McCrate Culvert Replacement Project

Bidder Questions and Clarifications
Bids Due by May 27th, 2025 @ 11:00 AM

Question	Response	Date
Are there utilities present at the site?	Not that we are aware of. The Contractor will be required to complete a locate.	4/25/25
Can the footings and stem walls be cast in place?	No. Per section **6-02.3(1) Classification of Structural Concrete** of the special provisions, *"The contractor shall pre-cast the concrete footings and stem walls off site."*	4/25/25
Are we going to be required to install site isolation even if there is no water?	The surface water in Eagle Creek varies substantially throughout the year and from year-to-year. The Contractor should expect that isolation measures will be required.	4/25/25
Is there any flexibility to the working window?	The contracted in-water work window is already an extended work window, so no additional time will be added for in-water work. The Contracting agency may work with the Contractor if there are extenuating circumstances for completion of upland work beyond 10/31/25.	4/25/25
For the access road in, can the gravel stay in place or does that road need to be removed and ripped? The gravel quantities for the road surface do not appear to be enough to cover that whole area?	All improvements to the road in, including procurement and placement of gravel on the main access route, are included in and incidental to the bid item for Temporary Access and Staging. The sepereate bid item for gravel road surface is specific to the work area. The staging area needs to be restored to pre-project	4/25/25

	conditions, but any gravel placed on the main access road in/ easement coming into the project area can remain in place at the completion of the project.	
What are the insurance requirements for this project?	All insurance requirements for this project are listed in section 1-07.18 of the special provisions/ project manual.	4/28/25
Are there approved bridge vendors that you can provide?	There are more than those listed below, however these have been provided as potential options by the Engineer. RTI Bridge 89 Kruger Road Plains, MT 59859 TrueNorth Steel – Bridge 5405 Momont Road Missoula, MT 59808 Contech Engineered Solutions	5/7/25
Can the Contractor precast in-house assuming that all criteria can be met?	Yes, assuming all the applicable criteria can be met. Per Section 6-02 the following is required. The Project Engineer can serve as the Professional Engineer, there would just need to be a lot of back and forth with photos and drawings so he can assure the work is done correctly. *In lieu of the above certification, the Contractor shall retain a professional engineer to provide quality*	5/9/25

	assurance for the work by inspecting and certifying in writing the concrete members are constructed in accordance with the contract specifications and FSSS Section 552 and shall include information including but not limited to the following: *a. Shop drawings review.* *b. Concrete member dimensions.* *c. Concrete mix design.* *d. Aggregate sources, moisture contents, test results.* *e. Steel reinforcing placement.* *f. Concrete curing and strength test results.* *g. Concrete material certifications.* *h. Placement mixing, delivery and sampling.* *i. Properly calibrated production and test equipment* *j. Proper records keeping including; personnel qualifications and training records, material sources, quality control testing results for the aggregate and concrete, pre-pour and post-pour inspection reports, batching records, disposition of failing products, and shipping.*	

Does the concrete forming actually need to have a broomed finish for the precast structgures?	No, assuming that they have a professional finish.	5/21/25