## TANY 24-34B / D215005

Replacement of Meadow Hill Road Bridge over I-87, NYS Thruway at MP 60.95 in Orange County

## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

- Q1. We noticed that the Completion Date for this Contract is November 20th, 2025, as per Proposal Book 1 and the Bid Proposal Document provided by the Thruway Authority. By industry standards, the lead time for structural bridge steel and bearing delivery is 8 to 10 months from the Notice to Proceed. Assuming notice to proceed is January of 2025, the steel and bearings would be delivered by September or October of 2025 which will not provide us with sufficient time to complete this Contract. We kindly request the Authority to revisit this contract completion date to account for the delivery of these long lead items.
- A1. The Authority has not had issues completing bridge replacements in one season with lettings as late as February in the past. Section 108 of the Standard Specs allows for the Authority to provide for extensions of time without the assessment of Liquidated Damages and Engineering Charges in specific situations. It is the Authority's intent to complete this bridge replacement project in one season.
- Q2. The Insurance portion of the Standard Specs states any deductibles in excess of \$100k will need to seek approval from the Authority. We have a \$500K deductible. Please provide the following information:

How do we go about seeking approval?

Who do we have to reach out to?

What information will be needed?

A2. Refer to the Thruway Addendum (TA) to the Standard Specifications for our Thruway Authority Insurance requirements. TA Section 107-06 includes Insurance requirements starting on page 21 of 51:

https://www.thruway.ny.gov/business/addendum/2024-02-22-ta-24.pdf

In general, a larger deductible would require a letter for review which includes the following: A statement showing the deductible exceeds the \$100,000 amount.

A description of how the larger deductible would be funded (i.e. a cash reserve, securitized fund, etc.).

A description of how claims are managed within that deductible (i.e. A separate claims department, the fund manager if securitized fund, etc.).

- Q3. Can you please clarify the scope of the asbestos abatement work. Bid Item 210.3313 is titled removal and disposal of bond breaker/filler ACM. It appears that the original backwalls may have been modified under previous contracts and the bond breaker material is no longer present. The ACM Inspection report refers to a white paint coating on the substructures. Is this item supposed to be used for the coating? Shouldn't it be 210.481XXX item and possibly paid for by SF rather than Lump Sum?
- A3. The Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) white paint listed in the January 2024 inspection report is considered a miscellaneous asbestos material. Therefore, the bid item should be 210.4812XX, Removal and Disposal of Miscellaneous ACM (BV14), SF. In an upcoming amendment the following changes will be made:

Delete Item 210.3313

Add Item 210.481201 with a quantity of 1,300 SF.

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- Q4. Drawing ST-04 points to two inbound conduits as the ones needing abatement on the bridge and paid for under Item 210.3013. However, indicate that the smaller inbound conduits are 3" galvanized steel and the outer, larger 4" conduits are fiber conduits. Please confirm that it is the larger conduits and outer conduits that are to be abated.
- A4. Since all the materials were not able to be seen or tested and are presumed to be ACM in the January 2024 Inspection report, they all must be considered ACM. However, if during the demolition of the areas of concern, and if the conduits are galvanized steel, then the galvanized steel conduits can be disposed of as non-asbestos containing material. Please refer to the Special Notes listed in (BV14) for Item 210.3013 for additional information.
- Q5. Can the utility relocation plan and schedule for the overhead utility please be provided?
- A5. The preliminary utility relocation plan from Central Hudson is attached. All work to relocate the utilities and poles is scheduled to be completed by March 31, 2025.

