

**Morrison Moore Pedestrian Bridge Construction PI 0016629
Pre-Bid Construction Notes 11/18/24 10:00am**

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Project Identification

Review Bidding Schedule

Instructions to Bidders

Project Provisions and Additional Project Provisions: Davis Bacon Wage Rates were recently updated in September of 2024 (previous version Jan 2024)

Project Special Provisions: Some additional things if contractors are not used to working on projects with Federal funds. Included in Bid Docs.

Questions:

Are there any Geotech reports to provide?

The BFI report has been posted to GPR and is available by request from the City of Dahlonega.

Do you have to be a GA pre-qualified contractor for this project?

Yes. Additionally, the prime does not have to be pre-qualified for all categories if they have a sub that is pre-qualified in the category that the prime is not.

Must the 8% DBE goal be met and do sub-contractors contribute to this? Is 8% a requirement?
The DBE goal is not a required quota. If the prime contractor is a certified DBE firm then the contractor can self-perform efforts to achieve the goal or use subcontractors. If the prime contractor is not a DBE firm, then they contract with DBE firms to achieve the goal. If the bid results do not show achievement of the goal, then the bidder is to submit documentation of good faith efforts to achieve the goal. The GDOT DBE Program Criteria for Acceptance is included in the bid document and provides further information if needed.

How are we going to address the power lines over the first caisson?

The city in conjunction with the contractor will work with Southern Company to have the line deenergized during the appropriate part of construction.

Any discussion on staging at the parking lot boat ramp?

Some of the area, but not all the area. We need to keep the boat ramp open and bathrooms open.

Expected NTP date?

City Council will approve in Mid-Late December. Once the City of Dahlonega has approved the award process, GDOT will need to provide their concurrence before an NTP can be issued. This timeline is fluid, however the target date for City Council's approval is on or around 12/16/2024.

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Who is doing material testing?

GDOT

Are there to be silt booms in place across the opening there under the existing bridge and block all that off?

They are in the plans. If the entire channel needs to be closed for a period of time, that is okay.

Is there a possibility of short-term use of the vehicular bridge to use a concrete truck to pour a caisson?

Yes, and there is lane closures included in the special provisions.

Will you allow a barge?

Yes. There is a plan for a barge and launch location if needed.

Is the existing bridge able to hold a loaded crane?

This should be confirmed by GDOT prior to mobilizing.

Is the reservoir elevation change often?

No, the level of the reservoir is steady.

Since the reservoir is drinking water, are there any concerns with environmental problems with pouring the caissons?

During installation, contractors shall take care to ensure wet concrete is poured within containment devices installed in the reservoir from beneath the floor to above the water's surface. Minimal release into the reservoir is expected. If unusually large amounts are released into the water, the pour shall be immediately stopped, and City staff shall be immediately notified. If necessary, containment devices may be removed following concrete curing.

What is the estimated Budget?

This is available on the GeoPI website.