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Project Questions and Answers - 4/9/2025

Rifle Falls SFU – Isolation Building

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE HEREBY INCORPORATED WITH THE BID DOCUMENTS

- 1. Question: Will CPW be providing quality control testing for this project, or is the contractor to hire third-party testing agency?**

Answer: Testing is to be provided and paid for by the contractor according to specification Section 01410. Concrete, compaction and proctor tests are required.

- 2. Question: May a microfiber (BASF F70) replace the Forta-Ferro 2.25” specified for the project?**

Answer: Please prepare your bid as specified. Alternate products will be evaluated during the submittal phase of the project.

- 3. Question: Has an estimate from Xcel Energy already been received for this project?**

Answer: An estimate has not yet been received for this project. The contractor is required to start the application process with Xcel Energy once the contract is awarded. Xcel's final cost will replace the \$10,000 allowance amount for Bid Item 11.

- 4. Question: Is there a current contact within Xcel Energy who that contractor should contact directly?**

Answer: There is no current contract. Xcel can be contacted at the builders call line by email: bclco@xcelenergy.com, or by phone at 1800-628-2121.

- 5. Question: Where will the contractor get the power from? Is there already a plan in place with Xcel Energy? Will the power come from the existing poles?**

Answer: The contractor is required to coordinate with Xcel Energy to bring power from the existing transformer to the proposed building site. Xcel's final project cost will replace the \$10,000 allowance amount for Bid Item 11. Any costs associated with bringing power from the new meter to the building, along with all costs identified by Xcel to be the Customer's responsibility are to be included in Bid Item 12.

- 6. Question: Xcel Energy, will they complete their trench and backfill for underground to the building? Or will the excavator need to include the trench and backfill for the electrical service to the building in their proposal? If yes, how many LF should the excavator include for this item?**

Answer: The contractor is to coordinate installing and connecting service to a new pole and meter with Xcel Energy. A service order application was initially submitted by CPW, and can be used for reference. Xcel's project cost is to be paid by the contractor at the price quoted by Xcel. The quoted price will be reimbursed by CPW, replacing \$10,000 allowance amount for Bid Item 11.



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- 7. Question: should the contractor provide a more detailed stormwater plan due to the location of the project near the runs or should they plan for standard protocol?**

Answer: A state stormwater control permit is not required for this project, however the contractor shall still follow best management practices as identified by CDPHE.

- 8. Question: Will the contractor be responsible for barricading the working area and managing the crowds?**

Answer: The contractor is responsible for the security of the work site until the completion of the project.

- 9. Question: Will the Project Manager survey the exact location of where the building is to be placed?**

Answer: No, the location of the building is flexible but must be discussed with the PM before final decision.

- 10. Question: During the site visit, discussion of excavation spoils onsite, no export. Coordinate with facility staff for placement of spoils onsite. Please confirm.**

Answer: Export of excess soil will not be required, it will instead be disposed of on site at a location approved by the Project Manager.

- 11. Question: Can concrete truck wash outs be performed on site?**

Answer: No, please perform this task off site.

- 12. Question: Is the hatchery and/or Project Manager willing to change working days and times based on the needs of the contractor?**

Answer: Yes, we can change the working hours and days of the week to best fit the contractor. But the weekends are the busiest days of the week for the hatchery.

- 13. Question: Will there be water available on site to use during compaction:**

Answer: Yes, the fill station can be used by the contractor for water.



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14. Question: Can the contractor bring a camper on site for the crew during the project?

Answer: Yes, there will be availability for one camper to be parked on site during the project.

15. Question: Discussion during site visit, if funds are not available for the entire project, some of the bid items may be removed from the scope, and trades need to be mindful how they breakout their proposals. Reference: Bid Schedule items 1-16.

Answer: Base bid items 1-12 will be included in the Contract. Additional bid items 13-16 may or may not be awarded at CPW discretion. Bid item quantities may be adjusted in accordance with the General Conditions for Capital Construction.

16. Question: Is project being awarded on base bid only? Or total of base bid and alternates?

Answer: Additional bid items are to be completed by the bidder, and may or may not be added to arrive at the selection of the lowest bidder.

17. Question: Bid docs being submitted for project include: Bid Schedule pages 3, 4, 5 & 6, plus bid bond?

Answer: That is correct. Please submit Bid Schedule pages 3-6, Bid Bond, and SDVOSB certification (if applicable).

18. Question: Page 12, #8 says contractor qualifications and references statement are to be submitted with bid? Where does it list what qualifications and references you are wanting from the contractor?

Answer: Contractor Qualifications and References Statement will not be required for this project.

19. Question: Do you have a manufacturer for the Ultraviolet Treatment System?

Answer: Acceptable manufacturers for the UV system include RK2 Systems, Aquafine, Atlantic Ultraviolet, Ideal Horizons and Infilco-Degremont or approved equals. See Section 11265 for additional system information.

20. Question: Do you have a manufacturer for the fiberglass tanks?

Answer: The tanks shall be 1 piece round fiberglass with a smooth polished gel coat interior, 48"D x 30"H Gemini RCT-235S or approved equivalent include leveling legs and drain connections (Section 15440).

21. Question: Do you have a manufacturer for the vertical incubators?



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Answer: Incubator cabinet constructed of a one-piece welded aluminum frame. 8-Tray Vertical Incubator by MariSource, Fish Farm Supply Co. or approved equivalent. Include egg trays and screens (Section 15440).

22. Question: Is GC to handle testing and inspections for project?

Answer: Testing is to be provided and paid for by the contractor according to specification Section 01410. Concrete, compaction and proctor tests are required.

23. Question: Is bid hand delivered? Or submitted on www.colorado.gov/vss portal?

Answer: Bids may be mailed or hand delivered to 711 Independent Ave Grand Junction. Online bid submission is prohibited.

24. Question: Is project tax exempt?

Answer: The Division of Parks and Wildlife is exempt from paying Colorado sales tax. Any materials and supplies purchased for this contract are exempt. The Contractor will need to obtain an exemption number from the Department of Revenue for this project and each subcontractor is required to obtain one under the general contractor.

25. Question: The UV System, list UV vessel, bulb, quartz sleeve, sensors, etc. Is this a design build? I don't see the UV system called out in drawings?

Answer: The UV System shall be in accordance with Specification Section 11265.

26. Question: Will the owner handle the permitting? Owner pay permit fees?

Answer: State Electrical and Plumbing permits will be required. A building permit will not be required. The contractor is required to obtain all permits according to Section 02050.

27. Question: Are state permits required for plumbing and electrical?

Answer: State Electrical and Plumbing permits will be required. A building permit will not be required. The contractor is required to obtain all permits according to Section 02050.

28. Question: Drawings state coordinate service extension with Xcel. Is Xcel aware of the project? Is the awarded GC to reach out and coordinate the timing with Xcel? If this isn't already in Xcel's schedule, this could impact the overall schedule of the project. Appendix C that was provided, states total project duration is typically 3-6 months for Xcel.



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Answer: Xcel is aware of the project, but the awarded GC will be required to coordinate timing with Xcel. Since the Xcel project duration may be 3-6 months, it is important to begin coordination as soon as the project is awarded.

29. Question: Is there a detail on the concrete vault?

Answer: The concrete vault typical footing section is shown on the Foundation Plan Section A6/6. The vault slab is 5" fiber reinforced concrete.

30. Question: We are putting PVC panels on ceiling? Are they attached to plywood? Or framing?

Answer: ½" PVC ceiling panels may be attached directly to the roof framing.

31. Question: Do stairs need a railing?

Answer: Stair railing is not included in the bid documents, but may be added at a later time either by the Owner, or by the Contractor via change order.

32. Question: Can we provide an alternate for the PVC panels?

Answer: PVC wall and ceiling panels shall be Duramax PVC tongue and groove according to Section 06600. Alternate products that meet or exceed the performance of the specified product will be evaluated during the submittal portion of the project.

33. Question: Prevailing wages are NOT required for project?

Answer: Prevailing wages do not apply to this project.

34. Question: Do you have a tentative start and completion date?

Answer: The tentative start and completion dates are 6/2/2025 and 9/1/2025 respectively.

35. Question: Is there water on-site that is accessible to excavators?

Answer: The hatchery's truck fill station will be available for construction use. The fill station is located on the south end of the raceways.

36. Question: Where would the excess soils be relocated to?

Answer: Excess soil may be disposed of on site. Potential locations are behind the shop building north of the visitor parking, or along the access road north of the hatchery on the east side of the river. Final location to be approved by the Project Manager.

37. Question: Do we need gutters/downspouts? Don't see them called out.



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Answer: Gutters and downspouts are not required.

38. Question: Painting section 09900, are we staining the wood, SW Super Deck exterior waterborne solid color deck stain? Even though the PVC panels cover all walls and ceiling?

Answer: All exposed interior wood is to be stained including the stairs, treads and handrail (see Addendum No. 1). Wood covered by PVC panels do not require stain.

39. Question: Metal Roof and Wall panels are prefinished by manufacturer?

Answer: Panels shall be finished with siliconized polyester according to Section 07410. Alternate finishes will be evaluated during the submittal phase.

40. Question: Drawing 7 says to stain steps per section 09900, you want them stained?

Answer: Steps are to be stained according to Section 09900. Sherwin Williams SuperDeck Solid Stain or approved equivalent.

41. Question: Drawing 8 shows alternates: tanks, incubators. The 6” drain line is base bid correct?

Answer: The 6” drain line is to be included in Base Bid Item 9 - Water and Sewer Utilities to Building.

42. Question: Drawing 8, 4x4x2 Tee, says total of 18. However, 3 of the tanks closes to the vault show (2) Tee’s per tank. Is that correct they get (2), if so that would be 21 Tees required.

Answer: Each tank will require 1 tee and valve. Redundant tees have been removed, see Addendum No. 1.