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**Question 1:** Phase/Task - Plans Sheet G-002 categorizes each of the seven tasks into either Phase 1, 2, 3, or 4. Do these phases have any constraint on the schedule of construction? If so, please describe. Additionally, "Renovate Existing Maintenance Building" is listed as Task #3, however no phase is given. If phases play a crucial role in scheduling, please define the phase of Task #3.

**Answer:** The phases do constrain construction due to the utilities and other services. Phasing should be followed as close as possible as noted on sheet L-100. Task numbering on G-002 can be ignored. The maintenance building renovation shall be added as a part of Phase Four (4); however the contractor shall take care not to damage the surrounding asphalt.

**Question 2:** Bid Schedule | Page 47 of the solicitation - Bid Submission (b) states that the bid schedule will be part of the bid package. It also states that pricing is required for ALL line items. Please confirm that the bid schedule listed on page 6 of the solicitation has only one line item.

**Answer:** There is only one bid item for this solicitation.

**Question 3:** Soil Report | Specs Volume 1 - 1.12.C (pg. 01 00 00 -10) states that a soil report will be made available upon request. How do we go about requesting a copy of the site soil report?

**Answer:** A copy of the geotechnical report shall be made available, also referred to as a "Soils Report".

**Question 4:** Aerial Photos | Specs Volume 1 - 1.25.C (pg. 01 00 00 -18) states that "normally" aerial photographs must be submitted monthly. Please confirm that this is a requirement for this project and is within the scope of the contractor.

**Answer:** Aerial photos are not necessary on this project.

**Question 5:** Temporary Irrigation | Note 13 on plan sheet L-130 says "Temporary irrigation may be required at all planting and sodded locations, coordinate with COR for temporary connections

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until permanent system can be installed." What does the government want for temporary irrigation, or is it at the contractor's discretion?

**Answer: Temporary irrigation required for establishment is at the contractors' discretion, within reason. No disruption of the existing irrigation system or cemetery operations will be acceptable.**

**Question 6:** Landscaping - Tree Calipers | Many of the specified tree calipers are much smaller than what are typically installed in commercial landscaping. Are these sizes indeed what the government wants?

**Answer: Utilize 1 ½" DBH caliper minimum for all trees.**

**Question 7:** Bid Confirmation | This project is a bid and not a proposal, however, the RFP refers to submitting Volume I and Volume II, which is what is commonly submitted in proposals. Please confirm that this was an error in the RFP and we are to submit this bid as a normal bid without separate volumes. If not, please advise of requirements for Volume I and Volume II.

**Answer: Yes please provide two Volumes as specified in the solicitation.**

**Question 8:** DBE Participation | Are the minority and female participation goals listed on page 48 of the solicitation merely goals or are they hard requirements for a bid to be eligible?

**Answer: These goals are applicable to all of the Contractor's construction work performed in the covered area. If the Contractor performs construction work in a geographical area located outside of the covered area, the Contractor shall apply the goals established for the geographical area where the work is actually performed. Goals are published periodically in the Federal Register in notice form, and these notices may be obtained from any Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs office.**

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**Question 9:** RFI Extension | Considering this week's Holiday, we would request that the final deadline for questions be extended to Friday, December 4, 2015. In what is likely the best interest of the project, this would allow questions after the Holiday week and still allow much time for the VA to respond.

**Answer:** The deadline for the questions will not be extended.