

Frequently Asked Questions for 2014 Asphalt Overlay Program PW14020

1. Where are the estimated quantities?

The county anticipates the bidders to visit and review each site to estimate anticipated quantities accordingly. These are asphalt overlay projects, not reconstruction or widening projects, so you can anticipate the asphalt quantities will represent the majority of the contract. Items such as pavement repair, widening, will be used for addressing failing subgrade (dips, bowls, and potholes), or narrow areas (spots that are 23' wide on a road that is otherwise 24'). Longer roads will have more of these quantities, but they will also have the relative higher asphalt quantities. Intersections without turn lanes will not get arrows; roads too narrow overall will not get rumble strips.

2. Item 3, page 10 requires contractors to submit qualifications with the bid, but it's not in the bidder's forms. Do I have to submit this?

Since the required submittal list and bidders forms do not include this item, it will not be a requirement.

3. Item 6, page 11 does not provide a contract time. Each roadway lists the working days for that portion of work, but what are the total days?

The submitted bid form will be individualized from each bidder based on the roads they submit bids for. The agreement form(s) will be based on the roads they are awarded. The contract will be in effect for a period of one year; then will expire and any money left must then be re-allocated. Chargeable working days subject to liquidated damages are listed individually for each road. Breach of contract, where a bid guaranty could be sought, would only occur if a contractor entered into an agreement, was given sufficient time to complete the contract per accumulated chargeable days (all awarded projects added up), and then chose to not complete the work prior to the one year expiration. Delays or actions by the county affecting the contractor's ability to complete the contract are of no consequence to the contractor. Bidders should be aware they could receive a notice to proceed anytime within the contract period. The county will communicate and work with the contractor. We don't expect you to rush out to the job the following Monday. Just be aware you may not get to start right away or choose your own schedule. We will definitely work with you as much as we can.

4. Item 8, page 11 states that subcontractor information must be submitted with the bid but is not in the bidders forms package. Will this be required?

Since the required submittal list and bidders forms do not include this item, it will not be a required submittal with the bid. This still applies to awarded contractors.

5. Item 15, page 13 Bid Submittals lists various certification forms (anti-collusion, lobbying and disbarment and suspension, Affirmative Action and Equal Opportunity, etc.) required to be submitted. These forms were not provided in the bid package nor are they listed as required submittals. By accurately completing and submitting the "Notice to Contractors" section, these items are satisfied. See section (6), page 17.

6. Working days are charged differently than the MoDOT standard specifications. Will I be forced to pave a road in the middle of winter? My plant or supplier is shut down.

We agree this doesn't sound fair. An addendum has been issued to modify this Job Special Provision.

The intention was not to force work every time the sun shines. This was aimed more at the preparation work when hot mix is available, or if winter comes late, or spring comes early. We understand the major task of bringing a plant online, and the higher cost of providing asphalt during the shutdown period.

7. Do you have to bid on all projects?

This is the same program as our asphalt overlay program has been for years. The difference now is the bidders are able to bid one, two, any or all roads as they wish; and this year includes additional preparation items. This method allows us to get the best prices for the public. Large contractors can exclude the smaller roads or roads too far from their plant. Smaller, local contractors now get a shot at winning some work without being on the hook for huge quantities. You do not have to bid on all roads. If you don't want to bid a certain road, then initial that sheet along with your company name, and write "No Bid" on that sheet. If you provide prices for the generic road bid sheet, you are accepting overlay work for any county road within the county.