

EMERALD COAST UTILITIES AUTHORITY
BID CC2015 05
CWRP Administration Building and Roof Restoration
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ADDENDUM NUMBER 5

Prospective Bidders:

This addendum is issued to clarify questions received.

1. Detail 4/A-5 call for the removal and replacement of the existing cast stone copings and handrails. In reviewing the existing installation, it appears that a pour rock or grout was poured around the vertical handrail post locking it and the coping stone in place. We have been defined a removal method that may not alter or damage the existing coping or vertical posts of the handrails. As the documents only call for the removal and replacement of existing copings and handrails, if these units are chipped, damaged or broken etc. is the owner prepared to accept the re-installation of items altered or with possible defects with patching efforts that will most likely not match the existing items due to age and weathering?

Answer: Yes, completely replacing all is cost prohibitive. Our intent is not to remove, discard and replace with new, it is to remove carefully and with reasonable effort to keep the stone, perform the required waterproofing work, and then re-install. The Owner has already removed and reset several performing the inspections, and reset others due a lightning strike which gives them confidence, that if reasonable care is taken, the stones can be reused. There should be no damage to the aluminum hand rail.

2. Details 2-A-5, 4-A-5 and 1-a-6 call for the removal and replacement of existing cast stone copings. Our site review revealed existing units that have existing crazes and cracking. These units may break through with any attempt to remove. Is the owner prepared to have these possible chipped and/or cracked units re-installed and patched even though they may not match due to age and weathering?

Answer: It is our opinion that the majority of existing coping caps could be reused if reasonable care is used by contractor during the removal process. Damaged units would be replaced at owner's discretion if reasonable care is taken during removal. However, we ask that all Contractors submit unit costs for replacing of an individual, typical size limestone cap with their bids so the Owner has an option for completely replacing isolated stones if necessary based on excessive cracks, crazing or damage.

3. During the pre-bid meeting, we discussed getting a sample of the current production of the same type of face brick which was used during initial construction for the owners review. We have been having trouble locating these samples, but as of yesterday, the plant has found

some of these brick. Currently this brick is not available in sufficient quantities for this project. The plant does have a few of the last production run and is sending a box sample for the owners review. The required brick will have to be manufactured once material submittals are approved and an order is placed. It could be several months from submittal approval before these units could be manufactured. As soon as the box sample is received, we will deliver to Mr. Gerry Piscopo. Is the owner prepared to wait until these units can be made to start this work?

Answer: Yes. However, we have never had this type of issue finding replacement brick and this type of lead time in the past. The brick are only being removed in areas where the flashing is being removed and often times during a flashing restoration such as this, our masonry contractors while breaking numerous bricks to open wall areas, reuse quite a few of the brick. The means and methods for the brick removal and re-installation is up to that of each contractor.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 850-969-6531, or email me at amy.williamson@ecua.fl.gov.

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