

Countyline Landfill Pre-bid Conference

Q & A

1. Are there existing benchmarks for the survey of the site? Yes, there is a benchmark located on the NW corner of the property near the mailboxes at the entrance to the site.
2. [What is the] contractual vehicle for this work, and how (does) this affect the performance bond price? I can develop a draft contract to post. I'm not sure how to answer the second part of this question. If it is asking for some reduction in the performance bond I don't think we want to do that.
3. Health and safety concerns. The contract will stipulate that the contractor will be responsible for the health and safety of its workers including providing workers compensation insurance and following OSHA guidelines.
4. Soil cutting and disposition. All cuttings are to be placed back into the boreholes if possible. Any cuttings that exceed the capacity of the boreholes will be characterized, drummed and properly disposed of as stated in the scope of work page 11.
5. Who will sign off on any required waste characterization form as the "generator"? waste that will not fit back into the boreholes can be placed in a low area(s) within the horizontal limits of waste placement. The area(s) will be selected and/or approved by representatives of Ohio EPA or the Health Department.
6. Would the BOH consider allowing excavated/borehole waste be placed back on the landfill (plateau) and covered? This would increase grade and decrease costs. No, see # 4
7. Are the borings to be backfilled (e.g. with cuttings and bentonite chips) or sealed (e.g. along with bentonite slurry)? That is a big cost difference, but slurry will minimize the creation of vertical migration pathways and may be more appropriate for this site. This is from the bid packet- "If possible waste can be placed back into the 25 soil borings, but not beyond the respective elevation of existing waste both above and below (i.e. if you have a 2' cap and go 2' into native material you must first put in 2' bentonite. You then can fill waste up to the last 2' and then must cap it off with 2' of bentonite).
8. Please expand more on decommission of pit. Are there structures involved and does the concrete need to be removed or the area backfilled with soil? The pit is a concrete structure that is filled with water. The water should be pumped out, any tires, metal and other debris removed and properly disposed of. After punching holes in the concrete so that it will not hold water, the pit can then be filled in with stone and backfilled with soil.
9. Where is the information available on the previous construction? The information is available from both Sandusky County Health Department and the Ohio EPA NW District

office. Some information will be posted to a public website. Any remaining information can be viewed upon request at one of the two agencies mentioned above.

10. Do you have a budget? We are required to utilize the remaining trust fund monies in the amount of approximately \$60,000. Once that money is used, SCHD may apply to the Ohio EPA for grant funding to complete remaining work.
11. Goal is to _____? What is the clean up standard we are aiming for? See scope of work item #12. We are looking for a series of options on how to remediate based on the findings of this assessment.
12. Amount of performance bond ~ can it be eliminated into intellectual professional service vs., construction? We will require a performance bond in the full amount of the project as stated in the RFP.
13. Does the groundwater sampling have to be performed via low-flow technology or “surge and purge” methodology? Based on the well maps found it seems that there is only one GW monitoring well, it seems the other 2 are leachate wells. GW and/or leachate sampling should be sampled the best way possible to provide the most cost effective and representative sample possible. It is really hard to prescribe a sampling method without knowing the characteristics of the well.
14. Can you put plans and project specific info on a website to avoid public file reviews? Saves time and \$. We will create a public website where maps and some files may be made available. Other files may be viewed up request either at OEPA NW District office or at SCHD office.
15. Can bidders provide demonstration of financial strength other than by the submittal of an annual corporate financial statement? The submittal of a corporate financial statement for a large privately owned corporation to a public agency can make the information available to the general public. The bid bond and 100% performance bond protect the owner financially. A statement of financial strength from the bidders bonding company and/or banker would accomplish the same result as a financial statement. Yes a statement of financial strength from the bonding company will be sufficient along with the performance bond.
16. How are qualifications taken into account compared to price? Is there a scoring criteria that can be shared with bidders? Bidder score sheet was made available at the pre-bid conference and will be posted on previously mentioned public website.
17. Survey precision horizontal & vertical Yes 2’ vertical contours, horizontally whatever is appropriate to get us the information that we need (i.e. leachate elevation, GW elevations, cap elevations, waste thickness, etc.)
18. Can a second site visit be arranged? Yes, a second site visit is scheduled for May 4th from 1:30-3:30 PM. In addition, files will be made available for review at this time as well at the Sandusky County Health Department office.