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ADDENDUM #1

for North Topsail Beach Phase/Reach 5 Shoreline Beach Truck Haul

In response to requests for additional information, the Town of North Topsail Beach (referred to herein as the Town or NTB) has provided the following information to all bidders. The information provided is for the bidder's information only. Bidder is referred to Instructions to Bidders (ITB) regarding examination of contract documents.

Addendum #1 consists of 11 items (questions in black text, statements/answers in blue text):

1. <u>Temporary Town Hall</u> – Please turn in bid packages at the temporary town hall (the restoration of the permanent town hall is still ongoing). This is listed in the bid package and is:

Temporary NTB Town Hall 1000 NC HWY 210 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

- 2. <u>Permits</u> permits are anticipated to be issued in December of this year. Permits from NCDCM and the USACE are required for this project.
- 3. Additional parking/staging at Gray Street The Town has additional parking/staging available along Gray Street. Figure 1 presents areas that can be used by the contractor. Parking passes can also be issued by the Town if necessary.



Figure 1: Additional Parking/Staging at NTB facilities along Gray Street.

4. Does Town of North Topsail Beach have the funding in place for a January 2022 start date for this project, or is the town waiting on funding from other sources?

The Town of North Topsail Beach is in the process of finalizing funding for this project through the NC Local Government Commission (LGC). Funding is anticipated to be finalized by February 3 and a notice to proceed will immediately follow LGC funding finalization.

5. The cover letter for the project states that "the project includes placing 289,000 cy (+/-15%) of beach compatible material..." For planning purposes, can you confirm that the absolute minimum amount of sand to be placed will be 245,650 cy (85% of 289,000 cy), and not another arbitrary lower amount?

FEMA hurricane mitigation has obligated the project volume proposed for this project (289,000 cy) and this project is not dependent on any state grants. It is the intent of NTB to fulfill this project volume in full and LGC funding is being sought for this effort. Note that permit condition violations and/or other unforeseen circumstances could affect execution of this project however it is the intent of the Town to fulfill this project. See Contract Documents regarding unit price work and estimated quantities.

6. Since the project is planned start in early 2022 with long duration break before restarting in late 2022, will the town provide a diesel price index so that awarded contractor can recover costs if diesel prices continue to escalate?

The Town and Engineer will consider requests for variations in the state diesel price index. Any adjustments for fuel costs will be determined by the Engineer on a monthly basis through a Change Order. See Contract Documents related to issuance of Change Orders.

7. Has Town of North Topsail Beach already coordinated with the approved sand pits to begin stockpiling sand for a January 2022 start date, or will awarded contractor have only minimal time to coordinate with sand pits so that they can commence dredging, screening, and stockpiling sand for the project?

The Town has coordinated with the two approved sand pits to make them aware of the project and timing. It is noted that the sand pits encourage as much advance notice as possible for stockpiling however the Town has not instructed either sand pit to stockpile material. The Town realizes that some stockpiling time may be needed prior to active project construction.

8. Section 6.05 page 23 of 65, Property Insurance – A – Builder's Risk – Is this required since no one has control of normal wave and beach erosion in which the product(new sand) is being placed in the exposed area of the beach.

Builder's Risk insurance is not required. Note that performance and payment bonds are required. Upon completion of acceptance sections, there is no warranty provision. The Contractor is not responsible for erosion or other natural forces that may occur to the beach following project construction.

9. Article 15 – Supplementary Conditions – Page 8 states that acceptance of construction sections based on 500 foot shoreline lengths for Progress Payments to the contractor. Since normal tides will erode the slopes of the beach along the shoreline causing the depletion of sand before a survey can be completed, will the engineer provide a daily survey of completed work and/or permit the contractor to do a daily survey for progress payments/verification of placement?

The Engineer will provide a daily survey of completed work. TI Coastal surveying will perform this work. The contractor is not permitted to do daily surveys for payment purposes.

10. Since this project will require sand placement in two (2) different permitted windows, please confirm the station to start at with sand placement and will the town provide another access point due to such a long haul route.

The Town has no planned station start and will work with the Contractor on order of work over the two different permitted windows. Other potential accesses may be explored as stated in the bid package: "Additional areas, if requested by the CONTRACTOR, are subject to OWNER approval." The Town can work with the Contractor on coordinating additional accesses. Note that NCDCM requires dune disturbance to be kept to a minimum and any disturbed areas shall be restored and revegetated following project completion. Also note that dune disturbance greater than 1-acre in area will require an Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan (as required by NCDEQ).

11. Should all questions of concern not be answered in a timely manner would the owner extend the bid date either a week or two.

No extensions are planned at this time.