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WIN: PH20250514WFP2
Location: **Baileyville**
Amendment No. 7

Dear Sir/Ms.:

The following questions have been received:

16. **Question:** Sheet M-123 shows the Fish Holding Tank with a flanged connection to the return pipe which is no longer in the contract. Please clarify whether a 16" Full Face Carbon Steel Blind on the fish holding tank return pipe flange is required.

Response: Assume the flanged connection segment just outside the tank as shown on the Holding Tank Enlarged Plan of M-123 remains in the bid because it is to be provided by the tank manufacturer. The overall route of the pipe beyond the flanged tank connection marked as Not in Contract will be re-evaluated in the redesign consultation and constructability review process.

17. **Question:** Drawing C-163 does not show flanges throughout the "Eel Backwash System". Please confirm butt-welded pipe joints are permitted.

Response: Connections for the eel backwash system piping shall be flanged.

18. **Question:** Please provide the detail and QTY of anchor bolts for wedge wire #1 support. Detail A & B on drawing M-121 references sheet M-125 which appears to reference details on the operating stem of the trap gate, not the wedge wire screen.

Response: Detail references to M-125 shown on Sections A and B of M-121 will be revised to refer to M-132 where the Exit Flume Wedge Wire Screen Details are located. Similarly, the references back to M-122 shown on Details 1 and 2 of M-132 will be revised to refer to M-121.

Note that the callout for Detail 2 of M-126 shown on M-121 will also be revised as M-126 does not apply. Refer to M-122 showing the embedded channel with L4x4 bolted to the channel.

19. **Question:** Please clarify whether the responses to questions given in the first bidding round for this project apply to the current round of bidding, or should the questions be re-submitted.

Response: Questions and responses from the prior bid opportunity were screened as accurately as possible to remove drawing updates already completed or questions no longer applicable. The remaining RFI questions and responses were reproduced for incorporation into this revised project bid opportunity under Exhibit D-4.

20. **Question:** Please confirm bidders who submitted qualifications for the first round of bidding are not required to re-submit qualifications for this round of bidding.

Response: Confirmed.

21. **Question:** Please provide the opportunity to view the potential barge & crane access location for the project during the site visit scheduled for September 30th.

Response: This request was addressed during the Site Walk.

22. **Question:** In communication with our vendors, the galvanized steel wire mesh called out on S-231 for the fish lift is not commercially available. The mesh can be procured in stainless steel. Please confirm stainless steel mesh is acceptable with the addition of corrosion protection for the fish lift columns.

Response: Galvanized steel chain link fabric, similar to that used for fencing, was envisioned for the galvanized wire called out on S-231. However, stainless steel mesh will be an acceptable alternative.

23. **Question:** Sheet D-100 shows the demolition limits of the existing Fish Ladder. At the North side of the island, the existing fish ladder drops in elevation and is in a single run (detail C on DWG D102), after that section is demolished what would protect the slope as well as the 42" mill water intake pipe saddle that sits on the edge of the ladder at the northeast corner of the island? Should this portion of the existing fish ladder remain in place to provide slope protection to the island and support the mill water intake pipe support?

Response: Shading in the figure below from D-100 identifies a portion of the existing fish ladder and the existing concrete wall on the east and north ends of the island that Bidders may assume will remain in place. Hatching will therefore be revised accordingly.

