

ADDENDUM NUMBER 1

**REQUEST FOR BIDS
TOWN OF ACTON
Former Caouette Property (DEP RTN 2-0018007) and
Abutting Portion of Former MBTA Property (DEP RTN 2-0017998)
Stow and Maple Streets
Acton, Massachusetts**

The Town of Acton has received questions by email and during the site inspection held on October 11, 2011 regarding the Remediation Activities Request for Bids (“RFB”) for the Former Caouette Property and the Abutting Portion of the Former MBTA Property in Acton (collectively the “Site”). This addendum is the official response to those questions.

ALL BIDDERS SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE RECEIPT OF THIS ADDENDUM IN THEIR BID RESPONSE.

The questions and responses are as follows:

1. Q. Will the electric deer fence and the irrigation pipes and hoses used by farmers at the affected portion of the Former Caouette Property be removed before commencement of the Work?

A. Yes. The farmer operating the Former Caouette Property will remove the electric deer fence and the irrigation pipes and hoses from the affected portion of the Former Caouette Property prior to commencement of the Work.
2. Q. Will the Contractor be required to arrange a police detail for the Work?

A. No. Because all excavation and loading of trucks will occur on the Site, not on nearby streets, a police detail is not required.
3. Q. One of the areas to be excavated is approximately four feet away from one of the two sets of rail road tracks on the Site. Are both tracks on the Former MBTA Property?

A. The Town believes that the railroad tracks are located on the former MBTA Property now owned by the Town. In the immediate area of the railroad tracks, the property line is the limit of work.
4. Q. Are certified payrolls required for truck drivers transporting soil and materials to and from the Site?

A. Yes. Pursuant to the Massachusetts prevailing wage law, the Town will collect weekly payroll records from all contractors and keep those records on file. Weekly payroll report forms are available on the Massachusetts Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, Department of Labor Standards’ (“DLS”) website.

5. Q. Several of the specifications included in the RFB state that “straw wattles” will be used for erosion control. The Order of Conditions attached as Exhibit C to the RFB, specifies that hay bales are to be used. Which of the two should be used?
- A. Consistent with the Order of Conditions, hay bales should be used rather than straw wattles.
6. Q. The RFB requires hay bales and silt fence, but there is no reference to the linear footage needed to secure the location. What is the quantity of required linear footage?
- A. Approximately 800 linear feet of silt fence and 800 linear feet of hay bales will be required in the proposed area of excavation and an additional approximate 160 linear feet of silt fence and 160 linear feet of hay bales will be required at the small wetland adjacent to the wheel wash station, as required in the Order of Conditions. Each bidder should include the cost of hay bales and silt fence in the base bid. The Town will not consider a change order if the amount of silt fence or hay bales is greater than listed here.
7. Q. May the Contractor level out the equipment/soil stockpile area and truck load out area with stone and leave the stone in place once the Work is complete?
- A. No. The equipment/stockpile and truck load/turning area should not be leveled (i.e. regraded). Stone can be brought in and spread in that area to provide a firm base, but the stone must be removed during demobilization so that the area can be returned to use as a farm field.
8. Q. Is there a water source available at the site?
- A. The Town is not providing a water source at the Site. Bidders may contact Chris Allen at the Acton Water District (978-263-9107, chris@actonwater.com), regarding use of water from hydrants on Stow or Maple Street. Please note that the Acton Water District is a separate governmental entity and not a department of the Town.
9. Q. The Prevailing Wage Rate Information attached as Exhibit F to the RFB states that soil should be excavated to a depth of eighteen inches, but other specifications in the RFB state that excavation should be conducted to a depth of two feet or until impacted soils are removed. Which specification should be followed?
- A. Excavation will be conducted to a depth of two feet or until impacted soils are removed.
10. Q. Will the Contractor need to attend any public meetings in connection with the Work?

A. Yes, before starting construction, Contractor will be required to attend one evening meeting (approximately 2-3 hours in length) in the Town of Acton with the Town's LSP to respond to questions from concerned citizens about the project. That meeting is scheduled for November 2, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at the Acton Public Safety Facility, 371 Main Street, Acton, Massachusetts. Each bidder should include within its proposed contract base price all costs associated with preparing for and attending such a meeting. The Contractor representative will not be required to make a presentation, but may be requested to help answer questions from the public.

11. Q. How should stumps removed from the contaminated areas be managed?

A. Stumps should be brushed or washed free of soil clumps, ground and then managed with other woody chips.

12. Q. What costs should be included in the unit price for soil excavation and disposal?

A. Costs to be included in the unit price are described in the specifications and on the Bid Form.