

Letter of Clarification #1
Perimeter Fence Replacement at MHMRA'S Bristow Location, 2627 Caroline St.

To: All Contractors
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RE: Letter of Clarification #1 for Perimeter Fence Replacement at MHMRA'S Bristow Location, 2627 Caroline St., Houston, Texas

For the benefit of all Contractors submitting Proposals and to avoid possible confusion, the Proposal documents are clarified as follows. Please note this Letter of Clarification #1 and all attachments are hereby incorporated into the Proposal document.

I. CLARIFICATION

Question #1: How will the property be secured while the fence is being installed?

Answer 1: The MHMRA Facility is a 24 hour operation and the property must be secured by the Contractor with viable perimeter fencing at the end of any contractor working period.

Question #2: Will we use the existing operator for the Gate? Is there any Electrical work required?

Answer 2: Yes the existing operator can be reused for the Gate. If any electrical work is required in the switch from the existing gate to the new gate the Contractor will be responsible.

Question #3: Will the Contractor's crew be required to be checked by the DPS?

Answer 3: No.

Question #4: Is Warranty required?

Answer 4: Yes, see Specification Section 02850 for details.

Question #5: How will existing shrubs be dealt with during removal and replacement of fence?

Answer 5: MHMRA will have the shrubs trimmed to a lower height and away from the fence. If a shrub dies once the contractor has mobilized, it is the Contractor's responsibility to replace the shrub in kind.

Question #6: Will workers be allowed on adjacent parking lots to accomplish the project?

Answer 6: MHMRA anticipates approval from the adjacent property owners to allow Contractor workers on adjacent parking lots prior to issuance of contractor notice to proceed.

Question #7: Is the fence on the actual property line? Will MHMRA provide the property survey with designated property lines?

Answer 7: MHMRA shall locate and expose property corners or install property corner pins prior to issuance of contractor notice to proceed. Contractor shall be responsible for establishing property lines between corner markers to insure that the new fence construction is located totally within the property boundaries.

Question #8: The specifications require Hot Dipped & Galvanized Powder coated fence material. Based on the Contractors experience this type of fence material has a rougher surface and will easily flake/peel. Contractors suggested a Pre-Galvanized Steel. How do you want to proceed?

Answer 8: Pre-Galvanized fence material may be used, however, all fence components shall be hot-dipped after fabrication as indicated in Specification Section 02850.

Question #9: Pre-Galvanized Steel can be put in place with brackets, bolted or welded in the field. How do you want to proceed?

Answer 9: All field connections shall be bolted as specified in Specification Section 02850. No field welding shall be allowed.

Question #10: How do you want the fence to be handled in between the concrete? Score with Concrete Saw or Core Drilling?

Answer 10: Either core drilling or saw cutting is acceptable. In either case, as stipulated in Specification Section 01000, concrete shall be repaired to match adjacent construction.

Question #10: How do you want the fence in the corner around the tree to be handled? The way it is in the specs there will be a gap. Should we go straight instead?

Answer 10: Drawings indicate the fence to be offset 3'-0" around the tree. Bids shall be based on this alignment.

Question #10: Confirm Hardware on pedestrian gates, do we need panic bars?

Answer 10: Pedestrian gates are not for public access. Provisions should be made for padlock.

Question #10: Will the fence under the Patio be removed and replaced?

Answer 10: No, it will remain in place.

Question #11: Who will remove the gate operator on back fence? Who will handle the electrical work?

Answer 11: Gate operator on Austin street side shall be removed and disposed of by the Contractor. MHMRA will handle killing the electrical feed to the gate.

This Letter of Clarification #1 is hereby incorporated in the Proposal document and shall supersede any previous specification or provision in conflict with the Letter of Clarification #1. All Proposers/Contractors are directed to propose accordingly. Proposers/Contractors are required to add this Letter of Clarification #1 to the original Proposal document.