

November 6th, 2014

**State of Montana
Remediation Division
Invitation to Bid
MT DEQ Contract No. 415012
To be Opened: November 13th, 2014
Black Pine Mine Repository Subgrade Excavation Project
Granite County, Montana**

WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Question 1: According to the 5 test pits within the Repository Excavation Area, solid rock will be encountered approximately within the last 3 to 5 feet of excavation throughout the Repository. Is it the intent of DEQ to have the contractor excavate solid rock to get to the Subgrade Elevations?

Answer 1: It is not the intent of DEQ to have the Contractor excavate solid rock. Over excavation of additional subgrade materials will be allowed, as approved by the Engineer and Owner.

Question 2: Will blasting be required and/or permitted?

Answer 2: Please refer to Special Provisions, Section 20, Use of Explosives. The use of explosives is prohibited.

Question 3: Will there be a separate Measurement & Payment provision to deal with Solid Rock Excavation?

Answer 3: Measurement and Payment for excavation and embankment are included in Bid Item No. 6. There will be no separate Measurement and Payment for removal of the solid rock.

Question 4: What are the finish subgrade elevation tolerances?

Answer 4: Please refer to Special Provisions, Section 10, Quality Control/Quality Assurance. Construction grade and alignment tolerances will be + or - 0.1 foot of line and grade.

Question 5: Would we be allowed to dig more test pits in the Repository area before the bid?

Answer 5: Yes. Any additional test pits would need to be completed prior to the bid opening on November 13, 2014. All such testing must be coordinated with DEQ and permission for access must be secured from the Montana Environmental Custodial Trust.

Question 6: The insurance general specifications, 5.06 state that the contract will purchase and maintain property insurance on the project. The supplementary conditions do not mention the property insurance. With the scope of work being performed, will property insurance required for this project?

Answer 6: The insurance coverages are specified in Supplementary Conditions, Article 5. Coverages not specified in the Supplementary Conditions, Article 5 are not required for this project.

Question 7: Is the Contractor responsible for providing & carrying the property insurance/builders risk? In the general conditions it states the contractor, but it's not addressed in the supplementaries.

Answer 7: The insurance coverages are specified in Supplementary Conditions, Article 5. Coverages not specified in the Supplementary Conditions, Article 5 are not required for this project

Question 8: Will there be confirmation samples taken from the ACM excavation and if so what is the anticipated turnaround time?

Answer 8: No, confirmation samples for the asbestos removal is not required.

Question 9: Will the stockpiled materials from the excavation need to be compacted? If so what would be the compaction requirement?

Answer 9: Compaction of the stockpiles is not required.

Question 10: I am looking thru the Geotech information and I do not see a map. Is there a map so I can see where the Bed Rock was encountered?

Answer 10: Please refer to Sheet 4, Existing Site Features, for coring boreholes, monitoring wells, and test pit locations.