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Amendment No. 2

David Bernhardt
COMMISSIONER

Dear Sir/Ms:

The following questions have been received:

Question: The first sentence on page 163 says that painting is on "the following areas of structural steel: the girders – 5ft. from the end of the girders and the bearings at the abutments" Do the diaphragms within 5 ft. of the end of the girders need to be painted?

Response: Yes, the diaphragms as well as all other structural steel within 5 ft. of the end of the girder shall be painted.

Question: The second sentence on page 163 says "This specification also covers touch up painting after reinstallation of the bearings". Do the bearings get re-installed? If so what are the specifications relative to that work?

Response: No bearings are to be removed for this contract. Bearings are to be prepared for painting and painted in place.

Question: The last paragraph on page 163 says "The new bearing anchor bolts shall be hot dipped galvanized" Do the existing bearing anchor bolts get replaced? If so what are the specifications relative to that work?

Response: No new anchor bolts are specified. If preparation of the existing bearing and anchor bolts for painting reveals that the anchor bolts are significantly deteriorated or failed, the resident will determine if repair or replacement of anchor bolts is required. Any repair or replacement of anchor bolts would be treated as extra work.

Question: Joint Modification Detail sheet 18 (note 4) & sheet 20 (note 5) state "All new steel supplied for the bridge joint modification shall be galvanized." Does this include the reinforcing steel?

Response: The reinforcing steel does not need to be galvanized.

Consider this information prior to submitting your bid on February 22, 2012.

Sincerely,


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Acting Contracts & Specifications Engineer



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