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AMENDMENT 002

This amendment is being raised to answer questions submitted during and after the site visit in response to solicitation 5P420-16-5050/A:

A. OPTIONAL SITE VISIT MINUTES:

May 25, 2016, 1:00 CDT

Duane Hanson – Site Manager
Albert Chabot – Asset Manager
Michael Caswell – Asset Manager

The purpose of the site visit was explained to the interested bidder. This was done to ensure that everyone present were equally informed and all questions were answered.

Questions:

Q1: The diagram shows rails on both sides of the gates. The rails are not specified as to what the size of the rails are. Please specify.

A1: The rails will be 4-5 inch.

Q2: Are both side of the gates to be railed?

A2: Yes, both sides must be railed.

Q3: Are there any cross fence to be tied into?

A3: Yes there are cross fenced and they must be tied into and braced.

Q4: Must all posts will be 7's?

A4: Yes, all posts must be 7's.

Q5: Will the contractor need to replace over existing line?

A5: It depends on the surveying. There is a 3 foot leeway over the fence. The contractor must try to stay within 1 foot of the existing fence if possible. If not possible, the contractor must bring it to the attention of the Project Manager.

Q6: What is the total amount of surveying required, in miles?

A6: Approximately 39 miles. Parks Canada owns both sides of the fence in some areas where surveying won't be necessary.

Q7: Any idea of how many steel gates will need to be installed?

A7: Steel gates are not required, just wired gates.

Q8: Does Parks Canada require a specific gate latch?

A8: Latches must be approved by a Parks Canada representative after award.

Q9: Are there any details for wire gates?

A9: All wire gates must have 6 wires and the contractor must use stays when building them.

Q10: Are pipelines crossing the line locations?

A10: It will the responsibility of the contractor to contact Line Locate to locate any pipelines.

Q11: Will the contractor have access to yards or storage areas? Are yards secure?

A11: Parks Canada does not have a secure yard available to the contractor.

Q12: Could the contractor set up our own compound?

A12: Yes, but it must be located close the road, but not in sensitive areas. Parks Canada's pre-approval of site is required.



Q13: Will access all be on park land or will the contractor have to access from neighbouring sides?

A13: No, all access will be from the Park side, unless Parks Canada gets approval from the landowners prior to the contractor accessing their land.

Q14: Are there specific specifications for treated posts?

A14: Minimum standard CSA O80 is required.

Q15: How much wetland will the contractor have to deal with?

A15: There will be a few creeks to possibly cross, not much for swamp areas, but there is a lot of alkali in the east Block. The terrain will be pretty flat for the most part, but there will be some bad lands. There may be a mile or so of badlands, but the majority shouldn't be an issue.

Q16: What is the ground like?

A16: Rocky, cobble stones, hard pack. The contractor may have to drill or wand some hole previous to pounding.

Q17: Can the contractor use the old post holes?

A17: Using the old post holes may not always be possible, it depends on the situation.

Q18: Do the old posts holes need to be filled in?

A18: Yes, but the fill must not be delivered from elsewhere.

Q19: How many gates will need to be put in?

A19: It is estimated that a maximum of 80 wired gates will be needed for this project.

Q20: What are the salvaged goods going to be?

A20: Everything that the contractor removes becomes the property of the contractor unless the land owners have specified differently.

Q21: What is the access like?

A21: Access roads are dirt road. The contractor must be prepared to leave if there is moisture or to be able to stay on site until it dries up enough to be able to get out. The contractor is responsible to plan their days around the weather as much as possible, within reason.

Q22: What equipment can access the site?

A22: Equipment must leave minimum disturbance to the ground.

Q23: What about in the alkali?

A23: The contractor will have to try and pull themselves through, try to refrain from spinning your tires.

Q24: Does the contractor need to get permission from landowners to access their land?

A24: Parks Canada has been in contact with the landowners, but they will need to be notified prior to the contractor accessing their property.

Q25: Will Parks Canada supply the numbers for all the land owners?

A25: Yes all the numbers will be supplied for the contractor.

Q26: Is camping allowed in the park for the fencers?

A26: Yes, but Parks Canada's pre-approval is required. Some places are a long ways from towns where the contractor could get housing.

Q27: Would a motor home be allowed for housing personnel?

A27: Yes, but Parks Canada's pre-approval is required on location.

Q28: Is there a time frame or penalties for going over the time allotted for completion of the contract?

A28: No, there are no penalties and the end date is the end of March next year. The contractor must not pound after the ground has frost.



Q29: Does Parks Canada want only 1 bidder or will Parks Canada do a split contract award?

A29: Parks Canada will award only one contract as a result of this Invitation to Tender.

Q30: Is payment a lump sum?

A30: Progress claims are to be submitted in accordance to General Conditions GC5 under clause R2850D (2016-01-28).

Q31: Will the contractor be paid for materials?

A31: Yes, the contractor will be paid for materials purchased upon submission and acceptance of a progress payment claim in accordance with the invoicing instructions of the contract.

Q32: How long after submitting a claim for payment will the contractor get paid?

A32: Refer to General Conditions GC5 under clause R2850D (2016-01-28).

Q33: Does Parks Canada have stuff we can use if our supplies run out and can't get here before we need more?

A33: No.

Q34: What are the dimensions for the bin anchors?

A34: Bin anchors are 43 inches long. Parks Canada will be supplying the bin anchors to the contractor. See below for changes to specifications.

Q35: How can the contractor access the fence with large equipment to get supplies in?

A35: The contractor will not be able to access a lot of the fences with large equipment. The contractor will have to haul smaller loads in, as required. The larger and heavier equipment won't be ideal because of the rock crossings and the trails, as most of the trails are just bladed fire guards.

Q36: Has Parks Canada done environmental sweeps?

A36: Yes. Parks Canada will go out prior to the fencing being done and flag the sensitive areas that the contractor will have to avoid.

Q37: Are all the posts required to be wood?

A37: Yes, all posts must be wood, pine only.

Q38: Do stays need to be used throughout the fence?

A38: Only on gates. There are stays that hook on the anchors and on the wires to help hold the wires down in spots, they must all be pre-fabricated by the contractor. The contractor will be provided with the spacing for making them.

Q39: Is there a consulting engineer or will the contractor be working directly through Parks Canada?

A39: The contractor will work directly with Parks Canada. Parks Canada requires after award the contractor's supply lists and a list of the contractor's suppliers. Parks Canada would also like to see the specifications for posts.

Q40: Are there any animals that the contractor will need to watch out for? Cougars? Wolves? Snakes?

A40: Yes, rattle snakes. For safety purposes, the contractor is advise to move their equipment before crawling under it to grease or check it.

Q41: Does the material belong to the contractor or does the Community Pastures say they are taking it?

A41: The Community Pasture has requested that the new wire they installed is returned to them, the posts will belong to the contractor. The majority other items will belong to the contractor, other then what is specified.

Q42: In section 4 where it says 'neighbours all salvage', what does that mean?

A42: They want the steel posts from this section of fence.

Q43: Are the neighbours collecting the posts or is that the responsibility of the contractor?

A43: It is the responsibility of the contractor. The neighbours have requested that the posts are moved within a mile of the fence, if possible.

Q44: Where is the nearest hospital?

A44: Gravelbourg or Assinaboia would be nearest hospital for the East Block and Swift Current would be the nearest for Val Marie. Swift Current is the only location that carries anti-venom supplies. The following locations are Medicine Hat



and Lethbridge. There are ambulances out of Val Marie, Ponteix and Mankota. STARS air ambulance may be available in certain areas.

Q45: Is there good cell service in the areas?

A45: On the tops of the high hills there is some service, but it is defiantly spotty.

Q46: Will the contractor do the surveying, and Parks Canada move it as needed?

A46: Parks Canada is going to try to stay within 1-3 feet from the line, if possible. Parks Canada will flag most of the trouble places.

Q47: What hours is the contractor allowed to be in the Park?

A47: Daylight hours, which is 1 hour after sunrise and 1 hour prior to sunset.

Q49: What days of the week can the contractor perform work? Can the contractor work 7 days a week?

A49: There are no restrictions on what days of the week the contractor can perform the work.

Q50: What is the typical weather conditions in this area?

A50: Rain, wet terrain, weather and heat. All of these things are major factors. Caution is required when working in tall/dry grass, as there may be a fire risk. The contractor must have firefighting equipment with them at all times. In case the contractor starts a fire, they must aware of what to do and who to contact.

Q51: Can the contractor mow the tall grass?

A51: No.

Q52: What percentage of the fence does Parks Canada think the contractor will have to auger? Does Parks Canada have to auger a lot?

A52: No, there will not be a lot of auguring required. It will the responsibility of the contractor to determine the need for augering.

Q53: Can the contractor vibrate the posts in?

A53: Yes, this is acceptable.

Q54: Does Parks Canada require that wire be tied to the ground?

A54: No, Parks Canada does not require the contractor to ground the wire. The anchors will be put in for braces.

Q55: How many anchors does Parks Canada suspect will be needed?

A55: Parks Canada will be supplying the anchors.

Q56: What happens with any unforeseen costs?

A56: All unforeseen changes required to the work performed under the contract must be approved in writing by the Contracting Authority.

Clarifications:

On the Community Pasture fence there are some tie-ins that will be approximately 20 yards off the fence.

There's a couple of places where you will be right on top of the ridge, instead of going down the ridge to where the snow will cover the fence and break wires move the fence slightly to resolve that problem. This goes for creeks as well, the contractor might need to go into Community Pasture land in some places. Parks Canada will be in contact with the Pastures to ensure they are kept informed. For the most part if the contractor have to move the fence, it will usually be moved into Park land.

In section 11, the contractor will be building a fence 16 feet away from the existing fence. This is a brand new fence, no tare out required. There is sheep in the adjoining pasture, therefore this is just a barrier fence.



B. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q57. The fence posts specified are 5-7" x 8' pressure treated square / diamond sharpened posts. This is an unusual specification for the diameter as normally post diameter is specified in 1" diameter increments; so either a 5-6" x 8' post or a 6-7" x 8' post. Accordingly, a 5.25" diameter post would meet the current specification and that post is ~ 40% less expensive than a 6.25" diameter post. Does Parks Canada approve the use of the proposed alternate materials?

A57. This should have read 6" to 7" pine CSAO80 pressure treated post. No alternate materials will be accepted.

Q58. The fence posts specified are to be "square / diamond sharpened" – please confirm if this is the same thing as wedge cut sharpened. Also, would pencil sharpened be acceptable? The concern is that not all plants wedge-cut sharpen their posts and based on an order of this size combined with the timeline it may be difficult to source resulting in greater costs.

A58. Square/ Diamond sharpened is the same as wedge cut sharpened. Pencil sharpened is acceptable.

Q59. Is there a risk that during construction the project could be held up by extreme drought which may result in back-country travel restrictions – prohibited use of equipment due to fire risk?

A59. Yes, it would be high extreme fire risk. When unforeseen circumstances occur, the contractor must communicate with the Project Manager.

Q60. Is site 5 not in the scope of work as it is not on any of the maps?

A60. It is on the map, it is against community pasture in the East block.

C. MODIFICATIONS TO SPECIFICATIONS

DELETE: In its entirety

REPLACE WITH:

All other terms and conditions remain the same.