

## Pre - Bid Meeting Agenda

<b>DATE:</b>	May 11, 2021
<b>PROJECT NAME:</b>	Bridge Preventative Maintenance for Porter County Bridge Nos. 272 and 273
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Willowcreek/Crisman Road Bypass over CSX Transportation, Inc. Railroad
<b>OWNER:</b>	Porter County
<b>PORTER COUNTY ENGINEER:</b>	Michael E. Novotney, PE
<b>OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	USI Consultants, Inc. 824 Lincolnway Loft 3A LaPorte, IN 46350 Office: (219) 369.6545 Brandon Arnold – Bridge Department Manager <a href="mailto:barnold@usiconsultants.com">barnold@usiconsultants.com</a>

### OPENING COMMENTS / INTRODUCTIONS:

### GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

### DATES:

- Bids are due by **9:30 am (CST) Tuesday, May 18, 2021**
- Bids are to be delivered to the Office of the Auditor of Porter County, 155 Indiana Ave., Ste 204, Valparaiso IN 46383
- Substantial completion date of **October 5, 2021**: (See General Specification 108.12 for related liquidated damages)
- Final completion date of **October 19, 2021**: (See General Specification 108.12 for related liquidated damages)
- Road Restrictions shall be limited to **90 Consecutive Calendar days** (See General Specification 108.12 for related liquidated damages)
- Incentive pay will be \$500/day for up to 10 days, or \$5,000 total, for each calendar day that the roadway is open to unrestricted traffic ahead of the 90-day closure. (see Section 3 of Construction Services Agreement)
- Design questions before bid should be sent to Matt Gavelek before 10:00 a.m. May 16, 2021.

### UTILITIES:

It was determined that all utilities within the project area are not in conflict.

Utility work plans and contact information can be found in the Contract Information Book.

**PERMITS:**

None secured, nor required.

**MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC:**

Maximum 90-day lane restrictions. No closure. Restrictions must be consecutive days. Incentive (\$500 per day, \$5,000 maximum) for reduced number of days with restrictions.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS/RAILROAD COORDINATION:**

## 26. RAILROAD REQUIREMENTS

The Contractor shall make themselves knowledgeable of the approved railroad agreement dated March 30, 2021. Special attention shall be given to Sections 3, 9, and 11 as well as Exhibits C and F.

The Contractor shall execute Schedule I of the approved RR agreement, Contractor's Acceptance, and return to CSXT within (5) five days of receipt of notice to proceed. The Contractor shall submit the executed Contractor's Acceptance to CSXT and a copy to Porter County in accordance with Item 16 in the CSXT Construction Agreement found in Appendix B.

The Contractor shall be responsible to purchase and maintain insurance in compliance with CSXT's insurance requirements attached to the executed construction agreement, found in Appendix B, as Exhibit F.

## 28. RAILROAD COORDINATION

The Contractor shall be responsible for directly coordinating with CSXT regarding project schedules, types and durations of anticipated work, etc. as required for flagging operations and in accordance with the CSXT Construction Agreement found in Appendix B. Copies of all electronic communication with CSXT shall be submitted to Porter County. Contact information for the appropriate Porter County personnel will be given at the Preconstruction Conference.

Consecutive days of flagging shall be requested by the contractor for the totality of the work deemed at risk to CSXT Property. CSXT shall be the sole source responsible for determining the flagging needs and durations.

**OPEN Q & A:**

- 1) Q – In reviewing the specs, the railroad (CSXT) states that Exhibit D is their reimbursable expenses for this project. Is this cost being paid by the "Agency" or does the contractor need to figure any CSXT costs?

A – Exhibit D are the costs to be paid by the Agency, not the Contractor (*answer provided by CSXT*)

- 2) Q – RR Insurance, I need the following information for each bridge: number of trains per day (Passenger vs Cargo) and speed of trains.
- A – Bridge 272 (CSX Milepost BI-236.75) – 42 freight movements per day – 40 mph maximum authorized speed  
Bridge 273 (CSX Milepost QFP-246.16 – 5 freight movements per day – 40 mph maximum authorized speed  
*(answer provided by CSXT)*

