

LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY

Public Works Department

Highway 435 Crack Seal, Chip Seal, & Paint

QUESTIONS RECEIVED

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

GENERAL:

Responses posted at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Grants-and-Purchasing/Bids-and-Proposals-Current> no later than February 19, 2025.

Project Questions:

Q1:

I'm looking for clarification on the completion date. On page 1 of 8 of the "Agreement" it states the completion date is June 15th, 2025. On page 3 of 3 for SECTION 02504 it says scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2024. Is there any way this completion date can be extended?

A1:

The completion date is June 15, 2025. The last sentence of Section 05204, 3.3.1 will be removed by addendum 1. The completion date is set so the work will be completed in Fiscal Year 2025. However, if application specifications based on weather prevent work, documented inclement weather days will be added to the contract time.

Q2:

An AFFIDAVIT FOR TRADE SECRET CONFIDENTIALITY was included with the bid documents. We have some questions regarding the form:

What is the purpose of the document?

What trade secrets are we certifying about?

Does a lawyer sign this, or a person authorized to sign for the company?

A2:

The noted Affidavit is included on the bid page as a precaution and as a new form provided by the Lewis and Clark County Procurement office in case a company or firm has a trade secret they would like to claim. THIS FORM IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED unless a company wishes to claim trade secrets.

Q3:

Where can I find the project docs for the project stated above? Are those something you could email me?

A3:

All of the project documents can be found here: <https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/Grants-and-Purchasing/Bids-and-Proposals-Current/Invitation-for-Bids-Highway-435-Crack-Seal-Chip-Seal-Paint>

Q4:

The June 15th 2025 completion date, can this be extending into July or August for scheduling purposes?

A4:

We desire the project be completed in fiscal year 2025. See answer A1.

Q5:

Crack Seal is bid by the linear foot. Who's responsibility will it be to measure the actual amount for payment?

A5:

Measurement for payment is the responsibility of the contractor for the contractor to submit an application for payment. The owner will conduct quantity verification measurements at their discretion.

Q6:

SP-04; Vegetation sterilization during the crack sealing process. This is not a typical request on State highway projects, is it going to be expected for this job? If so, will it be required on ALL cracks as stated or where vegetation is identified within the roadway?

A6:

Vegetation sterilization will be required where vegetation is present.

Q7:

The oil shot rate on bid Line #2 is indicated at .42 gal/sy. If that specified amount needs to increase due to surface conditions to provide a quality job, will the additional oil be paid out to the contractor? This job carries a warranty so using the correct amount of oil will be critical.

A7:

The shot rate is anticipated to be 0.42 gallons/square yard. The shot rate may be adjusted due to surface conditions. A Change order may be requested by the contractor if the shot rate deviates significantly from the specified rate.

Q8:

Section 01700, 1.8 States the work will be warranted for 1 year from date of competition. MDT's expectation is until the 1st Wednesday in December. Can the MDT specification be used to eliminate potential arguments due to snowplow damage on the surface throughout the winter?

A8:

The one-year warranty is standard for Lewis and Clark County. The chip seal will be inspected by the owner prior to plowing operations. Warranty corrective action will not be pursued for verified plow damage.

Q9:

What is the expectation of traffic control after the chip seal is installed? With the County expected to do their own brooming the contractor has no control of their timeline or schedule. Can it be assumed all signage and equipment can be removed the following morning after completion?

A9:

The chip seal signage (loose gravel, speed reduction, no passing) should remain in place until the owner completes the sweeping. The owner will begin sweeping the day after the chip seal takes place.

Q10:

Assuming that chip and oil samples will be taken of during the project, who will be doing the testing of these samples? In the event of any sample failures how will this be handled?

A10:

See section 02504 2.2.B of the project manual. The owner will take oil and aggregate samples during the work for quality assurance testing. The samples will be tested if warranty work is needed.

Q11:

Will the County yard in Augusta be available to stockpile chips for this project?

A11:

The owner does not have available stockpile space or an alternate location. It will be the contractor's responsibility to find a stockpile location if desired.

Q12:

In the instruction to bidders Article 7.01 it states only the bid security need to accompany the bid proposal. Do we need to include the Affidavit for trade secret confidentiality as well with the bid or is that sent after the project is awarded?

A12:

The affidavit IS NOT REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED unless a company wishes to claim trade secrets.

Q13:

The application rate for CRS 2P is between 0.40 and 0.46 gallons/SY (section 02504, asphalt seal coat, page 2 of 3) and the application rate for aggregate is between 24-30 pounds per square yard (section 02504, asphalt seal coat, page 2 of 3), as determined in the field by the engineer. Bid form, pay item 2 suggests that the asphalt application rate should be 0.42 gallon/SY. What application rate should the contractor use for their bid pricing?

A13:

Section 02504 Part 3.1.A states the rate will be between 0.40 and 0.46 gallons per square yard and applied at the rate specified in the bid form. The application rate is anticipated to be 0.42 gallons/square yard as indicated on the bid form.

Q14:

Will a change order be issued if it is determined the required application rate is greater than what is included in the bid?

A14:

See answer A4.4

Q15:

Does Lewis and Clark County own any land in the project vicinity that could be used for staging/chip stockpiling?

A15:

See answer A4.8.

Q16:

What testing, if any, is the contractor responsible for?

A16:

See answer A4.7.

Q17:

for the crackseal portion of the project are you requiring toilet paper for blotter material?

A17:

Toilet tissue paper is not required for blotter material on this project.