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TO: All Bidders

FROM: City of Cambridge

DATE: September 17, 2024

**RE: File No. 11815 – Cambridge Reservoir Dam (MA00750), Winter Street, Waltham,
Massachusetts -Hobbs Brook Gatehouse and Culvert Outlet Repairs - Addendum
No. 1**

This addendum is comprised of the following:

- 1. Pre-Bid Sign in Sheet (Attached)**
- 2. Pre-Bid Agenda (Attached)**
- 3. Questions and Answers**

The following questions were asked and answered:

Question 1: Is there a set reservoir level that is to serve as the basis for exterior mortar joint repairs on the Gatehouse?

Answer: No. The Reservoir level fluctuates. Repair costs are based on unit quantities.

Question 2: Is the Cambridge Reservoir the City of Cambridge's primary reservoir?

Answer: The Cambridge Reservoir is a supplemental supply source for most of the year; depending on rainfall it is often the primary supply in the summer.

Question 3: Can the Cambridge Water Department shut gates in the Gatehouse to eliminate flow through the downstream low-level outlet for the headwall/wingwall repairs?

Answer: Yes, but depends on water demands and reservoir levels. One approach may be to shut flow for short periods of time during the day, while allowing releases at night.

Question 4: Any other launch areas to the Cambridge Reservoir?

Answer: Yes, the Cambridge Water Department has another potential launch site off Old County Road in Waltham.



Question 5: Can Contractor store equipment in the launch area off Winter Street in Waltham?

Answer: Yes with erosion control in place.

Question 6: Please clarify which MBE forms are required with bid submittal.

Answer: Instructions for MBE procedures can be found on page 00311-01.

All other details remain the same.

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AGENDA

City of Cambridge, Massachusetts - Water Department Cambridge Reservoir Dam, Winter Street, Waltham, MA Hobbs Brook Gatehouse and Culvert Outlet Repairs

Prebid Meeting Agenda

File No.: 11815
Contract Date: September 5, 2024
Date: September 10, 2024 (Wednesday)
Time: 10:30AM EST
Location: Hobbs Brook Gatehouse
Winter Street
Waltham, MA

1. Project Objective:

- Hobbs Brook Gatehouse – Uncontrolled leakage is currently entering the Gatehouse, as observed during previous dive video. Project goal is to repair/repoint mortar joints on the granite block structure – both exterior and interior. This includes work by divers below Reservoir level (external of Gatehouse). Repair exterior anchors for stop log guides as needed. Following leakage repair – inspect interior condition, with report. Include wet well, dry well, slide gates, masonry arch, etc.
 - Add Alternate 1 – Repair arched outlet exiting dry well
 - Add Alternate 2 – Repair dry well floor
- Hobbs Brook Low-Level Outlet Work – Scour void is known beneath the headwall/wingwall. Project goal is to repair/stabilize the foundation of the headwall/wingwall structure, and restore the scoured area immediately adjacent and downstream of the culvert outlet. Work will occur in the wet

2. Observe: Gatehouse and mob point; low-level outlet

3. Note:

- Cambridge Reservoir is the City of Cambridge drinking water supply; protect accordingly
- Waltham Policing will be required during mob/demob; Winter Street has work hour restrictions from 7-9AM and 4-6PM, during which no road closures may occur
- Waltham Conservation Commission issued an Order of Conditions for work at the low-level outlet
- Project is grant funded

Cambridge Water Department - Hobbs Brook Gatehouse and Culvert Outlet Repairs

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4. Key Contacts:

- All communications, general bid questions must be submitted in writing or emailed to the Office of Purchasing Agent, Elizabeth Unger, 5 Bigelow Street, Cambridge MA 02139 or via email at purchasing@cambridgema.gov
- Sealed general bids will be received at Purchasing Department at City Hall 795 Massachusetts Ave, Cambridge MA 02139 Attn: Purchasing.

5. Key Dates:

| Event | Date | Time | Location |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---|
| Pre-Bid Meeting | September 10, 2024 | 10:00 AM | Winter Street, Waltham, MA |
| End of Gen-Bid Question Period | September 12, 2024 | 2:00 PM | N/A |
| Bid Opening | September 26, 2024 | 2:00 PM | City Hall, 795 Massachusetts Ave, Ground floor Conference room, Cambridge, MA 02139 |

6. Open Discussion