

**March 15, 2019**  
**Providence Redevelopment Agency**

**American Tourister RFP: Bidder Questions**  
EDA 01-01-04755 RFP for Houghton Street Site

1. Is there an add-alternate spot on the bid form?  
**This has been added and is on the website**
2. Scope calls for demolition of a residential property. Can we get access to the house to determine scope and pricing for demo?  
**The PRA will be responsible for demolition of this structure**
3. Is a Field Office required?  
**No**
4. Is staging permissible on the Tourister site?  
**Yes**
5. Are there any limitations or concerns related to staging and the site cap?  
**No special considerations are required for work within the American Tourister site, however please note that any material (loam, borrow, gravel, etc) stockpiled onsite must be placed on top of a double layer of 10-MIL polyethylene to prevent mixing with contaminated surface soil.**
6. Are you anticipating an April-July construction period?  
**Yes with final completion July 1, 2019**
7. Are there borings or soil information identifying the water table?  
**These type of borings typically \$5-10,000.**
8. Will you extend the response date in order to do additional borings?  
**Yes, submission date has been extended until March 22, 2019 resulting from the PRA having the soil boring tests conducted**
9. If we remove guardrails on the bridge, is temporary traffic protection required?  
**When the guardrails are removed it will be necessary for temporary traffic protection. Guardrails removed from the bridge requires temporary traffic control accordance with MUTCD and RIDOT standard specifications. Crash-worthy barricades are required at all times when construction access is not active.**
10. Will police details be part of the base bid? Would you consider adding as an allowance?  
**The PRA will allow an allowance of \$40,000.00 for police detail.**

11. Is full street closure on Houghton possible? (To allow for pulverizing in one fell swoop, as opposed to in stages?)  
**No, complete street closure will not be permitted**
12. Is the white fence in front of Goodwill to be removed? The fence will need to be removed? Replaced?  
**The fence in front of Goodwill does not require replacement as it is currently installed within the Houghton Street right-of-way, however coordination with Goodwill is required prior to disposal to determine if they would like it back. Bidders should assume disposal.**
13. Are street trees in the scope?  
**Yes, as noted on sheet C-2, there are to be 26 Hedge Maples installed.**
14. Is center-line or edge-line painting required?  
**No, however crosswalks and stop-lines are proposed. Any existing striping is impacted by construction must be restored.**
15. Is the compaction test for the trench to be carried by the contractor? Would you consider adding as an allowance?  
**Yes, compaction testing is to be carried by the contractor. PRA will allow an allowance of \$10,000.**
16. Is 7" granite curbing the City standard?  
**Yes. Details are provided on sheet C-8.**
17. Is it OK to pulverize and reuse as a blended base?  
**Yes, provided that pulverized material is amended as necessary to meet construction depth and graduation requirements.**
18. 270' road extension is mentioned in bid summary. Is this a typo?  
**270' is a typo.**
19. Will you amend the deadline for questions/comments?  
**The deadline for questions has been amended to March 12, 2019**
20. Would the City consider taking on the residential demolition component? If so, could we assume a level site with the foundation fully removed and compacted structural fill provided?  
**Yes, City will take on residential demolition contractors can assume a level site foundation to be removed and compacted structural fill to be provided**
21. What is the plan for access to Goodwill?  
**Access to Goodwill and all other properties must be maintained at all times unless otherwise approved during construction. Contrary to discussion at the pre-bid meeting, there are no alternative access points to site along the northern side of Houghton Street. The contractor must provide a traffic management plan for all stages of construction.**

22. Does the sand filter basin require Loam and Seed on all slopes and disturbed areas of the basin?

**Yes**

23. Does the area where the sand filter is located require existing tree removal?

**Yes. A site visit by the prospective contractor is recommended to identify the extent of tree clearing necessary.**

24. Does the Providence Redevelopment Agency have a current contract with National Grid to relocate the utility poles, or does the contractor have to carry this cost in the estimate?

**A work request has been set up with National Grid (#26787966), the contractor will be required to use the open request to coordinate and carry costs related to relocation of utility poles.**

25. Does the Providence Redevelopment Agency have a current contract with the Partnership for Rhode Island Streetlight Management to relocate street lights on this project, or does the contractor have to carry this cost in the estimate?

**There is an open request and contractor will carry the cost**

26. In regards to the 70 Houghton Street Project I am being told by the drilling company that this is NOT drillable with the current design. I have attached a marked up plan from the drilling sub, this is the drilling design (in red) that they recommends for this project.

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27. Also there is roughly a 10 foot embankment from the shoulder of the roadway to the area where drilling is to take place. This would require a significant amount of material to be hauled on/off site to create a ramped platform for the drilling rig to access the entry area.

**Any regrading of the embankment by the contractor is to be included within their bid, and must be restored to original grades upon completion of construction.**

28. Is it possible to change the drilling design? Or Expand the limits to allow for equipment? (this way would still require access ramps to be built)

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