Bid Items

The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly

Current Challenges

The Bad and the Ugly



- We currently have nearly 2,500 bid items.
 - Not inherently a problem
- We use only ~500 on a semi-regular basis
 - Semi-regular = 10+ times since 2008
- Why is this a problem?
 - Slows down SiteManager database
 - Compounds Materials Interests
 - Confusing to all-So many we've got duplicates!
 - Difficult to process change orders
 - Difficult to search through





#2: Special Note Item Orphans

- New bid items are made with a special note in mind
- Once bid item created, the special note often gets lost
- Designers/Construction Engineers then take existing bid items and use them without the intended special note
- Result: Postmodern bid items with no absolute meaning, confusion for Contractors, possible claim/money loss for KYTC





#3: Finding Existing Bid Items

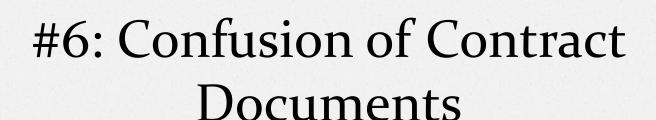
- We get too many requests for new bid items to be created for items that already exist!
- Wastes time that we (Construction) could be using for other duties
- Please review updated list of available bid item on Division of Construction's website THOROUGHLY.
 - Link on Design's website too



- Confusion about when and when not to use "Install" items
- "Install", for KYTC use, means all materials for the bid item will be provided to the Contractor.
 - Bid items for labor and equipment only
- If the materials are not supplied by the KYTC or by the utility companies, please do not use "Install."
 - This means that designers need to check with utility companies to find out which, if any, materials they are providing



- Not Cool!
- Not standard across the state
- Too many bid items
 - Use supplemental descriptions if possible
- Install vs. Normal
 - Utility company definition of "Install" may not be same as KYTC definition



- Many requests for new bid items that are already specified in the contract documents (Specs, Std. Dwgs) w/o special notes
- Ex. Transverse Benching requested as a bid item when it is incidental to existing Roadway Ex. or Embankment-In-Place bid items
- Creates payment disputes. KYTC will say benching is incidental to Ex. or EIP. Contractor says need to be paid for both Ex. or EIP AND Benching item.
- Please ensure that notes are included in contract documents when non-standard bid items are used

Solutions

The Good



- Rather than requesting new bid items, use existing bid items and add supplemental descriptions for specificity and perspicuity.
- Note: Each supplemental description can be up to 40 characters (including spaces)



- Goal for next Spec book is to simplify bid items
 - o to free up database space
 - to eliminate unnecessary confusion
 - to make searching for existing items easier
- Ex. One bid item for all piling. Supplemental description will be used for size and shape



- New bid item codes for new specs
 - Codes will tie each bid item to its primary spec book section for ease of finding them
 - Ex. Class A concrete: 601XXXXX
- New specs will ensure that all standard bid items will be referenced



- In order to keep newly created items from being used without the specific note on other projects, all new bid items will be made obsolete in PES after each letting.
- Note: Items can be taken off obsolete status as needed. If used enough, we will make this a supplemental bid item



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