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REFER TO FILE: **BRC-2**

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### **ADAMS AND GRAND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES (DPSS) METRO FAMILY DEMOLITION PROJECT SPECS. NO. 7950; C.P. NO. 8A011**

#### **NOTICE TO BIDDERS "C"**

This Notice to Bidders "C" clarifies certain portions of the bid documents and provides responses to questions received, all of which are hereby made part of the contract documents.

#### **PROJECT MANUAL:**

1. Refer to Section 00 03 00, Form of Bid. **Delete** the Section in its entirety and **replace** with the attached revised Section 00 03 00 (Attachment 1).
2. Refer to Section 00 03 12, Insurance Requirements, **Delete** in its entirety and **replace** with revised Section 00 03 12 (Attachment 2).
3. Refer to Section 00 08 00, Supplementary Conditions, Article 7, Insurance Coverage Requirements – Types and Limits. **Delete** Paragraph A in its entirety and **replace** with the following Paragraph A:
  - A. Installation Floater: Such coverage is required for this Project and shall supercede Section 00 07 00, Builder's Risk Course of Construction Insurance, Article 45, and shall:
    1. Insure against damage from perils covered by the Causes-of-Loss Special Form (ISO form CP 10 30), and the perils of earthquake, flood, risk of transit loss, loss during storage (both onsite and offsite), and collapse during construction (without restricting collapse coverage to specified perils). If Project involves testing air conditioning systems, boilers, pressure

vessels, major machinery or major electrical panels, policy shall include coverage for such testing.

2. Cover all property to be installed (including labor) for the full Contract value (without coinsurance) against loss or damage until completion and acceptance by the County.
3. Such coverage shall be equal to the total Contract cost.

**DRAWINGS:**

Refer to S-Series Drawings. **Delete** references made to XS series sheets. XS-11.02 was an incorrect call out and was shown due to drafting error.

**QUESTIONS:**

Question 1: Are there any union requirements on this project? If so, can a non-union contractors sign the CWA?

Answer: This project is subject to the Countywide Community Workforce Agreement (CWA). Projects covered under the CWA have numerous union requirements. As stated in the Project Manual, the Contractor shall comply with all the terms of the CWA (included as Exhibit A of the Project Manual) and shall be bound by the terms and conditions for all Covered Work on the Project. This includes but is not limited to the provisions regarding the hiring of workers for the Project by the Contractor and all its subcontractors of all tiers. Non-union contractors can work on projects covered by the CWA. They will be held to the same requirements as union contractors.

Question 2: The Excess Policy follows form - 2mm/4mm/4mm GL limit required. Will the Excess/Umbrella policy satisfy these limits?

Answer: Yes, it will.

Question 3: The Excess Policy follows form - \$2M Automobile limit. Will the Excess/Umbrella policy satisfy these limits?

Answer: Yes, it will.

Question 4: Will Builder's Risk be needed for this project? Please confirm if there is a Builder's Risk Exposure here?

Answer: Builder's Risk is not required for this project.

Question 5: For Additive Alternate No. 1 – County Asset Retrieval, can you elaborate on "decontaminate"? Also, will the owner pick the assets from the project site, or is the contractor to deliver?

Answer: A) The level at which to decontaminate is described in the environmental documents, "Attachment E\_DPSS Asbestos Environmental Sampling Assessment." Contractor is to dust, use sanitation wipes and clean the contents for any dust or debris.

B) The Owner will pick up assets from the project site, either in the basement or from exterior Conex boxes provided by the contractor.

Question 6: The shoring plans are conceptual. Do we need to include the engineering to make these complete?

Answer: The approved shoring plans are fully designed and engineered as provided. The design shall be followed, and contractor is responsible for pulling all required permits and obtaining all clearances.

Question 7: Do we have As-Built plans on the structure adjacent on the South side? Do we have access to their roof for scaffolding or installation of scaffolding?

Answer: The County will search for additional As-Built plans and provide upon successful retrieval. The County will work with the contractor providing access to the sister building roof and below cafeteria for scaffolding and support structures. Means and methods, security and safety are the contractor's responsibility.

Question 8: The power lines on Grand are very close to the structure and will be closer to scaffolding. Are these to be in place during the project?

Answer: The power lines are Department of Water and Power (DWP) lines, and they are serving other facility in the area. Yes, the power poles and wires shall be protected in place and remain energized. Contractor

shall coordinate with City of Los Angeles DWP on protecting in place and keeping energized.

Question 9: Should the existing abandoned onsite 800-gallon Underground Storage Tank (UST) be removed?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for removal of the UST and shall obtain all necessary permits to perform the work.

Question 10: In the 100% CD's Drawing Set, pages S-9.02 and S-9.03 are attached, but I cannot find the Sheet for the referenced details/callouts. Can you please clarify?

Answer: Sheet S-9.01 shows 1/S2, 2/S2 and 3/S2 call out this should be 1/S-9.02, 2/S-9.02 and 3/S-9.02. S2 should be changed to S09.02.

Question 11: In the S-series drawings, there is a callout for Detail 2, Sheet XS-11.02, etc. Where are the "XS" series sheets located?

Answer: XS-11.02 was an incorrect call out was and shown due to drafting error. All XS reference removed. There are no XS series in the documents.

Question 12: Refer to Sheet C-3.0: The direction of flow per the plan goes in many conflicting directions per the arrows and invert elevations. Please review the direction of flow with arrows invert elevations and correct if necessary.

Answer: The proposed temporary onsite storm drain system is a force main. The arrows represent the pipe invert slope direction and does not correspond to the flow direction.

Question 13: Refer to Sheet C-3.0, Note 2, which indicates the installation of a "Temporary above ground tank filtration system" with no detail and/or specifications. Please provide details and specifications for this requirement.

Answer: Provide Aqiup Media Filtration System by Newterra or Temporary Sediment Settling (TSS) tanks (Baker Tanks or Rain For Rent tanks) or equal.

Question 14: Refer to Sheet C-3.0, Note 3 indicates "connect new sump pump to low point of existing trench drain" with no detail. Please provide details of this, including pipe sizing.

Answer: This is just a straight storm drain pipe connection from existing trench drain to proposed temporary pump. Provide about 3' of 6"-8" PVC pipe outlet to sump pump.

Question 15: Refer to Sheet C-4.0, Notes 2, 4 & 6, which indicate the installation of RCP piping for the storm drain. C7.1 indicates the "manifold piping" for the underground storage to be HDPE. The storm drain system pipe material specifications per 334200.2.01.B lists both RCP and HDPE. Please confirm HDPE can be used in lieu of RCP.

Answer: Yes, proposed onsite storm drain system can be HDPE. However, the offsite storm drain system that is within the Right-Of-Way shall be RCP.

Question 16: Refer to Sheet C-4.0, Note 3, which indicates the installation of a 36"x36" drop inlet per C-7.0/Detail 2. There is no filter indicated on either drawing. Are any storm drain filters required?

Answer: Yes, filter shall be included as part of the 36"x36" drop inlet.

Question 17: Refer to Sheet C-4.0, Note 6 which indicates the installation of 17" storm drain RCP pipe. C-4.1 indicates the pipe size as 12". RCP is not manufactured in 17". Please confirm the pipe size of 12" is the correct size.

Answer: This is typographical error. Note 6, shall be 12" RCP or HDPE.

Question 18: Can you please further explain what elements of the shoring need to be removed after demolition of basement? Walls, footings, slab, steel beams, etc.

Answer: The concrete piling including the steel columns shall remain in place, all other elements shall be removed.

Question 19: If our alternate means and methods, using high reach excavator and wrecking ball and crane, which are established demolition industry means and methods, is able to save the county several million dollars but is not approved by the county, will we be able to withdraw our bid? The sequence will be similar, but the means and methods will be modified.

Answer: The apparent lowest and responsible bidder will not be able to withdraw their bid. Wrecking ball and or explosion methods are not acceptable. Contractor shall follow the demolition methods provided in the plans and specifications. Alternate methods will not be considered.

Question 20: Refer to Plan Page S-0.10- S-8.19 and the Demolition Feasibility Study for DPSS (Final Report) show a detailed demolition sequence for building and foundation removal. Is the contractor to follow this demolition sequence per plan or are the means methods of the demolition process up to the contractor?

Answer: Contractor shall follow the demolition methods provided in the plans and specifications. Alternate methods will not be considered.

Question 21: Would the county consider extending the bid date to allow ample time to reference future RFI's?

Answer: No further bid extensions will be issued.

Question 22: What is the duration the County will need for the temporary storm drain system to be used on site?

Answer: The storm drain system will remain onsite until further notice, it should hold in place for a minimum of 10 years.

Question 23: There is no load schedule for the tiebacks, please provide.

Answer: Refer to the information below.

#### GROUTING OF TIEBACK ANCHORS

1. READY MIX DESIGN: 3000 PSI @ 28 DAYS WITH 3/8" MAX. PEA GRAVEL (W/C=0.45).

2. BATCH MIX DESIGN: ONE (1) SACK (94 POUNDS) CEMENT TYPE I OR II CONFIRMING TO C150 MIXED WITH A 4.5-5 GALLON (US) POTABLE WATER (W/C=0.4-4.5) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POST TENSIONING INSTITUTE (PTI) MANUAL 4TH EDITION. BATCH MIX DESIGN SHALL HAVE A MIN. 28 DAY STRENGTH OF 30000 PSI. (NOTE INSUFFICIENT CUBE STRENGTH SHALL NOT BE CAUSE FOR REJECTING A SUCCESSFULLY TESTED ANCHOR.
3. BATCHING AND GROUTING PROCEDURE:
4. THE MIX WILL BE BATCH ON SITE, USING AN AIR DRIVEN MIXER UNIT, DISCHARGING INTO A HOLDING TANK / AGITATOR UNIT OR DIRECTLY INTO THE PUMP. GROUT WILL BE PUMPED BY AN AIR DRIVEN HENDERSON PISTON PUMP. THE GROUT WILL BE MONITORED BY A DIAPHRAGM PROTECTED PRESSURE GAUGE AT THE OUTLET OF THE PUMP.
  - STEP 1:** FILL MIXING UNIT WITH SPECIFIED WATER QUANTITY, USING CALIBRATED MEASURING UNIT.
  - STEP 2:** ADD ONE (1) SACK OF CEMENT.
  - STEP 3:** AGITATE THOROUGHLY UNTIL COLLOIDAL MIX IS ACHIEVED.
  - STEP 4:** DISCHARGE GROUT INTO HOLDING TANK. AGITATE SLOWLY TO PREVENT SEGREGATION, PUMP GROUT INTO THE BOREHOLE AS PER ABOVE ANCHOR INSTALLATION.

Question 24: There is no call out whether the tieback is strand or cable. If strand, please provide a strand count if bar, please provide sizing.

Answer: Refer to response provided for Question 23.

Question 25: Refer to Sheet SSH2.04/1, which calls out 2-sack slurry for tieback backfill, typically this material is a high-strength neat grout. Can you please confirm?

Answer: For unbounded length, use slurry 2-sacks, for the Bonded length, use 3,000 psi grout and see response to Question 23.

Question 26: Is the CIDH pile size 40" or 26"?

Answer: Cast in Drill Hole pile size is 40".

Question 27: Gridline 1 shows the two end beams sideways (Gridline G/1 and A/1). Sheet SSH2.02/4 show tiebacks occur in these two sideways beams. Please confirm.

Answer: The piles shall be turned 90 degrees at these two locations.

Question 28: In Addendum A, the Expansion Index of 20 or less is more stringent than the Specification Section 31 20 00 Expansion Index of Less than 30.

In Specification Section 31 20 00, the Max. Particle Size of less than 3-inches and less than 30 percent retained on the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch sieve is more stringent than the Addendum A requirement of no rocks greater than 4-inches.

Please advise on what the Owner would like for Import soils for this project. The two above requirements have conflicting stringencies depending on the future use of this site.

Answer: Please use Section 31 20 00, Earthwork.

Question 29: The plans ask for 2" chain link mesh and the specs are asking for 1" mesh. Please clarify.

Answer: Provide 2" chain link mesh.

Question 30: There is no clear call out for the height of the fence. Please clarify.

Answer: Height of the fence should be 8 feet tall.

Question 31: Refer to Note 2 on plan page C-7.2 which states "H denotes fabric and width and normal fence height. H= 5' unless otherwise noted." - is 5' fence what you are looking for?

Answer: Height of the fence is 8 feet.

Question 32: Please confirm the extent of demolition of the perimeter footings, it's our understanding that any pile cap/grade beam that is outside of the basement footprint will be cut and left in place.

Answer: Portions of the footings that are outside of the footprint of the building shall remain in place.



- Question 33: Can the shoring be left in place along grid lines #1, #12, G?
- Answer: Yes, concrete piles and Soldier piles, can remain in place. All the footings within the following footprints: gridline 1-12/A-G
- Question 34: General Note #4 states, "to shred computers", can you elaborate on the disposal of the computers?
- Answer: Additive Alternate bid to provide a cost to properly dispose of approximately 300 computers and 600 computer monitors. Computers hard drives must be removed and scrubbed. Remaining computer parts and computer monitors must be recycled per State regulations and codes. Contractor shall indicate shredding and scrubbing method.
- Question 35: General Note #4 states "storing on site until it's picked up by the County". What is the expectation of "storing" such as a container or can we place materials in boxes, store on pallets and keep them in the basement?
- Answer: All suggestions in the question are viable. Dedicated Conex boxes per lever I.E 4th Floor, Labeled equipotent and labels box, pallets and use of the basement are acceptable. Contract shall indicate storage method.
- Question 36: How promptly will the County remove the salvage materials from the Project Site?
- Answer: The County will work with the Contractor promptly to retrieve any necessary equipment or files. Everything else is to be properly disposed of.
- Question 37: Please confirm the extent of salvage items are only on Sheet AD 2.01B & Sheet AD 2.04 only and that no other salvaging will be conducted by the contractor.
- Answer: The County will work with the Contractor, obtaining specific Items located on AD 2.01B, AD 2.04, AD 2.05 (1st, 4th & 5th Floors). Contractors should also include in their bid cost for removal of IT closet equipment on 1st, 2nd, 4th, and Penthouse Floors, I.E racks, servers, switches, and UPS equipment. Contents shall be removed, labeled, and boxed for County pick-up.

Question 38: Per the Shoring Plan, the steel beams will be driven into the existing footing, then attaching the steel beam to the perimeter concrete wall. But you want the shoring and perimeter wall to be demolished?

Answer: Yes, after the backfill is completed, the wall shall be removed.

Question 39: Tiebacks are currently very close to the ceiling and could cause a reduction or significant installation issue. Please verify exact height clearance above the tieback elevation. If the tieback could be installed at 10-15 degrees that would also help installation.

Answer: Yes, the tieback can be installed at 15 degrees, but it is the contractor's responsibility to justify by providing adequate engineering calculations.

Question 40: The Shoring Drawings show that bracing is to be attached to the existing basement wall that is simultaneously indicated to be demolished based on the previous round of pre-bid RFI's. These are contradictory instructions. Please clarify the intent of the shoring/bracing drawings.

Answer: Yes, after the backfill is completed, the wall shall be removed.

Question 41: Refer to Sheet SSH 2.03, Detail 7 states the diameter of the Cast in Place Pile will be 40" instead of the 36" call out made everywhere else. Please clarify.

Answer: The concrete pile diameter is revised to 40".

Question 42: We assume that the 1st floor concrete deck cannot be removed until the perimeter basement wall has been braced in accordance with the Shoring Plans. Please confirm this assumption.

Answer: Yes, first floor deck, shall remain in place until shoring is in place.

Question 43: The 1st floor deck will create a headroom restriction for shoring equipment within the basement including the tieback anchors. Therefore, can the tiebacks be drilled at a flatter angle than 20-degrees in order to create clearance for the drill rig working below the 1st floor deck?

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Answer: Yes, the tieback can be installed at 15 degrees, but it is contractor's responsibility to justify by providing adequate engineering calculations.

Kindly notify your subcontractors to this effect. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Joseph Chang at (626) 300-2346 or [jochang@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:jochang@pw.lacounty.gov).

Very truly yours,

MARK PESTRELLA, PE  
Director of Public Works

*Brian Soria*

*for* SOO KIM  
Division Chief  
Business Relations and Contracts Division

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Attach.

# ATTACHMENT 1

**SECTION 00 03 00**

**FORM OF BID TO BE USED BY BIDDERS**

The undersigned proposes to furnish all materials, labor, and equipment required for the construction to complete the Adams and Grand Department of Social Services Metro Family Demolition Project, in accordance with Drawings and Specifications 7950, including addenda thereto, if any, adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors, as follows:

**The lowest bid price shall be determined by adding the following items: Lump Sum Bid in Words (1) + Additive Alternate No. 1 (2) + Additive Alternate No. 2 (3) [Extended Overhead Daily Rate (4) x Multiplied by 30 days] = Total Lump Sum Bid. Preference as stated in Section 00 01 00, 1.30, will be applied to the Total Lump Sum Bid, if applicable, to determine the final total bid amount.**

**1. LUMP SUM BID:**

The lump sum bid for the work, including Best Management Practices (BMP) and Construction and Demolition Debris Recycling, and Mandatory Jobs Coordinator requirements complete according to the Drawings and Specifications, will be:

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_) ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Lump sum bid in figures Lump sum bid in words

**2. ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 1 – COUNTY ASSET RETRIEVAL:**

Provide a general construction cost to label, extract and decontaminate Owner requested confidential files, boxes, computers, file cabinets and sensitive data/documents. The contractor is to extract, remove, clean, and deliver to the Owner properly and safely. Please refer to plans and specifications.

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_) ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Price in figures Price in words

**3. ADDITIVE ALTERNATE NO. 2 – CONTENT SHREDDING:**

Provide a general construction cost to shred all paper content properly and safely (in loose format or within boxes or file cabinets) remaining within the entire facility. This scope of work must be performed by a specialty vendor that can ensure confidentiality and proper disposal of sensitivity data.

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Price in figures Price in words

**4. EXTENDED OVERHEAD DAILY RATE:**

The daily rate for the sum of the Contractor’s field office and home office overhead applicable to this project, for each day of compensable delay will be:

(\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ) ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Daily rate in figures Daily rate in words

**4. COUNTY PROGRAM PREFERENCE:**

The Local Small Business Enterprise Program Preference is provided by the County for purposes of bid evaluation only, as specified in Article 1.30 of Section 00 01 00. If Bidder is a qualifying Local Small Business Enterprise, check “yes” in the box below. Section 00 04 38 Request for County Program Preference Consideration must be submitted at the time of bid with a copy of the certification letter issued by the County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs. If non-qualifying, check “no” in the appropriate box.

LSBE Yes  No

**5. RECEIPT OF NOTICE TO BIDDERS:**

I hereby certify and declare that I have received, reviewed and incorporated Notice to Bidders A dated November 18, 2024, Notice to Bidders B dated November 21, 2024, and Notice to Bidders C dated December 10, 2024, into my Bid.

Executed this day of \_\_\_\_\_ (Month and Year)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(Authorized Signature of a Principal Owner, Officer, or Manager)

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\_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Any alteration or addition to the Form of Bid may invalidate same. All blank spaces shall be filled out completely. Line out nonapplicable blanks. An incomplete form may invalidate bid. The County reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids or to accept any alternatives when called for.

I (We) certify that on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, License No. \_\_\_\_\_, license classification(s) \_\_\_\_\_, was issued to me (us), in the name of \_\_\_\_\_, by the Contractors' State License Board, pursuant to California Statutes of 1929, as amended, and that said license has not been revoked.

**Firm Ownership Information**

Check where applicable:

- 1.  Minority-Owned
- Woman-Owned
- Disadvantaged-Owned
- Disabled Veteran-Owned
- LGBTQQ-Owned

- 2.  An individual
- A corporation. Name state or territory of Incorporation \_\_\_\_\_
- A copartnership
- A joint venture

**Race/Ethnic Composition**

For statistical purposes only.

- Black/African American
- Hispanic/Latino
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Native Americans
- Subcontinent Asian
- White

If a copartnership or joint venture, list names of individuals comprising same below

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Respectfully submitted,

Place \_\_\_\_\_  
 City and State

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Firm Name (if applicable)

Bidder's address, E-mail address, and telephone:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and Street

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature and Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 City and State                      Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title and E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature and Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Fax

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Title and E-mail Address



\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Bidder (Firm Name)

**SECTION 00 03 12**

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

The premium for the Installation Floater shall be included with the Lump Sum Bid, Section 00 03 00, and shall not be in addition to it.

Installation Floater:

Such coverage is required for this Project and shall supercede Section 00 07 00, Builder’s Risk Course of Construction Insurance, Article 45, and shall:

1. Insure against damage from perils covered by the Causes-of-Loss Special Form (ISO form CP 10 30), and the perils of earthquake, flood, risk of transit loss, loss during storage (both onsite and offsite), and collapse during construction (without restricting collapse coverage to specified perils). If Project involves testing air conditioning systems, boilers, pressure vessels, major machinery or major electrical panels, policy shall include coverage for such testing.
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