

ITB #17-16: Cape Blossom Road Fill Material Pre-Bid Conference Notes*Attendance:*

Elizabeth Greer	AECOM
Peter Crews	AECOM
Jason Jessup	City of Kotzebue
William Reich	City of Kotzebue
Eric Swisher	City of Kotzebue
Luther Brice	Brice Incorporated
Michael Wheatley	Brice Incorporated
Marcus Trivette	Brice Incorporated
Toby Drake	Drake Construction, Inc.
Dan Hall	Knik Construction

Project Introduction.

(Jason Jessup) The project goal is to procure road materials for the upcoming Cape Blossom Road road construction. The project is funded through a State of Alaska GO bond. The City hopes to have contractors use a barge landing on the south end of town to avoid truck traffic through town.

(Elizabeth Greer) the goal of this contract is to have the stockpiled material in Kotzebue by October 2017.

Contract Documents

Peter Crews asked if there were any questions on the bid documents or technical specifications. Question: Why does preliminary delivery (special provisions 4.04 time of Completion) specify cubic yards and not specify tons if measurement will be in tons? Answer: Cubic yards will be changed to tons.

Review of Prior Contractor Questions (to date)

1. *Does the City of Kotzebue have permission from The State of Alaska Department of Transportation to take the riprap wall apart to build this barge landing? Answer pending per ADOT discussions with the City.*
2. *Does the City of Kotzebue have permission from The State of Alaska Department of Transportation to have trucks turning on the asphalt road that is built adjacent to the barge landing? Answer pending per ADOT discussions with the City.*
3. *Please verify that if the barge landing is constructed where it is on the plans that the existing security fencing will not be impacted or that the fence will not have an impact on the barge landing's capabilities. We believe there is enough space for truck turning without impacting the fence.*

4. *Please verify the haul route as pictured on Plan Sheet C-1. Is it the intent of The City of Kotzebue to cross the threshold on RW 9 and also cross TW "F" as the plan sheet shows?* ADOT is discouraging crossing of the runway, and encouraging use of a barge landing south of the runway. Another option would be to use a barge landing in town and require the contractor to truck around the Ted Stevens route, which would require crossing of two bridges. The City is currently in discussions with ADOT to resolve.
5. *Please verify that there is a barge landing permit with the USACE and that it is current to use this location.* USACE permits are generally valid for five years so the City believes there is a valid permit in place. This will be verified.
6. *Please verify the barge channel depth prior to bid day.* The City intends to use a boat with a depth finder to estimate August 2016 depths prior to bid opening. The channel at the airport has probably already filled in.
7. *If the contractor's barge draft is too much to use the barge landing, what is the mechanism to pay the contractor to remove the excavation to increase depth of water at the barge landing?* Answer pending. Follow on questions: *Could dredging be paid for by unit cost?* Answer: We will consider.
8. *If the contractor needs to dredge material where will the contractor be able to waste the spoils?* Answer pending.
9. *Since all the aggregates for this contract will have to be barged in please make the barge displacement measure the means to pay for the aggregate that will be used on the project.* We'll consider payment by barge displacement.

Conference Questions.

Will the State require stabilization of stockpiles? Usually the State requires mulching. Answer pending.

Are FAA permits required or are there height restrictions for work near the runways? Answer pending.

Why is a survey of the stockpiles necessary if payment is by the ton? The requirement for survey will be re-evaluated and taken out by addendum if determined unnecessary.

What is required for site preparation of the stockpile areas? The City is in discussions with the State (ADEC and ADOT). There may be a requirement to install a liner under the stockpiles. The areas will need to be re-claimed, but not under this contract. Reclamation would be required in the future contract to construct the Cape Blossom Road. Grass will probably not be required to be cut down.

Is there a deadline for submitting questions? None shown in the bid documents, a deadline date will be added by addendum.