

Response: Yes. Include any sales tax in your bid price

Question: On the north end of the bridge on Maryland side, will the road have to stay open?

Response: We have provisions in the Contract to close the intersection. If possible, we would like to keep the intersection open for emergency vehicles and residents for as long as possible, but the detour plan that is included details closing that intersection. There is limited space on the north side for staging. Additionally, the County owns one of the lots north of the

bridge, about ½ acre in size. This lot can be used for the Contractor for office sites, or a staging area.

Question: How will existing overhead utilities be handled?

Response: There are several existing overhead utilities that may need to be relocated. Relocation will be performed by their respective owners if needed. The need for relocation will be determined by the Contractor. This was done to provide flexibility during construction and potential impacts due to staging areas, etc. The County has spoken to the companies and have written documentation of their obligation to move them if requested. Additional time will be considered if needed for these relocations.

As there were no further questions, the meeting was adjourned.

Distribution: All Attendees / Bidders List

Enclosures: Pre-bid Sign-in Sheet

Pre-Bid Meeting
 Replacement of Bridge G-03 on Corona Bayard Road
 Contract No. GA604ZM2 F.A. Project No. BRO-1(764)E
 January 25, 2012; 10:00 A.M.

Sign-in Sheet

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