Idaho Water Resource Board REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ 2023-02

Priest Lake Outlet Dam Improvements Project
Contractor Pre-Qualification

Addendum No. 1 Responses to Questions

Question 1: Why wasn't the project completed by the previous contractor?

Answer 1: The original fixed price contract called for work to be completed during the 2020/2021 construction season; however, various problems caused construction to be carried into additional construction seasons. The IWRB and its former contractor dispute several issues including responsibility for the mobilization and demobilization costs necessitated by extending work into additional seasons, responsibility for failure of the dewatering system during the first season, responsibility for voiding that developed beneath the dam during the second season, and conformance of work on the Tainter gates to the contract drawings and specifications. These disputes have led to litigation and an incomplete project. More information regarding the litigation can be found at the website given below.

Question 2: What is the website that clarifies the issue in litigation?

Answer 2: Legal filings pertaining to the case between Strider Construction Co., LLC and the Idaho Water Resource Board can be found at: https://idwr.idaho.gov/legal-actions/district-court-actions/strider-construction-v-iwrb/

Question 3: Is the intent that concrete be placed underwater?

Answer 3: No. The contractor will provide a dewatering system to remove water from the area in which the concrete will be placed. See the preliminary drawings and specifications accompanying the Request for Qualifications for more information.

Question 4: What is the expected cost to finish this project?

Answer 4: Due to the competitive bidding process, our engineer's cost estimates will not be shared publicly at this time.

Question 5: Is there a budget?

Answer 5: Yes; however, due to the competitive bidding process, the budget will not be shared publicly at this time.