

February 26, 2016



GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE  
PHYSICAL SUICIDE DETERRENT SYSTEM  
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(051)  
and  
WIND RETROFIT  
FEDERAL-AID PROJECT: BHLS-6003(052)

Contract No. 2016-B-1

To: Prospective Bidders

RE: **Response to Bidders' Question No. 77 through 79**

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following is the response to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Question No. 77 through 79:

**BID QUESTION No. 77:**

Drawings S233, S234, and S235 show that Suspension Bridge Tower Truss Framing are fully assembled with the shop welding. The length of truss framing is more than 60 feet, and it may be difficult to transport and erect in one piece. Is it acceptable to transport and erect in two or three pieces, and to weld them at the field as the contractor's option?

**RESPONSE:**

*Revised Contract Drawings S233, S234, and S235 will be issued in an upcoming addendum to show optional field splice bolted connection details and locations for the Suspension Bridge Tower Truss Framing.*

**BID QUESTIONS No. 78:**

Contract Drawing S272 Detail 1 shows existing fasteners being removed with no new fastener replacing the open hole. These open holes are under/between new connection material. Is the Contractor required to plug weld the open holes in these locations?

**RESPONSE:**

*Plug welding is not required. After removal of the existing fasteners, the bolt holes must be cleaned and painted in accordance with the Special Provisions Sections 59-2.03B(2)(c),*

*"Cleaning, Preparing and Painting Bolt Holes and Connection Surfaces," and 59-2.03C,  
"Painting."*

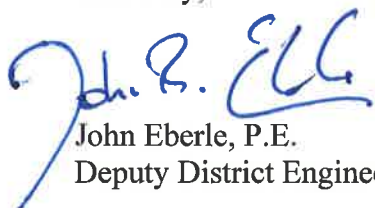
**BID QUESTION No. 79:**

Please refer to Drawing S233. Please advise if the shown shop weld between the inner/outer trusses and brackets can be substituted for a field weld. Likewise, can it be substituted with a bolted connection.

**RESPONSE:**

*Revised Contract Drawing S233 will be issued in an upcoming addendum to show optional field splice bolted connection details and locations for the Suspension Bridge Tower Truss Framing.*

Sincerely,

  
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