

September 19, 2018

## **RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI) No. 1**

The submitted RFI questions are below, followed by the City of Merced's response.

1. *"Is a Caltrans Encroachment required? If yes, is the City going to pay for it?"*

**Response:** No Caltrans Encroachment required for this project.

2. *"Per Page 34 of the Special Provisions, it states "Contractor shall have at the jobsite, during contractor's working hours, a full time public relations person to deal with public and business concerns and shall report to the City Engineer." Is this required?"*

**Response:** Yes, the City considers the project foreman that is on site during construction as a public relations person. The foreman is normally the person responsible for the operation of the work being done.

3. *"Per page 67 of the Special Provisions, it states that the contractor to furnish and install an irrigation system. There is not enough information to provide a complete irrigation system (water needs per tree, existing water pressure, etc.). Please provide an irrigation plan?"*

**Response:** The City does not have as-built irrigation plans. The City's Parks Department is planning to work with the contractor to install one drip line to each tree from a source to be determined in the field. The trees are indigenous to the area and may be able to survive solely on the existing sprinkler system. This item could be deleted from the scope of work.

4. *"What is the elevation of the bottom of footing for both abutments and retaining walls for both ends of the pedestrian bridge?"*

**Response:** Section A/13 on the Plan Set show an elevation for top of footing of 171.00 with an 8 ft.- 6 inch depth to elevation 162.50. The quantities were based off of these dimensions. A note on the Section says "verify all dimensions with bridge manufacturer". The City pays for actual cubic yards of concrete installed due to variance with bridge manufacturers.

5. Request for Urban Solar light to be on the approved alternate list.

**Response:** The Urban Solar Light SLL Series, LED, 160w, 4,000k natural white meets specification and can be considered an approved alternate.