

Questions and Answers

Question 1: How should truck traffic loads be addressed at the site?

Answer: Trucks that meet highway loading requirements are allowed on the site. See Port Authority of New York and New Jersey design requirements with reference to loading over the tunnels.

Question 2: Will the Port Authority need to be involved in the selected bidder's work? Does the Port Authority have any special requirements or sign offs for this work?

Answer: See the Port Authority design requirements and contract specifications for necessary approvals and requirements.

Question 3: Will the transformer remain active during construction? Who will be responsible for protecting equipment and workers?

Answer: The transformers will remain active during construction with all power underground. Tishman will provide temporary protection over the equipment to protect the transformers. It is the contractor's responsibility to provide a JHA for all work.

Question 4: Are there any special requirements regulating heights for erecting steel at the site?

Answer: The contractor will need to follow the site design, specifications, and all applicable codes. The contractor will need to coordinate with the Construction Manager when preparing to erect pieces.

Question 5: Besides truck traffic, what other traffic will be on the site?

Answer: Truck and vehicle traffic varies depending on the show and the loading requirements. All operations need to be coordinated in advance with the Convention Center staff.

Question 6: Who will provide flag persons to control traffic?

Answer: Bidders will be responsible for flaggers and pedestrian control personnel and should include this in their RFP responses.

Question 7: How will the successful bidder coordinate blocks of time with the Javits Center activities?

Answer: The Javits Center has a very detailed and predetermined schedule. Successful bidders will coordinate scheduling through the Construction Manager and Javits staff to determine when they can work in specific sections of the site. The contractor should expect to have dark periods when operations that impact the loading and unloading of the facility will need to be stopped. All work needs to be coordinated with the Convention Center staff and Construction Manager.

Question 8: Will there be a public bid opening?

Answer: Yes. The bid opening date will be posted in advance on ESD's RFP webpage

Question 9: How will the bidders be selected?

Answer: Please see Section VI of the RFP.

ADDITIONAL Questions and Answers – Updated 9/21/16

Question 1: Will qualifications be allowed to be submitted with the bid?

Answer: No. All questions should be asked during the question and answer period.

Question 2: Per Item IV of the RFP, there are 5 items to be submitted with the bid. If these items have already been submitted to ESD, do they need to be resubmitted?

Answer: Yes

Question 3: Please confirm that the base bid delivery date of 2/6/2017 as stated in Item B-1-1a on page 13 of Rider A is incorrect, and the base bid delivery date is 5/3/2017 as stated in Item E-5-c on page 30 also of Rider A.

Answer: The base delivery date for the project is 5/3/17 as stated in Appendix B – Rider A dated August 24, 2016 E.5.c (page 30). The date of 2/6/2017 as stated in Appendix B – Rider A dated August 24, 2016 B.1.1a should be corrected to 5/3/17.

Question 4: What is the allowable ground bearing pressure within the line of influence of the tunnel structure located below the project site? The purpose of this question is to evaluate the crane loads that may be imposed to the tunnel.

Answer: The crane should be located such that the crane loading influence line (utilizing a load distribution of 1H:2V) is outside the existing PA Ventilation Building foundation walls, where feasible. Should influence line intersect foundation wall then provide calculations demonstrating that the effects of the crane/construction loading on PA Ventilation Building structure is equal to or less than 300psf surcharge live load at grade.

ADDITIONAL Questions and Answers – Updated September 28, 2016

Question 1: On page 10 of the RFP, the second paragraph states: For bidding purposes of demonstrating “good faith efforts to achieve its goals for the utilization of MWBEs by submitting evidence thereof...”, please provide some clarification:

The notation “...which can be viewed at <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> , provided, however, that a Bidder may arrange to provide such evidence via a non-electronic method by contacting ESD’s Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity at OCSD@esd.ny.gov”

- Question 1a: During a bid, it is most likely that we will submit evidence of good faith efforts as an attachment with our proposal. Are we also required to submit this electronically via

<https://ny.newnycontracts.com> as well? If so, we need additional guidance on how to do so on this website.

- Answer to 1a: No, you are not required to submit evidence of good faith efforts electronically. You may provide evidence of good faith efforts by contacting ESD's Office Contractor and Supplier Diversity at OCSD@esd.ny.gov.
- Question 1b: This paragraph refers to "...attached MWBE guidance, 'Your MWBE Utilization and Reporting Responsibilities Under Article 15-A.'" We cannot find this attachment within the bid documents. Please advise how we may access this document.
- Answer to 1b: The MWBE guidance ""Your MWBE Utilization and Reporting Responsibilities Under Article 15-A" can be found attached to this Q&A.

Question 2: Page 9: Fourth Paragraph of RFP: For guidance on how ESD will determine a Contractor's "good faith efforts" we are referred to 5 NYCRR §142.8 for what must be provided "at a minimum":

- Per section 142.8, there is a list of six (6) items that follows. Are we required to include all six, or are Items (1) and (2) sufficient – given that we refer to <https://ny.newnycontracts.com> for directory of MWBEs?"

Answer: You should strive to do as much outreach as possible to MWBEs and you should document those outreach efforts. Efforts should include, at a minimum, those identified in 5 NYCRR §142.8. For additional assistance you should contact ESD's Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity at OCSD@esd.ny.gov.

Your MWBE Utilization and Reporting Responsibilities Under Article 15-A

As a vendor conducting business with New York State, you have a responsibility to utilize minority- and/or women-owned businesses in the execution of your contracts, per the MWBE percentage goals stated in your incentive proposal or contract documents.

The New York State Contract System (“NYSCS”) is the tool that New York State uses to monitor MWBE participation in state contracting. Through the NYSCS you will submit utilization plans, request subcontractors, record payments to subcontractors, and communicate with your project manager throughout the life of your awarded contracts.

There are several reference materials available to assist you in this process. Once you log onto the website, click on the **Help & Support >>** link on the lower left hand corner of the Menu Bar to find recorded trainings and manuals on all features of the NYSCS. You may also click on the



icon at the top right of your screen to find videos tailored to primes and subcontractors. There are also opportunities available to join live trainings, read up on the Knowledge Base through the Forum link, and submit feedback to help improve future enhancements to the system.

Technical assistance is always available through the **Contact Us & Support** link on the NYSCS website (<https://ny.newnycontracts.com>).

For more information, contact your project manager.