

ADDENDUM A

PROJECT: Fiber Optic Network Upgrades
Date: May 11, 2012

The following is rough transcription questions and responses during the pre-bid meeting held on May 5, 2022.

The audio recording of the meeting is available at Leavenworth County's web site (<https://files.leavenworthcounty.gov/Department/IS/prebid%20meeting.mp3>)

Question #1:

Contractor: I saw you guys have pretty detailed running lines as far as off of edge of pavement. How much wiggly room do we have on that running line?

Olsson: As we have discussed throughout the design process, telecom, putting a two inch conduit in moves a lot easier than anything else. So it is our intention that you stay within the right of way. But there is latitude for horizontal and vertical adjustments to avoid existing utilities of all natures. We want that to happen. We want to keep away from those utilities. There is some storm work that is proposed for the city that is include, there is more detailed information and in that portion of the job you'll need to be at a vertical and horizontal location that will avoids the proposed infrastructure. And so you will have to be careful about that, it will important, it will not be as adjustable because the components that are going to be added in the future aren't there. So it is not just missing them, it is what they are going to be. So, those will be important. I know that was an important aspect that the city [Leavenworth] had and we will be watching that as it is constructed. But, just running down the road and you have something to avoid, a water meter, curb stop or whatever. We generally want you to be three feet or more deep. We are not looking to avoid things by going to twelve inches deep and that will not be acceptable in the field but we will be reasonable. I think in the specification we allowed twenty-four inches as a minimum, so that is an exception, it's not we are not going to accept twenty-four inches forever and we will be watching for those depths that will be part of the red-line drawings and those areas will be called out at the time that they're wrong so that they can be fixed right away. We won't be accepting them at an elevation that won't work.

Contractor: I was more curious about trying to help with the restoration of stuff in the town so if we did stay out of the brick sidewalks or something like that...

Olsson: Absolutely

Contractor: Okay

Olsson: We walked this pretty carefully, but we can't see below the ground so if we encounter things that we need to adjust for, people in the field will able to make those decisions.

Question #2:

Contractor: I saw the details on your restoration of the streets - If we do any saw cutting. I did not see one for core holes, like we have a spot utility. Is that going to be the same cut back deal or are we going to be able to [unintelligible]...

Olsson: We will expect those to be benched in, so if you core a hole, an eight inch hole, and you back it out, you're going to have to fill it back up, flow fill back up, and then we'll want to bench that repair so that we are not just pushing a plug back in the ground for future fails because of freeze thaw. We usually leave that for you guys to ask that question because not everybody pot-holes the same way.

Contractor: Right

Olsson: We'll expect that to be done, capped, basically looking like the trench detail.

Comment #1

Bill Noll: The County policy on a couple of different things is that this is an ARPA fund project. It is a locally administered project so Davis-Bacon does not apply. The County's general policy is that they don't pay for stored material, so if you order a bunch of materials in advance of the project, generally they pay for those on a monthly basis as they are installed. There is no requirement regarding sub-contractors.

Question #3:

Contractor: What about approval of a sub-contractor?

Bill Noll: We don't generally have an approval process. The prime contractor we have our contract with is responsible for the delivery of product and so, any recourse that would need to occur would through you guys as the primary contractor. Generally speaking, the County does not interact directly with a sub-contractor.

Question #4:

Bill Noll: I don't know what we have on this project for Saturday work.

Olsson: We did have restrictions based on what we got from the city. So there are some restrictions in there. They were going to allow it only in certain circumstances and in only certain areas. There were some restrictions spelled out in the specifications.

Bill Noll: Generally everybody would want to be notified by Thursday afternoon, if you were going to work on Saturday, so they can have an inspector out there.

Comment #2:

Olsson: Part of the specifications was to do a pre-construction video survey. That helps everybody in the room today. There will be somebody that is upset with something so that needs to be done. Also part of the contract, any disturbances are to be sodded. It needs to be a good stand of grass. The contractor is responsible for getting that to a good stand. Plan accordingly, if we are running out of season, sodding, fully expect that you are going to have to come back the next spring to sod and make it right.

Question #5:

Contractor: So, are you okay with grass seed or does it all need to be sod?

Olsson: It has been spec'd out as sod. We have it spec'd out as sod. Now, I know that there's times when you say hey, we can get grass to grow, people may be flexible, but if it's a mess, we are going to require sod. That's just the bottom line.

Contractor: I kind of drove the site before I came over and it looked like, well, grass seed would probably be sufficient in a lot of these areas, so – I mean obviously there is some that need sod - I was just curious if that was sod a spec, or if we have a good stand of grass before we finish the project if that would be sufficient.

Olsson: I think we can probably discuss that. The specification is for sod though so please figure accordingly.

Question #6:

Bill Noll: Who is responsible for the door hangers prior to the project? Are we going to notify the property owners along the corridor?

Olsson: I don't know that we specified, I don't believe we specified door hangers. It's definitely a good practice to let them know, so if we need to talk about that we can add that in there.

Bill Noll: Sometimes we do them and sometimes the contractor does them.

Olsson: I don't think – we didn't.

Larry Malbrough: I think all I saw in your document was regarding traffic impact and a notification of signage but not general inconvenience factors.

Olsson: Right. So if we need to discuss that addition that would be easily added.

Comment #3

Olsson: To reiterate, if for whatever reason, it's not going to happen with this project, if we get a bunch of dead grass, we're going to fully expect to get that refurbished. I think, sometimes, not with the county work, that when I was with a city, you always have property owners that are doing some work, like "hey, since you got your excavator out here, would you mind knocking this thing out" or something like that. We don't have any specs that say you can't do that, but in every event, if that were to happen, that's between you and the property owner. And further, if the property owner comes and says "you disturbed my grass, fixing this thing for me", and it looks like it was part of our project, then it is going to have to be restored.

Comment #4

Olsson: We are going to have a full time person out there on site during construction. We will be responsible for that. We will be the contract liaison between the contractor and the County for all field incidents, all issues, including [unintelligible] quantities and what-not as we go along the project. So that those reports will be, daily/weekly reports, will be done to track that progress. The best situation is that the contractor and the inspector work together to have agreeable records so at the end of the project, we are not looking back, trying to discuss whether we did or didn't do certain things during the

project that had been recorded the whole time. Mitch talked about the pre-con video. That's super important protection for everybody involved in the project. I can't stress that enough.

Question #7:

Contractor: What about fees for city or county right of way permitting. Are we going to be responsible for those or since it is a County project?

Olsson: The County is responsible for the fees. The city has approved the plans for the permitting.

Note: On 5/10/2022 Olsson confirmed that permit fees to the City of Leavenworth have been waived. The contractor will not be responsible for permitting fees.

Question #8:

Contractor: Will weather delays be added in to the finish date on this?

Olsson: How much time did you put in on this document?

Larry Malbrough: I thought until December.

Olsson: Weather delays; it is not a working day contract, though, right, it is just a completion date contract.

Larry Malbrough: Yes

Olsson: I think if it were outside of just average rain, there could be consideration given for that would be my thought process.

Contractor: Ok. I just didn't know if we get into September and we get a month and a half of straight rain...

Olsson: If that happens, we would have to revisit that.

Larry Malbrough: The biggest thing we need, is this done this year. That is why I put a December project completion deadline if you will. And I've told the commissioners that this will be done this year. So, with the ARPA funding and everything else, we really want to get it done this year. And I figure by December, you'll start having other problems that would cause you reasons to want to delay so we don't want to even get – we don't want to see snow on the ground and we're still struggling to try to get this done.

Olsson: This is a 26,000 foot project. I mean this should not be a long – now we do have supply chain issues in our country right now that are impactful to a project and a project like this. So that certainly needs to be the most thing to happen the second the contractor is selected, is materials need to be ordered. This isn't something that "oh I didn't get to it" and we get into September and we don't have any materials, then it's going to be problematic.

Contractor: Fiberglass being one of the main ones. Those hand holes are going to be...

Olsson: Right. So there's not a ton of hand holes on here but there are hand holes and so waiting on hand holes and then maybe you have to wait on them while you are boring and doing all that, but that December deadline is pretty set in stone.

Olsson: And also I think in the event that there is some weird weather and there is delays, everybody needs to know that as the progress goes. Even the first couple of weeks; everything goes per plan, per schedule, we can't wait until the end of the project, I assume you guys would do this, but I know for a fact that the County does not take that lightly: waiting to the end of the project and finding out we got four more weeks or something like that.

Bill Noll: Generally what we are requiring is if you fall more than two weeks behind schedule that you provide an updated schedule and upon receipt of the updated schedule that shows a completion date beyond the contractual completion date the County would have to make a determination whether or not to accept that and then Larry would need to get that contract amended by the Board of County Commissioners to accommodate that failure to meet the completion date.