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Please see below responses to questions on our Spring Street Box Culvert Replacement project.

1. It was our understanding that this project is no longer design build and we are to price of the most recent set of plans. Section 1.4.2 in the proposal states that we must retain a geotechnical engineer to evaluate the subsurface conditions of the culvert foundations. Normally the owner provides the geotechnical work prior to bid. Do we need to include geotechnical in our price and if so, how will we be compensated if the geotechnical survey discovers something different than the preliminary survey provided.

The contractor must retain a geotechnical engineer because the owner's geotechnical report only provided recommendations for a bridge foundation. The owner's geotechnical report does provide information that may be used by the contractor, but an official recommendation for the culvert foundations must come from a Geotechnical Engineer licensed in the state of Georgia.

2. Section 1.3.2 states that the contractor is responsible for the costs of all utility services required. Based on previous conversations connected to the original bid we understood that the owner will cover all costs of utility relocation and we only need to coordinate the work. Please clarify.

Any costs for relocating private utilities (such as power, gas, telephone, cable, etc.) will be covered by the City. Costs associated with any public utilities such as water lines or sewer lines shall be covered by the contractor.

3. Since this project is no longer design build it is our understanding that we do not have to provide the construction schedule or the technical narrative.

A construction schedule should be provided. A technical narrative is not necessary unless a deviation from the plan is proposed or a value engineering item is presented.

4. Is it correct to state that the plan notes allow the contractor to install a pre-fabricated culvert or to pour on site as long as GDOT quals are met?

Contractor may install a pre-fabricated culvert or pour on site as long as GDOT specifications are met.