

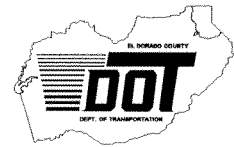


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DATE: February 24, 2012

TO: All Prospective Bidders

SUBJECT: **Response to Bidders' Inquiries No. 1**
Energy Retrofitting Project –
West Slope Interior Lighting Retrofit
Contract No. PW 11-30621, Project No. 90058

ITEM NO.	LOCATION, PAGE OR DRAWING NO.	QUESTION/ANSWER
1.01	N-1, N-2, C-1, C-2	<p>Question: What does the letter C or the letter L at the end of 1F32T8C and 2F32T8L stand for? Is it a brand?</p> <p>Answer: This is not a brand designation. This designation is Ballast Factor (BF); in this case the L = low or .77 - .78 BF, S = standard or .87 - .89 BF and C = catalog or 1.0 BF</p>
1.02	N/A	<p>Question: Are the buildings available to be re-inspected by the contractor or a manufacturer for taking measurements.</p> <p>Answer: No, the light fixture designations used in the Contract Documents are from the 2010 Table of Standard Fixture Wattages, as referenced on page C-2, article 3. These designations should provide all the information required to determine the measurements. The bid should be based solely on the quantities and descriptions of the fixtures listed in the contract documents.</p> <p>Contractor's attention is directed to articles 2 and 3 of the Draft Agreement on pages C-1, and C-2, and is requested to pay close attention to the use of the word 'replace', which would indicate that the entire fixture will be removed and replaced as described, and the word, "retrofit" that would indicate that the existing fixture will be modified as indicated.</p>
1.03	N/A	<p>Question: Who pays fees for waste disposal?</p> <p>Answer: Contractor's attention is directed to article 3 of the Draft Agreement, where it states in part, "Replacement and Retrofitting shall consist of removing and disposing of all lamps and ballast,</p>

		mounting brackets and hardware . . .” Attention is also directed to page SP-15, 4-1.07, Specific Requirement to Submit Waste management Plan and Waste management Compliance. The County does not participate in any electronic waste recovery programs that are available to the contractor.
1.04	N/A	<p>Question: Where can the contractor store materials or waste materials?</p> <p>Answer: A paved area will be available to the contractor to place one 10x40 lockable storage container, and one 10x40 waste container in the parking lot area below the Library building. Contractor will be responsible for all security of the containers. The waste container must be covered and secured.</p>
1.05	N/A	<p>Question: Is it possible to get the reflector kits, socket bar kits and fixtures in time?</p> <p>Answer: The county has had some general discussions with some manufacturers that have indicated that the fixtures and kits are generally available in the numbers described. The schedule required to be submitted as described in articles 5 and 6 on page C-3 should reflect the lead time required by the manufacturers the contractor uses. Attention is directed to page N-2, paragraph F, that states the number of contract working days, which includes both the material delivery time and the work to install all the items as described.</p>
1.06	N/A	<p>Question: Could County let other staff know ahead of time, the working areas so that plants and personal belongings could be moved?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, part of the purpose for the required schedule is to communicate to the various offices within the county, where work will be occurring. This is an important reason to make sure the schedules are kept up to date and discussed regularly to assure that any items that are required to be secured, or any personal belongings can be removed prior to the contractor performing work in a given area.</p>
1.07	N-1, N-2, C-1, C-2	<p>Question: Will the contractor be required to clean and or replace any discolored lenses?</p>

		<p>Answer: The only lenses to be replaced are those listed in the contract documents. Cleaning of the lenses and fixtures is as directed in article 39 of the Draft Agreement.</p>
1.08	N/A	<p>Question: Are existing 2-lamp fixtures that are designated to be retrofitted to a single lamp going to require a centering bracket?</p> <p>Answer: The contract documents describe where centering brackets will be required. Where no designation is made the lamps shall be staggered, alternating from fixture to fixture.</p>
1.09	N/A	<p>Question: Are Electrical Panel schematics available?</p> <p>Answer: No, although each panel may or may not contain such schematics. The inspector assigned to assist the contractor will have knowledge of, and access to each electrical panel in each building.</p>
1.10	N/A	<p>Question: Where double, triple or multiple end to end fixtures are designated to have the center or alternating fixtures gutted and the lens replaced (with no fixture behind it), what happens with the exposed end caps on the outboard fixtures?</p> <p>Answer: Contractor must follow all safety guidelines to properly secure and protect any exposed wires, posts or potential electrocution hazards according to all industry standards.</p>

Holders who have already mailed their proposal can contact Paul Hom at (email: paul.hom@edcgov.us) to arrange return of their proposal.

Inform all suppliers and subcontractors as necessary.

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Specifications, or special provisions, nor to excuse the contractor from full compliance with those contract requirements. Bidders are cautioned that subsequent responses or contract addenda may affect or vary a response previously given.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Horn".

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