

**Sespe Creek Overflow Railroad Bridge Repair IFB No. SPBL-2025-01 Questions - Responses to Questions Received between April 16 and April 28, 2025:**

- **QUESTIONS ASKED IN THE FIELD ON APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup> ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS DOCUMENT. QUESTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING TO [SPBL@GOVENTURA.ORG](mailto:SPBL@GOVENTURA.ORG) BY APRIL 30, 2025 NO LATER THAN 4:00PM PST TO BE CONSIDERED AND ANSWERED.**

1. **Does VCTC have their own Bidder's Bond form or is a generic form issued from our surety company acceptable for the 5% Bid Guarantee?**

VCTC does not have a specific bid bond form. The bidder's surety company may use its own form.

2. **In the IFB and Contract Template, there is not a set number of working days or anywhere that it discusses completion time. Will that be provided by VCTC? (This is requested when requesting a bid bond.)**

Attachment A – Scope of Work specifies that, due to the construction site's location within the creek channel, work in the channel is restricted from April 1st to September 14th. The anticipated notice to proceed is June 10, 2025, and the construction completion date for the project is October 30, 2025.

3. **In the IFB and Contract Template, I do not see that it discusses liquidated damages with regard to going over the completion time/working days. Is there a set dollar amount for liquidated damages if the contractor goes over the completion time? (This is requested when requesting a bid bond.)**

The IFB and Template Contract do not require liquidated damages. However, the Template Contract, Article IV – Performance Period, states, “As this is a reconstruction project for an important piece of public infrastructure, time is of the essence and CONTRACTOR shall use best efforts to complete the work during the foregoing time period, including dedicating sufficient resources and personnel to meet the timeline.” See also SCRRA Standard Specifications, Section 01 31 99, Subsection 1.06 - DELAYS AND TIME EXTENSIONS. In addition, see also Section IB-9 of the IFB, which includes Performance Bond requirements.

4. **Will there be Railroad Liability Coverage needed for this project? The insurance requirements in the IFB and Contract Template didn't state it?**

Railroad Protective Liability (RRPL) insurance is required and has been added to Attachment C – Sample Contract, Article XXVI – INSURANCE.

- 5. The specification calls for a 4” slump. Our mix design would have a slump of 8-10”. Is this acceptable?**

The Contractor must submit the mix design to the Engineer for approval and the Contractor must still abide by what is outlined in the Contract. Strength and durability must be met per Specifications. Refer to SCRRA Standard Specifications Section 03 31 00 Structural Concrete.

- 6. The specification calls out a 7-day cure and no form removal for 3 days. We would leave the beams in the casting forms for 36 hours minimum or until we reach 6,500 psi release strength. Is this acceptable?**

Forms may be removed once 6500 psi release strength has been achieved.

- 7. Is Ground Granulated Blast Furnace Slag acceptable in the mix design?**

The Contractor must meet the requirements of the Project Specific Specifications and SCRRA Standard Specifications. Slag is not an allowable material for cat-in-place concrete per Specifications.

- 8. Our mix designs include GGBFS. Is this acceptable?**

See answer to Question 7.

- 9. Would it be acceptable to use 4”x8” cylinders instead of the 6”x12” cylinders required for testing?**

The Contractor must meet the requirements of the Project Specific Specifications and SCRRA Standard Specifications.

For Precast and Prestressed Concrete For Railroad Bridges, refer to Section 34 80 43 of the SCRRA Standard Specifications Item 2.06 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL, which states “4 inches dia. x 8 inches cylinders will be allowed for testing.”

- 10. We have a QA department with PCI and M1003 certification. Is this acceptable?**

Per SCRRA Standard Specifications, M-1003 certification is acceptable.

- 11. Our fly ash supplier is not on the approved list of the State of California. We would use our typical fly ash supplier. Is this acceptable?**

The Contractor must submit the supplier to the Engineer for approval and the Contractor must still abide by what is outlined in the Contract.

**12. Our facility is served by an onsite batch plant. Concrete tickets can be provided with our QA packets. Is this acceptable?**

Yes, this is acceptable for submittal.

**13. Do you happen to have a planholders list for this project that you may share with us?**

VCTC does not maintain a planholders list. However, the sign-in sheet for the Pre-Bid Conference is posted to our website here:

[Sespe-Bridge-IFB-Pre-Bid-Conference-Sign-In-Sheet-04.16.2025.pdf](#)