



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

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SUBJECT: FAU Route 5348
Annie Glidden Road
Project HPP-2295(2)
Section 06-00160-02-WR
DeKalb County
Contract No 87335
Item 9 A
April 27, 2007 Letting

TO PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS:

To clarify information it is necessary to revise the following:

Proposal- Revised page 31 of the Special Provisions

Plans- Revised Sheets 25 and 26.

Prime contractors must utilize the enclosed material when preparing their bid and must include any Schedule of Prices changes in their bidding proposal. Bidders using computer-generated bids are cautioned to reflect any and all Schedule of Prices changes, if involved, into their computer programs.

Since the proposal sheets are printed back to back, bidders are cautioned to exercise care when inserting revised and/or added special provisions into their proposals.

Please call 217-782-7806 if any of the above-described material is not included in this transmittal.

Very truly yours,

Eric Harm
Interim Engineer of Design and Environment

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ted B. Walschleger P.E.' with a small 'P.E.' to the right.

By: Ted B. Walschleger, P. E.
Engineer of Project Management

The landscaping gravel shall be placed in a layer four inches in thickness.

This work shall be measured for payment in place.

This work will be paid for at the contract unit price per square yard for WEED BARRIER FABRIC and per square yard for LANDSCAPING GRAVEL, which price shall include all labor, equipment, and material for a complete installation.

SEGMENTAL CONCRETE BLOCK WALL

This work shall consist of constructing segmental concrete block walls as detailed in the plans and as directed by the Engineer.

The segmental concrete block wall modules shall be Unilock "Siena Stone", "Natural" color, or approved equal and installed per the manufacturer's specifications.

The concrete block wall modules shall be 7.25" x 39" x 20", with a minimum weight of 439 pounds. The modules shall have a 28-day compressive strength of 5000 psi in accordance with ASTM C140 and a maximum moisture absorption rate of 5%.

The concrete block wall modules shall have an integral shear key connection that shall be offset to permit a minimum wall batter of 1H:8V.

The concrete block wall modules shall be set on a seven-inch-thick compacted crushed stone leveling base. Compaction shall be to 98% Standard Proctor Density.

Pipe Underdrains, 4" will be installed in conjunction with this work to drain backfill material.

The bottom row of retaining wall modules shall be placed on the prepared leveling base. Care shall be taken to ensure that the wall modules are aligned properly, leveled from side to side and front to back and are in complete contact with the base material.

The wall modules above the bottom course shall be placed such that the tongue-and-groove arrangement provides the design batter (i.e. setback) of the wall face. Successive courses shall be placed to create a running bond pattern with the edge of all units being approximately aligned with the middle of the unit in the course below it.

The wall modules shall be swept clean before placing additional levels to ensure that no dirt, concrete, or other foreign materials become lodged between successive lifts of the wall modules.

The Contractor shall check the level of wall modules with each lift to ensure that no gaps are formed between successive lifts.

Coping units shall be secured to the top of the wall with two ½-inch beads of the approved flexible concrete adhesive positioned two inches in front and behind the tongue of the last course of retaining wall units.

Care shall be taken to ensure that the concrete block wall modules are not broken or damaged during handling and placement.

This work will be measured for payment in square feet of vertical wall face area as shown on the plans. The vertical wall face area shall be measured from the top of the leveling base to the top of the coping course multiplied by the length of each section of wall.