Questions and Answers

Solicitation 19LA9022R0001: Parking Garage Repairs

The Embassy of the United States of America in Vientiane has received the following questions regarding solicitation 19LA9022R00015.

Q1: What is the slope percentage to the deck slab?

A1: Please refer to the slopes referenced on drawing A7.101. The slopes are indicated in the middle of the parking deck. The slope of level 2 concrete slab is 4.6% for most part and 3% for top part (upper stair well).

Q2: What will happen if there is a delay to construction due to the rainy season?

A2: Materials must be installed per manufacturers’ recommendations. If rain causes delays because materials cannot be installed, there will not be any additional costs to the U.S. Government or Embassy for delays or disruptions to the project. The project will resume when timing is appropriate to install the materials and complete the project.

Q3: Can the Embassy provide a specific date for issuing the award contract?

A3: The Embassy does not have a specific date, but we will try to issue the contract as soon as possible.

Q4: Can contractors work on weekends and outside normal business hours?

A4: The Embassy may approve requests for work on weekends and outside normal business hours. Contractors must submit requests in advance.

Q5: How do contractors import materials?

A5: Please refer to Sec. H.15 of the solicitation. The Embassy will assist with duty-free importing. For planning purposes, contractors should understand that an invoice must be submitted to the Lao Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Approval may take three weeks or more. The contractor is responsible for any costs.
Q6: Is bid bond not required for this proposal?

A6: Please refer to Sec. H.1 for all bond information.

Q7: In the Section H.1.1 BONDS/IRREVOCABLE LETTERS OF CREDIT REQUIRED: “The Contractor shall furnish (1) a performance and guaranty bond and a payment bond on forms provided by and from sureties acceptable to the Government, each in the amount of 20% of the contract price.”

While in the Section I.6. 52.228-15 PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS—CONSTRUCTION (OCT 2010):
(1) Performance bonds (Standard Form 25). The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.
(2) Payment Bonds (Standard Form 25-A). The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

Please confirm which one will be applicable.

A7: Please note that the requirements in Section I.6 do not apply if the resulting price is $250,000 or less, per Sec. I.6(b).

Thank you to all prospective offerors for the feedback, questions, and input.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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