

Bridge 165 Question and Answer

(Updated 5/17/16)

Q1: Is this a prevailing wage job? The special provisions ask for payroll vouchers to be submitted weekly. If so, do you have the published rates available for all bidders. Union contractors will have to pay the prevailing wage anyway.

A: This is a locally funded project public agency project.

The Indiana General Assembly repealed the Indiana Common Construction Wage Act (Indiana's Prevailing Wage Law) effective July 1, 2015.

Unless federal or state law provides otherwise, a public agency may not establish, mandate or otherwise require a wage scale or wage schedule for a public works contract awarded by the public agency after July 1, 2015.

Q2: In the Construction/Storm water Pollution Prevention Plan Technical Review Checklist in the special provisions ... specifically page 2 of 8 ... the demolition of the existing bridge deck is to be accomplished by sawing the deck into slabs and lifting the slabs off and then disposing of the slabs. Is this the intent? The existing structure is an RC Slab and it is very difficult to demolish this type of bridge this way. Please clarify.

A: *This is an accurate interpretation of the pre-approved SWPP Plan. The contractor is free to submit alternative measures that ensure that "No debris will be permitted to remain in the floodway" for approval in their plan submission.*

Q3: Is the project already cleared? If not, we cannot do any clearing until after Oct. 1, 2016 according to the "Bat Clause" from IDNR.

A: *The right of way was previously cleared, a site visit should verify that only small seedlings and brush are left to clear (nothing that should affect the "Bat Clause").*

Q4: Will the existing piling at Pier #4 have to be removed completely or cut off at the bottom of the proposed footing? Is this cost to be included in Present Structure, Remove?

A: *The piling should be removed "using the contractor's selected means down to at least two feet below the elevation of the bed of Burnett's Creek" as per the SWPP Checklist. Removal shall extend to this minimum or as required to construct the new bridge (below the new footing) in accordance with Section 202.03 of the Standard Specifications. Payment for piling removal is to be included in the Present Structure Remove item.*

Q5: Are the mechanical anchors noted on plan sheet XX to be included as a pay item?

A: *In keeping with Section 703 there is no direct payment for the splices. The cost of the mechanical splices should be included in the unit price for reinforcing bars.*

Q6: Should the pay quantity for Dense Graded Subbase be "CYS" instead of "Tons"?

A: *The item should be "CYS" as per Section 302.09. The quantity (35 CYS) as shown on the Summary Sheet 28 is correct. The Itemized proposal unit label will be corrected by addendum later in the week.*