

**Revised November 27, 2017**

7. NOTICE TO BIDDERS - MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING. Prospective Bidders are hereby notified that there will be a mandatory pre-bid meeting for this project to be held at 10:00 A.M. Eastern Standard Time on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at the Richford Town Hall, 94 Main Street, Richford, VT 05746. Prospective Bidders requiring a translator must provide on their own accord.

*Attendance at the pre-bid meeting is required prior to submitting a bid for this project.*

Prospective Bidders are encouraged to submit inquiries related to this project to the Agency's Office of Contract Administration before 4:30 P.M. Eastern Standard Time on November 12, 2017. Inquiries submitted by this time will be kept anonymous as to the author of the inquiry. Other questions will be taken on the date of the pre-bid meeting and following the pre-bid meeting until the deadline specified in Special Provision No. 5.

Prior to the bid opening date of December 8, 2017, the Agency's Office of Contract Administration will issue to Prospective Bidders both a written summary of the pre-bid meeting and, if necessary, an addendum to the proposal documents.

8. NOTICE TO BIDDERS. The Contractor is hereby notified that in the absence of the Engineer, the Agency's Safety Officer and the Agency's Hazardous Materials and Waste Coordinator shall each have the authority to suspend work when they determine that a serious safety or environmental violation exists on the job site. The period of time work is suspended due to a serious safety or environmental violation will not be justification for an extension of time.
9. NOTICE TO BIDDERS. The Contractor is hereby notified that the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has installed a gate along with posts across VT 105A at the U.S. Border Crossing station. If any of this assembly needs to be removed during the construction of the project, Steven Long the CBP Port Director of Richford, VT should be contacted at 802-848-7786 ext. 24 or [steven.l.long@cbp.dhs.gov](mailto:steven.l.long@cbp.dhs.gov).
10. NOTICE TO BIDDERS. The Contractor is hereby notified that Town Highway 39 (Chemin Cushion Road) adjacent to the project will be permanently closed to vehicular traffic before, during, and after the project. Coordination with U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) and the General Services Administration (GSA), as well as the Town of Richford, VT shall be made if the Contractor would like to use this road as a staging area. The adjacent property owner owns a storage shed along TH 39. Access to this shed shall be maintained at all times during the project.
11. NOTICE TO BIDDERS. The Contractor is hereby notified of the Bridge 1 underpass on VT 105A that has a low clearance posting of **12'5"**, is located in a vertical sag, and along a horizontal curve in the road. Special attention should be taken for construction equipment traveling to and from the site, as well as material delivery. Alternative routes may need to be considered in some instances.

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Maintenance of Traffic on VT Route 105A: The Contractor shall maintain a minimum of one lane of alternating traffic with the use of flaggers during working hours and two lanes of traffic (one northbound, one southbound) through the project area during non-working hours.

Exception to Maintenance of Traffic on VT Route 105A: The Contractor will be allowed to close Vermont Route 105A for the designated Bridge Closure Period (BCP), up to 150 calendar days.

The allowable BCP shall start at 6:00 a.m. and end 150 consecutive calendar days later by 6:00 a.m.

During the BCP, the Contractor will be allowed to work on the Bridge for 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, including holiday periods.

The Contractor shall provide a minimum notice of 14 days prior to any closure period. The notification shall include the following recipients, at minimum:

- (a) VTrans Resident Engineer
- (b) U.S Customs and Border Patrol (CBP)
- (c) General Services Administration (GSA)
- (d) Ministere du Transport du Québec (MTQ)
- (e) Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA)
- (f) Town of Richford, VT
- (g) Town of Sutton, PQ

Night work will be allowed during the BCP. See Special Provision No. 24 NOTICE TO BIDDERS - REQUIREMENTS FOR NIGHTTIME WORK and No.25 NOTICE TO BIDDERS - NIGHTTIME WORK RESTRICTIONS for additional information and requirements.

The Contractor shall submit to the VAOT Construction Section for review and approval a certified letter indicating the BEGIN CONSTRUCTION DATE for the BCP work. This letter shall be received by the Construction Section a minimum of 21 calendar days prior to the BEGIN CONSTRUCTION DATE indicated in the letter. The BEGIN CONSTRUCTION DATE shall be determined by the Contractor.

There shall be a pre-closure meeting held on site with the Contractor's Superintendent, Contractor's Project Manager, the Engineer, the Project Manager, the Town of Richford, Town of Richford Fire Department, the Vermont State Police, Town of Sutton, Sutton Fire Service, Ministere du Transport du Québec (MTQ), General Services Administration (GSA), U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) to discuss durations of work, types of night work, work sequencing, etc. The Contractor shall be responsible for setting this meeting up and making appropriate contacts. This meeting shall be held a minimum of 7 days prior to the BCP.

**25. NOTICE TO BIDDERS - REQUIREMENTS FOR NIGHTTIME WORK.** The Contractor is hereby notified that night work will be allowed during the bridge closure period.

Payment will be made under:

<u>Pay Item</u>	<u>Pay Unit</u>
900.670 Special Provision (Half-Filled Grid Deck)	Square Foot

**ADDITIONAL SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

153. This project shall be subject to Buy America provisions of 23 C.F.R. § 635.410 of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) regarding the domestic manufacturing process for any steel or iron products (including protective coatings) that are permanently incorporated in any project funded under Title 23. Note that these provisions do not apply to protective coatings applied in the field. Policy and guidance can be found at <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/construction/cqit/buyam.cfm>