

Grizzly Gulch Placer Mine Reclamation Project - Q & A

Lewis and Clark County, Montana

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Bidder Questions and Answers Received During Open Question Period

Q: Is OCP and Pollution Insurance required for this job? In the Supplementary Conditions, it said if a box is checked next to either of those requirements, it is not required. The box has an "X" in it. Is that considered a check?

A: Consider the X's as check marks, OCP or pollution insurance is not required for this project.

Q: In Supplementary Conditions it said no tanks of petroleum are allowed on the job site. Our work trucks have slip tanks. Are those allowed?

A: Slip tanks are allowed on the site; however, spill kits must also be available on site for any accidental spills.

Q: Is there a detail for Restoration Fencing (indicated on sheet C-2)? Should this item have its own bid item?

A: The restoration fencing has been removed from the project; therefore it will not need its own bid item. This has been addressed in Addendum 1.

Q: Do you have to be a certified stream contractor to bid on the project?

A: You do not have to be a certified stream contractor for this project.

Q: Will additional fill material be imported to the project site?

A: Project is a cut/fill balance project and no imported fill material will be brought into project site.

Q: Why is the county the owner of the project if it is on private property?

A: The project is funded through a DNRC RDG grant. The county is under agreement with DNRC to administer the grant and complete the project with landowner as a stakeholder. The last active mining operation was covered under a small miner's exemption bond, which is insufficient to reclaim the site.

Q: Has an engineer's estimate been prepared?

A: *Yes, but is not released prior to the bid period. The DNRC RDG program grant has grant funding limits of \$300,000 which includes county admin time and construction engineering efforts. Additional project costs can include match funding provided by county and landowner as monetary or 'in-kind'.*

Q: Are the Coir Logs wrapped in the erosion blanket?

A: *Coir logs are not wrapped in erosion blanket.*

Q: What alternative approaches will be acceptable since a 95% standard proctor will not be achievable in frozen soil?

A: *An effort-based compaction method has been specified in Addendum 1.*

Q: What determines the lowest bidder?

A: *The bidder will be awarded by the lowest base bid. Alternate bid items will be awarded based on budget.*

Q: How to handle stream rerouting during construction?

A: *This will be left up to the contractor, means and methods. There may be existing land features from past mining that are conducive to dewatering but up to bidder to inspect and verify. There are no permitting requirements for stream dewatering.*

Q: Will RESPEC furnish CAD files for use during construction?

A: *Yes, the requestor will just need to sign a CAD file release from RESPEC.*