



MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS

Pre-Bid Conference Minutes Miles City Hatchery Pond Kettle Replacement and Repair FWP #7213101

February 8th at 10:00 am

Attendees:

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Introduction: Phil Jagoda was introduced as the MT FWP Project Manager, Cory Hagemeister as the Hatchery Manager.

- **Bid Date:** Bids will be opened on February 17, 2022 at 3:00 pm at the MT FWP Design and Construction Office in Helena, 1522 9th Ave.
- **Submit bid to:** Address to submit sealed bids is 1522 9th Avenue, PO Box 200701, Helena, MT 59620-0701. Be aware of potential mail delays with USPS (Postal Service) and the FWP Central Mail Service. Contractors were reminded to review the mail delivery notice on page 4 of the project manual.
- **Montana Gov Delivery:** Bid documents are found online at:
<https://fwp.mt.gov/aboutfwp/design-and-construction/upcoming-bid-openings>
Sign up on the FWP **Upcoming Bid Opening Page** to receive all changes to and updates to the website. Receive e-mail notification of new projects, addendums, and pre-bid sign in sheets posted to the FWP web site. Sign up under **Design & Construction**
- **Contractor Registration:** Contractor Registration with the Department of Labor and Industry is not required to Bid the project. However, registration is required prior to contract initiation.
- **Bid Package Submittal:** bid shall include all items listed in Instruction to Bidders including:
 - a. Sealed envelope with address and project information
 - b. Bid Proposal
 - c. Bid Security
 - d. Acknowledgement of any AddendumsBids may be modified or withdrawn up to the bid opening. Contractors were asked to please review the Instruction to Bidders Section of the Contract Documents carefully prior to submitting a bid.

- **Bid bond - 10% of total bid:** bid security may be in the form of bid bonds, cashier's check, certified check or bank money order payable to the State of Montana. Personal checks are not accepted.
- **Performance Bond, Labor and Materials Bond:** Successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond and a Labor & Materials Bond in the amount of 100% of bid.
- **Subcontractor Approval Form:** form will be required to be submitted at time of contract initiation.
- **Insurance:** The successful bidder will be required to provide insurance as listed in the Contract Documents. Liability insurance shall be \$1 million per occurrence and \$2 million aggregate. Insurance must cover vehicles used by the company. Listing the State of Montana as additional insured is required.
- **Project Budget:** Estimated project cost is approx. \$1.1 million.
- **Fish, Wildlife and Parks supplied materials:** The facility has on-site soils to be used as fill if needed.
- **Project Schedule:** Contract timeline completion date is November 30, 2022. Project may start after contracts are signed and Notice to Proceed is issued.
Liquidated Damages - \$50 per calendar day
- **Addenda:** No addenda has been issued at this time. Notification of addenda will be automatically sent to those who have signed up to receive notifications from the FWP Design & Construction website.
- **Interpretations and Substitution Requests:** Interpretations and/or substitution requests were due in writing by Feb. 7th.
- **Montana Prevailing Wage Rates:** The project is subject to prevailing wage rates.
- **Buy Safe Montana Provisions:** described in Article 14 in Instructions to Bidders (page 20 of project manual), to be completed during contract initiation.
- **One Year Installation Warranty:** The project is subject to a 1 year installation warranty following final acceptance.
- **Payment:** Pay requests will be processed on a 30 Day frequency. The standard 5% retainage will be withheld until project is accepted & final closeout paperwork is completed. All payments are subject to 1% DOR withholding.
- **Record Drawings & QC Documentation:** considered as part of Contract Close Out Documents for final payment: redline asbuilts of kettles and QC documentation of concrete testing.
- **Supervision:** Contractor is required to have qualified supervisor on-site during construction.
- **Site Responsibilities:** Active hatchery operations, will need to coordinate work with Hatchery Manager & staff. Hatchery ponds will only be at half capacity to facilitate construction: pond draining & dewatering req'ts. Multiple contractors working at site concurrently will require coordination by all parties. Any permits responsibility of Contractor. Underground waterlines & electric on site to be reviewed with Owner.
- **Review of proposal items & Design Drawings:** Base Bid items & Additive Alternates #1 & #2.

Method of Award - Lowest Responsible Bidder per Section 8 of Instructions to Bidders, Additive Alternates accepted in consecutive order. Design drawings were reviewed.

- **Technical Specifications and Special Provisions:** Subgrade prep for kettles, Clay base pond grading will require proper slope/pitch for flow, Submittals for all product materials
 - **Project Walk-through:** Attendees toured the project site.
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Contractor Questions and Answers

1. *Question: does the concrete demo have to be hauled off site?*
 - Response: yes all of the demolished concrete and reinforcement must be hauled off site and disposed of at a permitted facility, as detailed in Specification Section 02112 Part 3.1(D), second paragraph.
2. *Question: Is the concrete testing paid for by the contractor?*
 - Answer: The concrete testing and cost is to be paid for by the contractor. As described in General Conditions Article 13.5.1..."the Contractor shall make arrangements for such tests, inspections and approval with an independent testing laboratory....and shall bear all related costs of tests, inspections and approvals." Additionally, see Addendum #1 which further clarifies that hiring of the independent laboratory for concrete testing shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.
3. *Question: When the center concrete wall is raised for Additive Alternate #2, does the steel U-channels need to be continued vertically up into the new concrete?*
 - Answer: Yes the steel U-channels need to be continued vertically.
4. *Question: Is a contractor required to bid on all Additive Alternates, or can they be left blank?*
 - Answer: For a bid to be valid, no bid items may be left blank. In accordance with Article 4.8 in the Instructions to Bidders "*Bid proposals entitled to consideration shall be made in accordance with the following instructions: 4.8.2 All blank spaces properly filled;*" Therefore, any bids received that do not have prices filled in the Additive Alternates will be rejected.
5. *Question: Is the bid award based on only the base bid or base bid plus additive alternates?*
 - Answer: In accordance with Article 8.3 in the Instructions to Bidders "*The low bid shall be determined on the basis of the lowest Base Bid or the lowest combination of Base Bid and Alternate Bid, accepted in consecutive order.*"

Miles City Fish Hatchery
Pond Kettle Replacement & Pond
Maintenance Grading
FWP #7213101

Montana Department of Fish,
Wildlife and Parks

Summary of Work

Base Bid

- Kettle demo & replacement 6 ponds: #1, 2, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Maintenance Grading clay lined ponds #1 & 2
- Maintenance Grading clay lined ponds #6-15 (10)

Additive Alternate #1

- Kettle demo & replacement 6 ponds: #6, 12, 13, 14, 15, & lower reservoir

Additive Alternate #2

- Raise concrete center wall exist. kettles (x33)

Existing Kettle Demo



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Existing Kettle demo (cont.)



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New Kettle construction



New Kettle construction (cont.)



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New Kettle construction (cont.)



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New Kettle construction railings & grates



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New Kettle construction stairway & rails



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New Kettle inlet pipes & screen



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New Kettle canal drainway



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Ponds 1 & 2 Maintenance Grading



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Ponds 1 & 2 maint. Grading (cont.)



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Additive Alt. #2: raise conc. center wall



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