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FAP Route 631 (IL 102)  
Section (110)BR  
Kankakee County  
Contract No. 66A55  
November 6, 2015 Letting – Item 19

**Meeting:** Pre-bid Meeting  
**Meeting Location:** Illinois DOT District 3, Ottawa, IL  
**Meeting Time:** October 29, 2015, 1:30 PM  
**Distribution:** All Attendees  
**Attendees:** See attached sign-in

Item	Description
1	<p><b>Introductory remarks:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome to the Pre-Bid Meeting, for Item 19, Contract 666A55 for the IDOT Letting on November 6, 2015. Thank you for your interest in bidding on this project.</li><li>• Project is located in Kankakee County adjacent to the Kankakee River State Park, northwest of the Bradley/Bourbonnais/Kankakee Area. Project involves in the removal of the existing 3 span concrete bridge with precast deck plank superstructure over Rock Creek and replacing it with a two span steel beam structure that is 250' from back to back of the abutments. Total length of improvement including the structure and approach roadway work is about 440 feet. The profile of the bridge will be raised approximately 0.8'.</li><li>• Traffic will be detoured during construction.</li><li>• The road closure is allowed between March 1, and September 1, 2016, with an additional 15 working days to finish up incidental items.</li><li>• Illinois DOT stated that these meeting minutes are the official record of the pre-bid meeting. The DOT needs to be notified in writing if the attendee's interpretation of discussions during the meeting is different than presented here.</li><li>• Please keep any side discussions to a minimum. Any discussions held outside of the presentations and question and answer period will not be answered, or included in the meeting minutes.</li><li>• Contractors are allowed to ask questions or submit questions in writing at the pre-bid meeting. Responses will be distributed to all attendees at this meeting and posted to IDOT letting website. No questions will be accepted following the pre-bid.</li><li>• The deadline to issue addendums for this project has passed. The plans and special provisions online are the official bidding documents. If questions arise after the meeting, the contractor will be required to bid it as they see it.</li><li>• Geotechnical Reports are available on the Letting Website</li><li>• Rock cores are available for inspection during the meeting, today only.</li></ul>
2	<p><b>PowerPoint:</b> Copies of the slides with information presented in this meeting were handed out at the meeting. Site pictures included in the presentation were not included in the handouts. The PowerPoint presentation will also be posted on the letting website with the other contract documents.</p>

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3	<p><b>Drilled Shaft Special Provision:</b>            This special provision replaces the existing section 516 of the Standard Specifications dealing with drilled shafts. There are numerous changes to the existing specifications, and the contractors were encouraged to read it thoroughly and make any subcontractors dealing with the drilled shafts aware of the changes as well.</p>
4	<p><b>Protection of the Millstone:</b>            An uncompleted millstone exists at the base of the creek bank in the northwest quadrant of the project. The millstone is to be protected with high visibility fence. General Note page 2, and location identified on sheet 14.</p>
5	<p><b>In Stream Restrictions (Rock Creek):</b></p> <p>No in-stream work is allowed from May 1 – June 30 to protect fish during the spawning season. Work platforms / coffer dams are allowed in the stream bed during the project, but all work to build the coffer dams will need to be done prior to May 1, or after June 30. Commitments, sheet 2 of plans.</p> <p>Demolition debris shall not remain in the creek for more than 7 days. See Special Provision for Removal of Existing Structures.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discussion concerning instream work. IDOT reiterated that the construction and removal of the cofferdam and work platforms could not be done during the spawning season, however, work on the platforms within the cofferdams or on the causeway could take place.</i></li> <li>• <i>Demolition debris cannot be dropped into the stream during the spawning season.</i></li> </ul>
6	<p><b>Oak Tree Protection:</b></p> <p>A commitment was made to protect two large oak trees in the southwest quadrant from damage. Trimming of the oak trees will be allowed if necessary, but must be coordinated with the park Site Superintendent. Commitment, Sheet 2.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Contractor wanted clarification on who approved the tree trimming. Response is the Kankakee State Park's Site Supt. would be engaged in the trimming and removal process of trees within the temporary occupancy permit area. The Resident would monitor tree removal and trimming within the highway right of way. The plans have contingency items for tree removal and tree trimming within the state right of way and the temporary occupancy permit area for temporary access.</i></li> </ul>
7	<p><b>Tree Clearing Restrictions – Indiana and Northern Long-Eared Bats:</b></p> <p>For the protection of these Endangered and Threatened Species of bats, tree removal is prohibited from April 1<sup>st</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Commitment, Sheet 2.</p>

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8	<p><b>Tree Removal / Contractor Access:</b></p> <p>Tree removals identified in the plans on the removal sheets were included based on an assumed access point to the creek bed being in the south east quadrant of the project. Trees should not be removed unless needed for contractor access.</p> <p>Note for contractors if using DBE subcontractor for tree removal that some of these quantities may be reduced.</p>
9	<p><b>Temporary Occupancy Permit – Kankakee River State Park:</b></p> <p>Due to the restricted right of way, and environmental concerns for impacts to the Kankakee River State Park a Temporary Occupancy Permit was granted by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for use by the Department during construction to provide some access on the project site.</p> <p>All proposed maintenance activities and improvements in the Temporary Occupancy Permit areas must be approved by the Park Site Superintendent. Grading and seeding of any disturbed areas after construction is completed is required.</p>
10	<p><b>Contractor Access:</b></p> <p>Access to the jobsite is limited to the existing Department right of way and the Temporary Occupancy Permit area. (Special Provision for Contractor Access).</p> <p>Aerial Photo on slide 14, and printouts provided at the meeting show the existing right of way and the proposed Temporary Occupancy Permit areas.</p> <p>The Park Site Superintendent does not have the authority to authorize access from other locations within the park.</p> <p>Existing topography consisting of steep rock bluffs in all four quadrants of the area will make access to the creek bed challenging. Slides showing pictures of the site were shown to the audience.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> Contractor questioned whether necessary rock excavation for access will be paid for.  <b>A.</b> This is not the intent of the contract.</p>

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11	<p><b>Status of Utilities:</b></p> <p>A handout was provided to attendees with the attached information concerning the status of utilities.</p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>The question was what is the maximum duration of de-energizing the power lines?</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>The Department noted that Com Ed would entertain de-energizing the power lines or leaning the poles.</i></p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>Who incurs the cost of de-energizing the power lines?</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>The response is scheduling de-energizing of the lines and any costs associated with that would be between the contractor and the utility, because those items are based on the contractor's schedule.</i></p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>How is the service line to the concession stand addressed?</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>This line is not noted on the plans and will be addressed in the field.</i></p>
12	<p><b>Questions:</b></p> <p>The following questions were asked and addressed:</p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>Contractor asked if and why a SARS report was necessary.</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>A SARS report is necessary for demolition. If the existing structure is used as a work platform, that should also be addressed.</i></p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>Contractor requested a Bridge Condition Report.</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>Department responded they are all online.</i></p> <p><b>Q.</b> <i>Contractor asked about discrepancy of causeway pay quantity vs exhibit handout quantity.</i>  <b>A.</b> <i>Department provided clarification, no discrepancy.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Discussion regarding the causeway. Department reiterated the causeway as drawn in the exhibit is what has been permitted. Deviations will need to be approved by the permitting agency which could take considerable time.</i></li> </ul>