

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES 1 5
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0001	3. EFFECTIVE DATE 17-Apr-2008	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.		5. PROJECT NO.(If applicable)
6. ISSUED BY AFGHANISTAN ENGINEER DISTRICT US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KABUL APO AE 09356	CODE W917PM	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) See Item 6		
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)		X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W917PM-08-R-0039	
		X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 24-Mar-2008	
			10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.	
			10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)	
CODE	FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning <u>1</u> copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.				
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)				
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.				
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).				
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.				
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) The purpose of this amendment for contract W917PM-08-R-0039 is to answer questions from the offerors and to inform the offerors that no questions will be entertained after 19 April 2008.				
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.				
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)		16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)		
		TEL:	EMAIL:	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR _____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		16C. DATE SIGNED 17-Apr-2008

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

The following have been added by full text:

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS RFI # 1

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W917PM-08-R-0039

Q.1. Base Course Thickness

Answer 1) Within the RFP, Section 01015, it states;

“3.4. END STATE: The base contract final improved state for the road shall consist of a 7m wide paved road and 1.5m wide gravel shoulders for a total width of 10m. The road shall be designed and constructed to support a minimum 12,000 kg load per single axle. The road shall be realigned as needed to provide minimum curve radii and shall be constructed with good drainage and erosion protection. High erosion areas, such as shallow drainage crossings and wadi crossings, shall be armored with a hard surfaced crossing such as an at-grade concrete crossing structure. Erosion structures shall be constructed in slide and flood areas to prevent road blockage and wash-out. Option 1 shall require 100mm asphalt paved 1.5m wide shoulders (10m paved total).”

Q.2. Sub Base Course Thickness and Material

Answer 2) Within the RFP, Section 01015, it states;

“3.4. END STATE: The base contract final improved state for the road shall consist of a 7m wide paved road and 1.5m wide gravel shoulders for a total width of 10m. The road shall be designed and constructed to support a minimum 12,000 kg load per single axle. The road shall be realigned as needed to provide minimum curve radii and shall be constructed with good drainage and erosion protection. High erosion areas, such as shallow drainage crossings and wadi crossings, shall be armored with a hard surfaced crossing such as an at-grade concrete crossing structure. Erosion structures shall be constructed in slide and flood areas to prevent road blockage and wash-out. Option 1 shall require 100mm asphalt paved 1.5m wide shoulders (10m paved total).”

Q.3. Grades of Concrete

Answer 3) Within the RFP, Section 01015, it states;

“UFC 3-320-05FA Design: Structural Design Criteria for Structures Other than Buildings,”
Table 2-1 within the aforementioned document. The web site is

http://www.wbdg.org/ccb/DOD/UFC/ufc_3_320_05a.pdf

Q.4. Location of Bridges, Culverts and Causeways

Answer 4) Within the RFP, Section 01015, it states;

“3.5B. The road crosses drainage areas and wadis. Portions of the road that follow a river bed or wadi shall be re-aligned and constructed out of the river bed or wadi at an elevation greater than the anticipated water level. Bridges, culverts, gabion crossings, concrete wadi crossings or other related structures shall be constructed as required over rivers, creeks, causeways and wadis that contain water and deep drainages that fill with water during storm events. Existing drainage structures shall be replaced; exceptions may be allowed on a case by case basis if sufficient evidence is provided by the contractor by a competent engineer that shows by calculations that the culvert is properly sized hydraulically and is structurally capable of handling the design load and dead load of all required road layers. The granting of exceptions are at the sole discretion of the contracting officer or contracting officer’s representative.”

Q.5. Thickness of Asphalt for Carriage way

Answer 5) Within the RFP, Section 01010, it states within the Scope of Work (SOW);

“The scope of this project includes the survey, design and construction of a 7m wide paved (100mm asphalt) road, with 1.5m gravel shoulders and an option to pave the shoulders from Tani (69.8297 E, 33.2428 N) to BSP 5 (69.5802 E, 33.1205 N) in the Khost Province of Afghanistan. The current road is approximately 30km.

Option 1 is to pave the 1.5m shoulders with 100mm of asphalt pavement.”

Q.6. Yesterday that we sent our team to khost province for surveying of the 30km asphalt road that announced from your office in tani district of khost province and we downloaded that solicitation and the start and end point of the road is not clear ,therefore we kindly request you to send us the exact start and end points of the mentioned road and also if it is possible the name of the villages that the start and end points of the road located in them.

Answer 6: Within the RFP, the Scope of work states:

"The scope of this project includes the survey, design and construction of a 7m wide paved (100mm asphalt) road, with 1.5m gravel shoulders and an option to pave the shoulders from Tani (69.8297 E, 33.2428 N) to BSP 5 (69.5802 E, 33.1205 N) in the Khost Province of Afghanistan...

...Prior to starting the work, the contractor shall submit to AED - Kabul, for verification, the actual starting and ending coordinates, gathered in the field by the contractor. The contractor will be notified within seven (7) business days of receipt of said coordinates if AED concurs with them as the field-verified starting and ending coordinates."

Q.7. What is USACE’s position on the contractor’s responsibility for delays caused by acute or chronic security problems encountered by our crews while working on the road? This includes

credible and verifiable threats of violence against our crews that may cause the project to stop or relocate to another section of road.

Answer 7) AED will entertain all requests for time extensions due to severe and documented security incidents and/or attacks. Insurgency incidents are currently a weekly problem. Make sure you have enough security on site to protect your people and equipment. When submitting your daily Quality Control Reports, report any security problems, and call in immediately any attacks to the local PRT. You will send a SALUTE report and the local PRT will then issue a Serious Incident Report (SIR) for all incidents. These documents are the basis for determining whether or not a time extension will be entertained or approved.

Q.8. In conjunction with item 1, and in light of the unpredictable security situation, would USACE consider waiving Liquidated Damages?

Answer 8) No.

Q.9. Is there a provision to account for commodity price increases? Significant increases in the price of oil, for example, could have a serious impact on the cost of asphalt paving.

Answer 9) AED does not have an escalation clause. Bid the work as presented in the Scope of Work. Your bid should consider the possibility of continued oil price increases.

Q.10. After checking and examining the complete detail of the concerned RFP documents our road section engineers have some questions. After a long discussion we come to conclusion that before submitting the required documents to your office the same question should be shared with you through email. As you know better that during the last few years' different categories of road was constructed and recently is under construction in different parts of Afghanistan. Depending on the type and design of road the prices may varies. Here I would like to mention that to which one of the following mentioned category should we give the price?

Answer 10: Our office only needs the price of what is stated in the Scope of Work (SOW). The SOW states:

"The scope of this project includes the survey, design and construction of a 7m wide paved (100mm asphalt) road, with 1.5m gravel shoulders and an option to pave the shoulders from Tani (69.8297 E, 33.2428 N) to BSP 5 (69.5802 E, 33.1205 N) in the Khost Province of Afghanistan."

Q.11. Would your office need the prices for all of the following?

In this regard your kind instruction will be highly appreciable.

1. 120mm thick hot rolled asphalt Road with asphalt shoulders.
2. 100mm thick hot rolled asphalt road with DBST or SST shoulders.

3. 100mm thick hot rolled asphalt road with CAB (Crushed aggregate Base Course) shoulders.

Answer 11: No

Q.12. Moreover our senior road engineers want to have a meeting with you regarding the above mentioned road project before the bidding. They want to give a presentation. Most of them have worked with international construction companies and have good experience about the road projects.

Answer 12. AED will decline your invitation of a presentation of this road. It would not be fair to the other contractors and we do not have the time to meet with all of the contractors bidding on the project.

(End of Summary of Changes)