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SOLICITATION FOR QUOTES

Boardwalk Trail Connector Project

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Addendum A – Questions and Answers

QUOTES DUE: 1-9-2023

Site/Construction Questions

- **Vehicle access – how close can a truck/UTV access the work area?**

ANSWER: The width of the access path that leads to the boardwalk site from the Tuttle Lane end will permit a standard sized pick up truck to get within about 200' of one end of the boardwalk. A small ATV could get even closer. The town will be responsible for removing logs/trees to reach this point prior to commencement of work. We can walk the site with the contractor prior to the commencing work to confirm what is needed. A pick up truck can also reach to within about 500' of the other end of the boardwalk, but materials would likely need to be hand carried from there.

- **Contractor to remove and dispose of existing boards in the wetland?**

ANSWER: No, the Stow Conservation Trust will remove and dispose of the boards. This will be done prior to commencement of work by the contractor.

Boardwalk/Design Questions:

- **What specific type (gauge/material) of pipe auger should be used?**

ANSWER: The contractor should recommend the specific type of pipe auger that would be structurally sound.

- **How high off the ground should the boardwalk be?**

ANSWER: The boardwalk should be approximately 12" off natural grade.

- **Will stump/root removal be needed, or can auger locations be adjusted?**
ANSWER: Field adjustments may be needed to avoid stumps roots. Where feasible, the boardwalk can meander to avoid obstructions. Removal of stumps may occur as a last resort if avoidance is infeasible.
- **Can the span length be longer than 10'?** ANSWER: The Order of Conditions for the project includes a finding that the span length will be 8 to 10'.
- **Augers installed to what psi? Designed for a particular load weight?**
ANSWER: The contractor should recommend the design based on the use of the boardwalk for pedestrians and bicycles only.
- **Confirm that the intended design load is for pedestrians and bicycles**
ANSWER: Yes
- **There is what appears to be a "5.5" x 5.5"" mounted on a post and auger at the bottom of the page of plans. I'm trying to understand exactly what that image represents how it fits into the overall plan. Typically the only place 6x6s appear on a boardwalk of this style is as sills at the very beginning and very end of the boardwalk. Is this what this is meant to be? Or is that a typo?**
ANSWER: The sketch plans are illustrative. Contractors should feel free to substitute alternative boardwalk bracing/fastening plans that meet the project purpose so long as they use a helical pier design and meet the load requirements for pedestrian and bicycle use. Below is a photograph of another similar boardwalk under construction in Stow (the plywood and logs will be removed when complete.)



- **Is the edging optional, how to include costs?** ANSWER: Yes the edging is optional. Labor and material costs should be broken out separately.
- **Should the ends of the boardwalk be ramped to meet natural grades?**

ANSWER: Yes

- **Please verify that engineered drawings are not required**

ANSWER: Engineered drawings are not required.

Procurement Logistics:

- **Is a Bid Bond Required?**

ANSWER: Yes

- **Regarding the OSHA class requirement - Is there a specific OSHA class that is recommended that you've had contractors take in the past?**

ANSWER: All employees working on this project must have a minimum of OSHA 10 certification. This class is available from a variety of vendors both online and in person. Any higher level of OSHA training will also meet the requirement.

- **Regarding the prevailing wage chart - obviously "Trailbuilder" is not included within that chart. What prevailing wage am I expected to pay for this project?**

ANSWER: Per DLS most of the work will fall under the "Laborer" category but some may also fall under "Carpenter". For specific questions and guidance please reach out to Michael Smith at michael.f.smith@state.ma.us.

- **Is this a MassDOT pre-qualification for project? If so what the class of work?**

ANSWER: No

- **Can you verify the estimate for this project? How much is allocated for the boardwalk?**

ANSWER: The project will remain under \$50,000 per M.G.L. c.30 39M

- **Based on the source of the funds, does "Buy American – Construction Materials" Apply?**

ANSWER: Yes