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.
   Contractors may include alternative trench list technologies and or proposed expansions of the directional drilling work area if there is a resultant cost savings.

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 significate 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)
   Contractors may include alternative trench list technologies and or proposed expansions of the directional drilling work area if there is a resultant cost savings.