

Questions and Corrections 2014-10

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2014-10 Statewide Structural Steel Shop Inspection

QUESTION Is it necessary for ALL Inspectors assigned to provide services for KYTC to be an AWS Certified Welding Inspector possessing a, NDT Level II Certification (MT & UT) and a NACE Level 1 (or SSPC) Certification? Or is the NACE Certification only required for those Inspectors providing paint inspection services?

RESPONSE: In regard to the AWS certification and NDT requirements, KYTC has been consistent that all inspectors must be AWS CWI, and either MT and RT or MT and UT certified as per the contract.

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QUESTION: Per the Instructions for Response to Kentucky Transportation Cabinet's Announcement for Engineering and Related Services, Page 2(A-B): Project Service and Staff Summary, Two registered professional engineers are required for ALL projects having Structural services. Does this statement apply to the KYTC Statewide Structural Steel Shop Inspection bulletin?

RESPONSE: Yes. However, the Professional Engineers will not be required to be licensed in Kentucky at the time of response to announcement be considered for selection. However, before a contract can be executed with the selected consultant, the Professional Engineers identified in the response must obtain Kentucky licensure.

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2014-10 Statewide Pipeline Video Inspection

QUESTION #1: Based on the current provisions KYTC will select one company to provide video inspection services for all 120 counties, or all 12 districts.

We propose modifying the bulletin so that contractors can choose to competitively bid the work in each of the districts where they are interested in performing inspections. We believe this gives KYTC the competitive bidding you desire, while not creating an all-or-nothing scenario for the contractors.

RESPONSE: KYTC agrees that it would be better to contract with more than one vendor. KYTC has modified the advertisement so that 2 vendors will be selected for these services.

QUESTION #2: We disagree with the decision to not require any potential bidders be required to be prequalified with KYTC to perform this sort of work. As a principle belief, we believe KYTC should require prequalification on most, if not all, of the work it lets. It creates a level playing field for the contractors and it gives KYTC assurances that companies that they may potentially do business with are of a minimum standard. The only reason I can see to not require prequalification is to try and increase potential bidders (competition). We believe this to be unfair to those companies who have invested the time and effort to be prequalified and go through the yearly exercise to remain prequalified to perform this work in Kentucky.

RESPONSE: Prequalification with KYTC will not be required. The selection committee will review

all submitted documents to determine if the vendor is qualified.

QUESTION #3: Why is the winning contractor not allowed to subcontract? This only strikes us as unusual because other service bulletins do not typically include this note, and it is pretty common in the consultant engineering industry to sub work to other firms. We would appreciate any insight to the reasoning behind this note.

RESPONSE: The intent is for the Department to work directly with the selected vendors. The advertisement has been modified to select 2 vendors to lessen the commitment for each selected.

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QUESTION: On the front page of page 1. We are supposed to have the following statement:

"I certify that _____ is currently registered by the Commonwealth of Kentucky in accordance with KRS 322.60 to perform engineering services needed for this project, and our registration number is _____." I am wondering if this is applicable to this project. While we have engineers on staff we do not provide engineering services and thus are not registered with the state. Can you confirm the need to be a registered engineering firm.

RESPONSE: A KY register Professional Engineer is not required for Pipeline Video Inspection services. Certification of registration in accordance with KRS 322.60 is not required with your response to announcement.