

My responses to the NEI questions from moments ago **IN RED:**

- • On the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of the bid form, there is a block out entitled “BID ITEMS”, presumably where our bid price is to go. However, there is no Item No. or Approx. Qty listed in this section. I am presuming this job is 1 Lump Sum? Please advise. **The project is to be bid as 1 LUMP SUM METHOD OF PAYMENT.**

- • On the 2<sup>nd</sup> page of the bid form, there is a statement at the bottom of the page that “ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO THE RAILINGS. A SEPARATE PRICE QUOTATION IS TO BE PROVIDED AS AN ALTERNATE FOR THE RAILINGS”. It is NEI’s understanding that the railings are to be included as an “Alternate Bid Price”; however there is nothing on the bid form for including any alternate pricing in accordance with MGL for bidding on public projects. Again, please advise how this is to be handled.

**The proposal contains language that allows the Town to decrease the scope of work to be done under this Contract and to omit any work in order bring the cost within available funds. To this end, the owner reserves the right to reduce the quantity of any items or omit all of any as set forth in the bid. The bid price for each component of the Alteration to Bridge Structure item, including the railing, shall be submitted as part of the lump sum breakdown.**

- On the 4<sup>th</sup> page of the bid form, there is an area for acknowledging Addenda. Looking through the various documents, I see several questions and answers and Addendum No. 2, but nothing labeled Addendum No. 1. Please either forward Addendum No. 1 or advise which document should be considered as Addendum No. 1. **I BELIEVE THAT THE NEL QUESTIONS DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 2017 AND RESPONSES PROVIDED ARE CONSIDERED ADDENDUM 1**

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- On the page with the breakdown of Item No. 992.1 and the heading “PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE OF QUANTITIES AND COST OF BRIDGE PROJECT”, there is a table which includes subitems, quantity, units, etc....Is it the intent of the Owner/Engineer to have the total for this item be equal to the Contractor’s bid price? And if so, is this job to be considered a Unit Price project? Or will the job be bid and paid as a lump sum? If it is indeed a Unit Price project, then there are several items unaccounted for in this breakdown table. Items such as Mobilization, engineering, etc....are fixed costs that may not necessarily fall under any of the sub-items listed in this table. Again, please advise.

- • **The project will be bid and paid as a lump sum. The sub-item breakdown is provided in the proposal form are estimated and not guaranteed. The total of all partial payments to the Contractor shall equal the Lump Sum contract price regardless of the accuracy of the quantities furnished by the Engineer for the individual bridge components. The cost of labor and materials for any Item not listed but required to complete the work shall be considered incidental to Item 992.1 and no further compensation will be allowed.**