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A D D E N D U M 1

DATE: September 3, 2025
TO: All Bidders
FROM: Trevor Butler
Purchasing Agent
RE: Invitation to Bid #25-0923 Shallmar Landslide Repair Phase II

Please note the following clarification to Invitation to Bid #25-0923 Shallmar Landslide Repair Phase II resulting from a question received from an interested bidder:

Questions

1. Is the nail length provided in the plan?

Answer: We have a 25 foot total nail length: 15 foot in rock and 10 foot free. I will very much note the geotech on this was extremely light. We had a couple geologists out there because of the weather, and when we were doing this, it's not a place that's easy to get an exploratory drill in. We didn't want to cause any more issue by getting it in there. I had a geologist out there probing and trying to advance by hand, so we were conservative in that because generally what was assumed was there was like a ten-foot soil zone. If it's less than that, obviously that changes the design, but we went on the conservative side and that's what it is based on: 10-foot soil zone.

2. The goal was to get that face to rock?

Answer: Yes, you can look at the previous project. I would assume this is going to look similar and basically what you have at the bottom of that slope; on the drawings that you have, the area towards the bottom of the slope is cross-hatched because it basically is a big rock face of 10-, 15-foot high and then there's a bench, and then that's what you end up with. On the old slide, you had that initial face and then you just had kind of like ledges, rock ledges, as you went up, is what it turned out looking. Like I said, you can go out there and see that. ...But the bottom of this thing, I think you're just going to scratch some of it. What's left off of there, the rest of it what we have shown is between 5 and 10 foot of cut all the way up through that middle of that slope.

3.If we end up more than that 3,500 yards, is that a change order or does that need to be included in our bid?
(This is one where it cut off at the beginning of the question)

Answer: There's really no way to calculate that unless we did a before and after survey. Eric and I will talk about that. We did a new survey there, at least in February or March, but if we do that, it's a lump sum and it's less than that number. We're allowed to deduct that.

4: I kind of had the same question regarding the nails. I know there's a topographic layout shown in one of the plan sheets. Whatever is shown there - 75 nails shown - everything is price, lump sum. We'll base our bid off that 75 quantity of nails, but if for some reason it becomes less or more, is that justified as being a change order if all of a sudden there's 85 nails?

Answer: I think DGS, and I could be wrong, when they do it that way does a 10% type thing above or below. So if it's more than that we should carry a 10% contingency

5:Do you guys have a disposal site or is it up to us?

Answer: It's there. It's one site. It's basically at the same level on the hill as where the soil nails are. Where you drive up on the access road, where you park or where you pass by is where the waste area is.

6: Is there going to be like any way we got to put that waste in there? Can it just be dumped and stockpiled?

Answer: It needs to be; it can be dumped in there, however, and just graded in. It is an old high wall, and we're just filling in the high wall as part of that. We're just extending up the existing slope from the last waste area. We're just working our way back up to the high wall.

7: As far as the trees are bearing six inches, are you cutting flush to the ground six inches as far as taking the stumps out, or is each one cut flush to ground?

Answer: You'll be taking the stumps out on the areas where you grub.

8a: Can the stumps be filled like the toe of the highwall or do we have to dispose of them?

Answer: The toe of the highwall is already covered up. So basically you already have the high wall about 10 or 15 foot backfilled.

8b: That means the stump's got to be hauled away?

Answer: ...or burnt if we allow that. I think before we actually just stock bottom on site as wildlife habitat. Brush should be good for that. Make a big pile.

8c: So that is an option? ...To leave the stumps and the brush on site?

Answer: We'll verify that and we'll address it, but I'd suggest off the slope.

9: If we can't make it to the site today, will there be any other opportunity to visit the site? Do we need to make arrangements?

Answer: It's a state park that's open, so I think you could visit whenever. It's easy to find out access up there and look down from the bottom. The Kitzmiller Water Treatment Plant is right there, and if you're going up North Hill Road, you cross over a little bridge and it's the next left

ON-SITE MEETING QUESTIONS

1. Will burning be allowed on site?

Answer:

cleared and grubbed material may be burned on-site at a location approved by MDE-AMLD and Garrett County in a controlled manner with constant monitoring. Any required burning permits will be the contractors responsibility.

2. Would the contractor be able to use one lane of the road at the bottom of the road to load material in Triaxles Trucks?

Answer:

They can use one lane to load trucks, but traffic control will be required during the loading process.

Please acknowledge receipt of Addendum 1 by initialing the appropriate section on the Signature to Bids Page of the bid package.