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August 16, 2013

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03-0F2304
03-Sac-50-L1.3/L2.2
B.O. 07/24/2013

Dear Mr. Crawford:

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In addition, the Notice to Bidders and Special Provisions states, "Submit proof of each required SSPC-QP certification as specified in section 2-1.35. Required certifications are as follows:"

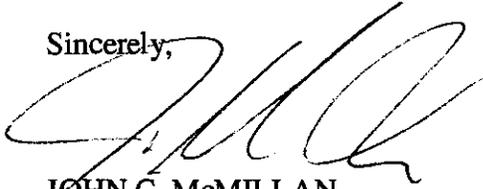
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If you have any questions, please contact Mulissa Smith, Contract Awards Branch Chief, at (916) 227-6228.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. McMILLAN', written over a light blue horizontal line.

JOHN C. McMILLAN
Deputy Division Chief
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Attachments

SECTION 2

BIDDING

2-1.31-2-1.32 RESERVED

2-1.33 BID DOCUMENT COMPLETION

2-1.33A General

Complete forms in the *Bid* book. Submit the forms with your bid.

On the Subcontractor List you may either submit the percentage of each bid item subcontracted with your bid or fax the percentage to (916) 227-6282 within 24 hours after bid opening.

Except for the percentage of each bid item subcontracted, do not fax submittals.

2-1.33B Bid Item List and Bid Comparison

Submit a bid based on the bid item quantities the Department shows on the Bid Item List.

For a lump sum based bid, the Department compares bids based on the total price.

For a unit price based bid, the Department compares bids based on the sum of the item totals.

For a cost plus time based bid, the Department compares bids based on the sum of the item totals and the total bid for time.

2-1.33C Subcontractor List

On the *Subcontractor List*, list each subcontractor to perform work in an amount in excess of 1/2 of 1 percent of the total bid or \$10,000, whichever is greater (Pub Cont Code § 4100 et seq.).

The *Subcontractor List* must show the name, address, and work portions to be performed by each subcontractor listed. Show work portions by bid item number, description, and percentage of each bid item subcontracted.

2-1.33D Opt Out of Payment Adjustments for Price Index Fluctuations

You may opt out of the payment adjustments for price index fluctuations specified in section 9-1.07. To opt out, submit a completed *Opt Out of Payment Adjustments for Price Index Fluctuations* form with your bid.

2-1.33E Reserved

2-1.34 BIDDER'S SECURITY

Submit your bid with one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least 10 percent of the bid:

1. Cash
2. Cashier's check
3. Certified check
4. Bidder's bond signed by a surety insurer who is licensed in California

If using a bidder's bond, you may use the form in the *Bid* book. If you do not use the form in the *Bid* book, use a form containing the same information.



2-1.35 SSPC QP CERTIFICATION PREAWARD QUALIFICATION

Submit the SSPC QP certification required under section 59-2.01D(1) with your bid. Failure to submit the certification results in a nonresponsive bid.

2-1.36 RESERVED

2-1.37 BID SUBMITTAL

Submit your bid:

1. Under sealed cover
2. Marked as a bid
3. Identifying the contract number and the bid opening date

If an agent other than the authorized corporation officer or a partnership member signs the bid, file a Power of Attorney with the Department either before opening bids or with the bid. Otherwise, the bid may be nonresponsive.

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55 STEEL STRUCTURES

Replace "Reserved" in section 55-2 with:

55-2.01 GENERAL

55-2.01A Summary

Section 55-2 includes specifications for fitting painted structural steel shells to columns and filling voids with grout.

For field welding of column casings (1) only visual inspection is required and (2) the 2nd sentence of paragraph 3.13.2 and the 1st sentence of paragraph 3.13.3 of AWS D1.5 do not apply.

55-2.01B Definitions

Not Used

55-2.01C Submittals

Submit a painting quality work plan under section 59-2.01C(3).

55-2.01D Quality Control and Assurance

Instead of submitting proof of the certification complying with SSPC-QP 1, you may submit documentation showing compliance with section 3 of SSPC-QP 1.

Replace "Reserved" in section 59-2.01C(2) with:

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55-2.02 MATERIALS

Steel for casings must comply with ASTM A 36/A 36M or ASTM A 709/A 709M, Grade 36.

Grout must comply with section 50-1.03B(2)(d). For non-circular columns with a minimum gap of 1 inch and a maximum gap greater than 4 inches, extend grout as follows:

1. Use an aggregate consisting of at least 70 percent fine aggregate and approximately 30 percent pea gravel by weight. The size of pea gravel must be such that 100 percent passes the 1/2-inch sieve, at least 90 percent passes the 3/8-inch sieve, and not more than 5 percent passes the no. 8 sieve.
2. Cement content of the grout must be at least 845 pounds per cubic yard.
3. California Test 541 is not required.

Mortar must comply with section 51-1.02F.

Drain extension pipe must comply with the specifications for drainage piping in section 75-1.03.

55-2.03 CONSTRUCTION

55-2.03A General

Remove and dispose of all material from the space to be occupied by column casing materials.

Use spacers to center casings around columns during placement. You may weld spacers to the inside of casings.

Paint the information that is on existing columns onto casings under section 51-1.03E(1).

55-2.03B Painting

Clean and paint column casings as specified for painting new structural steel in section 59-2.

Apply the undercoat before shipment to the job site.

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