

Community Design Solutions

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Las Acequias de Placitas Domestic Water Distribution System Bid Questions
LADP-ITB-26-1

BID QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- » Question: What is the last day for questions?
Answer: Wednesday, October 1, 2025.
- » Question: What is the water source for construction?
Answer: There is no local source, the water will need to be trucked in by the contractor.
- » Question: Where are staging areas for the contractor's equipment and supplies?
Answer: Staging area will be within the Village of Placitas. Placitas is still working with the Land Grant to determine an exact location. To be provided to contractor upon award.
- » Question: What are the wage rates?
Answer: Minimum wage rates are addressed in Section 3 of the ITB.
- » Question: General Items on the Bid Tab page are to be priced in percentages. To what does that refer?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: Is there a separate pay item for asphalt removal and replacement or is it included in another pay item?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: Can you please provide the address where the bid needs to be turned in. Seems like we are turning the bid into a P.O. Box?
Answer: MDWCA-Las Acequias de Placitas, P.O. Box 811, Placitas NM 87043.
- » Question: Will there be a bid opening? If so, where?
Answer: Bid Opening Wednesday, October 22, 11:00 a.m. inside Las Placitas Presbyterian Church, junction Highway 165 and Paseo de San Antonio, Placitas NM.
- » Question: Regarding the bid tabs, can you please revise the quantities to be a whole number. It would make it much simpler to make bid items 1-5 and 31 all 1 LS. You can put in the description of the bid item "not to exceed % of bid". Using these percentages is not going to be a true representation of what it costs to perform the work.
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: The quantities for items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 31 do not make sense. We understand that you would like these 6 items to be equal to the stated percentage of the total. There is a great deal of room for misunderstanding the way this is written. We recommend that you change the quantity and units for these items all to "1 LS".
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: Do you want us to fill in the subtotal, 10% contingency, and total lines? We don't usually see contingency line items on bid forms.
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: There is no place for NMGR @ 6.125%. We recommend that you add a line to account for this cost.
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.

- » Question: Regarding items 19 and 30. The drawings show removing an existing waterline in the same location as the new waterline. Without a temporary waterline being installed, the water services in these areas will not be in service from the time the removal of the existing waterline begins until the installation of the new waterline is complete (perhaps 6-8 weeks).
*Answer: See sheet C-103 for water shut off notes. Notes state:
 "1. THE CONTRACTOR SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE LAS ACEQUIAS DE PLACITAS PRESIDENT SEVEN (7) DAYS IN ADVANCE OF PERFORMING WORK THAT WILL AFFECT THE PUBLIC WATER INFRASTRUCTURE.
 2. APPROXIMATE SHUT OFF TIME WILL BE 24 HOURS."*
- » Question: Please provide a length of water disruption that the owner considers acceptable and requirements of a temporary waterline if this length of time is less than 6 weeks.
*Answer: Refer to standard specifications APWA 801 and 802 for temporary waterline installation requirements. See sheet C-103 for water shut off notes. Notes state:
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- » Question: Is there a bid item and roadway detail for NMDOT paving for the tie in?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued. Contractor to replace the existing section using COA Detail 2465 and COA specification 336. If asphalt removal section on NMDOT pavement, the contractor must coordinate with engineer and NMDOT.
- » Question: Is there a bid item or allowance going to be set up for exploratory utility locating?
Answer: Additional exploratory utility locating is assumed to be incidental to the project.
- » Question: Can you provide as built drawings/locations for the tie ins to be made?
Answer: There are no as-built drawings for the existing waterlines. It will be up to the contractor to find exact tie locations during construction. Please contact the engineer if any trouble arises during construction.
- » Question: Has a wage decision been established for this project?
Answer: Minimum wage rates are addressed in Section 3 of the ITB.
- » Question: The specifications refer to pipe bedding; will the entire pipe alignment require bedding material? If so, please clarify.
Answer: See details page C-500.
- » Question: During the pre-bid site visit there was concern for rock in in the trench zone of the pipe. Can a line item for rock excavation/CY be added to the bid form?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued. Rock areas, if any, to be determined and approved in the field by project engineer.
- » Question: Is a geotechnical report available for the project with adequate bore logs for the summary of the trench zone?
Answer: No geotechnical analysis was conducted prior to design. Sheets G-106 and G-107 provide locations of utility test holes while sheets G-108 – G-111 provide test hole data sheets that include a general description of soil type. Additional geotechnical analysis is assumed to be incidental to the project.
- » Question: Several contractors discussed the need for construction water at the pre-bid meeting. Can this be clarified if water will need to be hauled in or if awarded contractor can fill water trucks in town. If yes, please clarify water \$cost/unit.
Answer: There is no local source, the water will need to be trucked in by the contractor.
- » Question: Can a staging area be identified? Also, if any cost will be associated with this.
Answer: Staging area will be within the Village of Placitas. Placitas is still working with the Land Grant to determine the exact location. To be provided to contractor upon award.

- » Question: What is the anticipated start date of this project? What is the contract duration? Are there any liquidated damages?
Answer: Anticipated start date to be determined after contract is awarded. Contract duration to be approximately 90 days. Liquidated damages discussed in Section 7 of the ITB.
- » Question: How does the trenching & backfill of the removed waterline get paid?
Answer: Trenching and compacted backfill is included in waterline unit price.
- » Question: Please clarify the limits of the waterline removals
Answer: This project includes Alignment 1 and Alignment 2 from Station 00+00- Station 13+68.96 only. Please refer to sheet C-102 for limits of existing waterline removal. Quantity of waterline removal is given on bid tab and price to be given for unit cost of linear foot of removal.
- » Question: Please clarify the limits of the waterline replacement.
Answer: This project includes Alignment 1 and Alignment 2 from Station 00+00- Station 13+68.96 only.
- » Question: How does the trenching & backfill get paid for the waterline removal?
Answer: Trenching and compacted backfill is included in waterline unit price.
- » Question: Why are the quantities so different from our take-offs?
Answer: This project includes Alignment 1 and Alignment 2 from Station 00+00- Station 13+68.96 only.
- » Question: Continuation on sheet C-108. This sheet is not included in my plans.
Answer: This project includes Alignment 1 and Alignment 2 from Station 00+00- Station 13+68.96 only.
- » Question: Why do the lump sum bid items on the bid Item list show percentages? Will we on get paid that percentage or the full lump sum?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: Testing is shown as an allowance. What is the amount for the allowance?
Answer: Please see addendum #1 to the project as a new Bid Tab has been issued.
- » Question: Can the waterline be shut down in order to remove and replace the waterline within the casing under state road 165? This will take some time to complete.
Answer: This project includes Alignment 1 and Alignment 2 from Station 00+00- Station 13+68.96 only.

Other items:

- » Since the location of subterranean features are unclear it will be the contractor's responsibility to inform the engineer when encountering differing site conditions.
- » Fiber optic cables on the south side of Highway 165 will need to be located and avoided by the contractor.