

# Special Provision to Item 002

## Instructions to Bidders



Item 2, "Instructions to Bidders," of the Standard Specifications, is amended with respect to the clauses cited below. No other clauses or requirements of this Item are waived or changed.

**Article 2., "Eligibility of Bidders,"** is supplemented by the following:

- 2.3. **Technical Prequalification.** A technical pre-qualification is required of the Contractor to whom the Contract is awarded, prior to the commencement of rail construction activity, and is in addition to all other bidder pre-qualification requirements set forth by the Construction Division of the Texas Department of Transportation. To pre-qualify, file acceptable documentation demonstrating the capability of the Contractor or the Contractor's designated subcontractors to perform the specific categories of work that are described below which apply to this Contract. The categories of work that apply to this Contract are listed in the "Important Notice to Contractors" Special Provision in the Contract.

Submit completed pre-qualification documents at least 20 working days prior to beginning rail construction activities to the Rail Division – Rail Planning and Programs Section, Texas Department of Transportation, 125 East 11th Street, Austin, Texas, 78701- 2483 or via email to RRD\_RailPlan@txdot.gov. The Department will respond no later than 5 days after receipt of the submission. Any documentation which does not correctly address all specified items will be rejected for the reason of insufficient data and additional information must be provided. Submit pre-qualification documentation under cover letter from the Contractor.

As an option to submitting for contractors/subcontractors for approval for the project, the Contractor may use Category approved railroad work prequalified contractors/subcontractors shown on the Department's Website's Material Producers List (MPL) of Railroad Work Prequalified Contractors/Subcontractors.

Should the Contractor have approved subcontractors which meet the requirements, in Section 2.2.3, and should these subcontractors be unable to complete the entire project, the Contractor must resubmit technical pre-qualification material on alternate subcontractors for approval before the applicable category of work can be continued.

- 2.3.1. **Category A.1.0. Trackwork.**

The contractor or the designated subcontractor must meet the following experience requirements:

- 2.3.1.1. Two years continuous existence offering services in the construction of new track and existing track rehabilitation including the removal and installation of concrete railroad crossties; timber railroad crossties; crosstie securement; installation of continuously welded rail; installation of jointed rail; track gauging; turnouts; remotely controlled switches; hand operated switches; concrete and timber vehicular grade crossings.

- 2.3.1.2. Four completed projects where the personnel constructed a minimum of 5,280 track feet of new track on newly constructed track bed.

- 2.3.2. **Category A.2.0. Ballasting and Surfacing.**

The bidder or the designated subcontractor must meet the following experience requirements:

- 2.3.2.1. Two years continuous existence offering services in the ballasting and surfacing of railroad trackwork, including new track construction and tie replacement projects.

Experience must include the following:

- furnishing, delivery and unloading of ballast to project site,
- distribution, tamping, raising, lining, and surfacing of the track, with the finished surface of the ballast dressed in accordance with project instructions, and
- track construction and surfacing to the alignment and grade prescribed by the project plans.

- 2.3.2.2. Four completed projects where the personnel performed unloading, distribution, tamping, raising, lining, and surfacing of the track during the course of the project. Each project must have consisted of a minimum of 5,280 track feet of such work. The completed track work must have been in continuous satisfactory operation for a minimum of 1 yr.

### **2.3.3 Category A.3.0. Timber Rail Bridge Rehabilitation.**

The contractor or the designated subcontractor must meet the following experience requirements:

- 2.3.3.1. Two years continuous existence offering services in rehabilitation of timber railroad bridges, including repairs to the superstructure and substructure.

Experience must include the following:

- furnishing, delivery and unloading of materials to project site,
- timber pile replacement, timber pile posting, timber stringer replacement, installing timber helper stringers, timber bracing, timber curbs, timber caps, timber sills, timber bulkheads, replacement of cross ties on ballasted-deck and open deck timber bridges, securement of timber rail bridge components; and
- track construction and surfacing on timber rail bridges to the alignment and grade prescribed by the project plans.

- 2.3.3.2. Four completed projects where the personnel performed repair or rehabilitation of timber rail bridges. The projects must have included each type of work listed above on at least 12 or more timber rail bridges. The completed work must have been in continuous satisfactory operation for a minimum of 1 yr.

### **2.3.4 Category A.4.0. Grade Crossing Signal System Installation and Rehabilitation.**

The contractor or the designated subcontractor must meet the following experience requirements:

- 2.3.4.1. Two years continuous existence offering services in the installation, rehabilitation, and repair of highway-rail grade crossing signal systems.

Experience must include the following:

- furnishing, delivery and unloading of materials to project site, and
- installing narrow-band multi-shunts; installing track wire; installing welded rail bonds; installing insulated and non-insulated joints; installing grade crossing signal cabinets; installing grade crossing signal masts, lights, gates, and cantilevers; wiring grade crossing signal cabinets and light systems; installation, adjustment, and replacement of highway-rail grade crossing signal system controls including traffic signal preemption systems.

- 2.3.3.2. Four completed projects where the personnel performed installation, repair, replacement or rehabilitation of grade crossing signal systems and components. Each project must have consisted of a minimum of 2 grade crossing locations including such work. The completed grade crossing work must have been in continuous satisfactory operation for a minimum of 1 yr.