

**Town of Montgomery, Vermont
Montgomery TAP TA19(2)
D&K Project No. 626409**

ADDENDUM NO. 1

May 10th, 2023

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TO: PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

FROM: DuBois & King, Inc.
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This Addendum forms part of the Contract Documents and modifies the original Bidding Documents dated April 24, 2023. **NOTE: Contractor to Acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided on Page 1 of the Bid Form. Failure to do so may subject the Bidder to disqualification.**

I. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS (SPECIFICATIONS) CHANGES

NONE.

II. PLANS (DRAWINGS) CHANGES

NONE.

III. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR CLARIFICATION

Contractor Questions:

1. The documents call for using Hay Mulch. It is believed that this material cannot be used due to the ability to spread invasive species. Please confirm its use.

Answer: D&K has consulted with the environmental section of VTrans. Hay Mulch is allowed for use with the exception that it shall not be used in wetland or wetland buffer areas. As the project is impacting the wetland buffer, pay item 653.20 Rolled Erosion Control Product, Type I shall be used instead of Hay Mulch in this area.

2. Who is going to be responsible for newly planted plants until the project is accepted from high water, or animals if completion is 11/15/24?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for maintaining the plantings until accepted by the engineer. Rodent or deer guards may be used at the contractor's discretion. If a storm event damages or removes the plantings prior to acceptance, then section 109.03(a)(2) of the specifications shall apply.

3. When excavating the key for stone fill: the excavation should be gravel material. Is new gravel required to make gravel filter or just add stone to existing material?

Answer: Material may be added to on site gravels so long as the modified material meets the specifications for Gravel Filter for Slope Stabilization.

4. Is the actual contract completion date 11/15/2024? Is this because of the live fascine plantings that may need to be completed in April 2024? On page one of the Invitation to Bid it states the entire project within construction limits shall be completed on or before 11/15/2023.

Answer: All construction activities shall be completed by 11/15/2023. The 11/15/2024 date is to allow for the establishment, maintenance and acceptance of the plantings.

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5. Must the trench for the Live Fascine be excavated by hand or can a small excavator be used as long no damage is done to other plantings?

Answer: An excavator may be used. If the excavator damages the other plantings, then they shall be replaced at the sole expense of the contractor.

6. Could a diversion channel be excavated on the opposed side of the river to water away from the construction area? If contractor gets permission from the landowner?

Answer: If the contractor chooses to go with this approach, they shall need to get the permission of the landowner. Additionally, the contractor may need to obtain a USCOE and stream alteration permit. Work outside of the previously cleared project impact limits would need to submit the Offsite Activity Form to the VTrans Environmental Section. The form and information about Offsite Activity can be found at <https://vtrans.vermont.gov/highway/project-delivery-environmental/offsite-activity>. This whole area is archaeologically sensitive because is next to the river, which is why additional Phase I testing was needed.

7. For the temporary stream diversion is the contractor required to use jersey barriers, sandbags and plastic or can the contractor come up with an alternative plan such as one-ton sand bags and plastic or with turbidity curtain. Must the contractor total dewater area when excavating key for stone or can work be done in water behind barrier such as turbidity curtain?

Answer: The contractor can use any method necessary for the diversion so long as it is approved by the engineer and the Agency of Natural Resources. A turbidity curtain is typically used for lake or deep slow moving river situations, so this application may not work or be allowed. The contractor can work in the wet. The intent is for work activities to be separated from the active channel, reducing sediment laden water traversing downstream.

8. General Note #17 in plans states 600 cy of stone fill must be salvaged and used in item 613.06 but then SP page 32 Salvaged material states the Contractor is hereby notified that 600 CY of existing stone fill on Longley Bridge Road in the Trout River in Montgomery removed and not re-used on the project shall remain the property of the town. So, I guess the question is the 600 cy remove and reset or remove and remove. And if it is remove/reset does that 600 yards become part of the 720 cy or is there an additional 720 cy on top of the 600 cy?

Answer: It is the contractor's choice to bring in virgin stone fill or reuse the existing stone fill on site. Any existing stone fill on site not used shall be removed and delivered to the Town. The estimated quantity of stone fill that will need to be placed along the lines and grades shown on the plans is 720 CY. If the contractor proposes to reuse the estimated 600 CY of existing stone fill and the resident engineer deems the gradation acceptable then they would need to deliver an additional approximate 120 CY to complete the stone work.

9. If the 600 cy remove/reset is remove/set can just more stone fill be added to existing stone fill to make new alignment of stream and leave the existing stone fill alone as long as a 5' x6' key is able to be made in front of it?

Answer: The Corps of Engineers are requiring the removal of the the existing 600 cy of stone. Assuming the existing material is determined to be meet specifications it is the contractor's choice as to if this stone is reused or returned to the town. The contractor shall construct the project to the lines and grades shown on the plans.

10. Is the project in place quantities or lump sum?

Answer: The pay items are based on in-place quantities. Some of the pay items are lump sum items such as mobilization/demobilization.

END OF ADDENDUM

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IV. ATTACHMENTS

NONE.