

2033106 Revitalize Steam Tunnels - Pre Bid RFI Tracker - Response 1

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RFI #	RFI Question	RFI Answer	Image / Sketch / Reference Etc.
1	Is the GC required to provide the commissioning agent?	GC must provide a third party inspector, but not a commissioning agent.	
2	What is the project's anticipated award date?	Anticipated award is before September 30, 2024.	
3	Please provide a hazmat report/survey for the project.	Hazmat report will be provided.	
4	Can the Site Superintendent also act as the Safety & Quality Control Manager?	Yes, if there are proper certifications.	
8	Please confirm that existing electrical and water utilities are available for the Contractor's use and free of charge.	Confirmed.	Temporary Utility Services and Extensions
9	Please confirm if the Superintendent can also be a Quality Manager & Site Safety Officer	Yes, if there are proper certifications.	Supervision
10	Please confirm that no other personnel required aside from Superintendent/QCM/SSHO	Confirmed.	Supervision Team
11	Are we required to have a separate team for normal and off-hours work. If yes, please confirm if alternate superintendent is enough to fill the supervision requirement during off-hours work.	SI does not require alternate team. It is the discretion of the GC.	Supervision Team
12	Please clarify if hiring Commissioning Agent (CxA) is the responsibility of General Contractor	GC must provide a third party inspector, but not a commissioning agent.	Commissioning
21	Are CAD As-built drawings required in this project?	Yes.	As-Built Drawings
28	Please confirm that existing Debris, Pipe, Pipe Hangers & Frame Supports inside the Tunnel are to be considered Hazmat or ACM-Contaminated.	Assume all debris in tunnel is contaminated.	Deisting Debris, Pipe, Pipe Hangars & Frame Supports in Tunnel
29	Is the dirt/mud on the tunnel floor considered contaminated?	Yes.	
30	Is the tunnel work considered confined space or permit confined space?	Permit confined space.	
31	Will the steam lines be off completely oor just during work?	Segment from manhole S-3 to Reptile Discovery Center needs to remain active throughout construction. Other segments in project scope will be be shut off.	
32	Is this going to be phased work for the abatement contractor?	Abatement must be fully complete before mechanical work can start.	
33	Are there any asbestos reports? If yes, please share to us.	Hazmat report will be provided.	
34	Who is responsible for hiring the Industrial Hygiene firm?	GC will provide sampling for own personnel, SI contracts third party IH firm for inspections and outside sampling	Industrial Hygiene
35	Is the asbestos work to be accomplished off hours? If yes, what are the hours?	Transportation work must be off hours, before 9am. Work inside tunnel can be during work hours.	Off-Hours
36	Will the government supply water & electricity for the abatement?	Yes. GC to provide own cords and hoses for hookup.	Water & Electricity

37	Is there a location to place a dumpster near the work area?	Refer to drawings C-112CS and C-113CS for stockpile locations within construction staging zones. Hazmat debris should be removed daily and not placed in dumpsters.	Dumpster location
38	Please update the dates, if needed, and provide more clarification for these requirements.	Assuming contract award in FY24, any work in steam tunnel, including abatement, cannot begin before May 1, 2025 and must be complete by September 1, 2025. Temporary chilled water service from Great Ape and Small Mammal House must be in place between March 15, 2025 and October 15, 2025.	3.3, 3.4, 3.5 Contract Time for Completion
39	Please confirm if third party testing is the responsibility of Smithsonian.	See section 21 of Division 1000 for third party testing requirements.	Third Party Testing
45	Will the General Contractor be required to have Field Office for meetings? Please advise.	Not required.	
46	Are restroom facilities available, or will temporary restroom be required?	Refer to Division 1 of specification, section 36.1.	
48	Is phasing required for construction activities? If so, please provide the phasing plan?	SI does not require phasing. The GC can determine work flow to meet project requirements	
49	Please confirm the work schedule would be May-September as noted in the specs. This would mean the earliest start is May of 2025.	Work schedule for steam tunnel is May to September. Work on the temporary chilled water line must begin earlier to accomplish March 15, 2025 service requirement.	Work Schedule
50	If the work is to take place over the summer, does the contractor need to provide temporary air conditioning for the tunnel?	Safety plan should address heat stress mitigations	
51	Please confirm the work hours, the specs say these will be gone over at the Prebid meeting. Specifically, we would like to know the work hours for noisy work like jack hammering, and what the weekend work policy is.	Noisy work typically needs to be constrained between 6am and 2pm. However, each portion of the work needs to be coordinated with the COTR based on specific animal care needs. Refer to Division 1 Section 15	Work Hours
52	Please confirm the badging/background check requirements, specs say that only key personnel need to be badged.	Confirmed.	Badging
53	Please confirm the availability of free parking for subcontractors. Specs seem to say that only one parking pass total is available.	One free parking pass is provided. Refer to Section 18 of Division 1.	Parking