

Question and Answer List

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Project Name	<u>Highland Full Service Maintenance Facility</u>	Project Number	<u>DOT-130002</u>
Project Location	<u>Hillsboro, Highland County</u>	Contracting Authority	<u>State Architect's Office</u>

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Below are the questions that have been received to date for the RFQ of the above-referenced project:

1. Does the State have any soils information? We are aware that there is a lot of limestone and sandstone in the area.

Answer: We currently do not have soils information but, you are correct we are told that rock is just below the existing surface across the site.

2. Does the state anticipate maintaining the operations on-site during construction, or relocating the employees and equipment elsewhere? Will the deployment and hook-up of temporary facilities or move assistance be part of the scope?

Answer: The State plans on moving 99% of the operations off site, but may elected to keep the salt operations running during winter months. The move assistance and hook-up of temporary facilities is not part of this RFQ.

3. Is the state planning on procuring any additional land? It appears that the facility is sharing a curb cut with the adjacent natural gas company.

Answer: The State already owns the parking lot in front of the Gas Company building and plans on incorporating it into our new layout. We are also pursuing acquiring the Gas Company building itself. Additionally there is a dedicated alley between the two properties that we are currently trying to have vacated.

4. Is there a reason for the amount of time between the award of contract and start of construction? With a prototype design it would seem that this project would be ready to bid by February 2013, and construction could start in March or April.

Answer: We are currently discussing the desire to make structural and layout modifications to one of our prototypes. There is also the need to do soils exploration and site design. The schedule also takes into consideration the 60 days required to award a construction contract after bidding, and finally we also prefer to begin construction after the snow and ice season is over, If the planned schedule would allow for an earlier start we would not object.

5. Can we get a copy of the planned site layout?

Answer: We do not have a final site layout available. Any plans we may currently have are conceptual only and should not be construed as final.