

Sespe Creek Overflow Railroad Bridge Repair IFB No. SPBL-2025-01 Questions - Responses to Questions Received between April 30 and May 13, 2025:

Includes questions submitted in writing to SPBL@GOVENTURA.ORG as of 4:00PM on April 30, 2025. Answers are provided as a courtesy to prospective bidders. No additional questions will be received or responded to prior to the close of bidding on May 16, 2025 at 3:00PM.

- 1. Our rebar suppliers are having trouble getting the A1035 specified rebar at the curb joint due to the small quantity. Is stainless steel rebar acceptable as a substitute?**

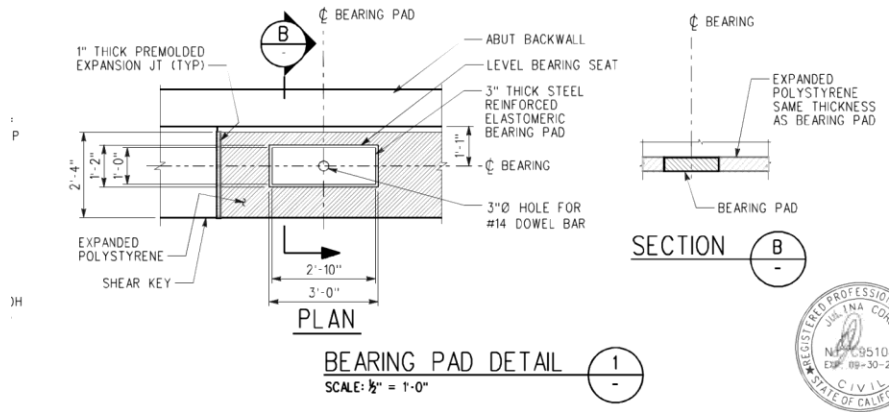
Substitutes will be accepted provided that all other requirements are met. A formal request will need to be submitted for review and to obtain work authorization prior to proceeding.

- 2. Section 01 11 15 of the project specific specifications states to replace paragraph 1.02 A.50 so that the Sierra Northern Roadway Worker Protection Manual replaces the SCRRA Maintenance-of-Way Safety Instructions. However, I'm not able to find the Sierra Northern Roadway Worker Protection Manual document online or in the bid documents. SCRRA allows for a very low percent of maximum crane capacity to be used, which causes the crane to be upsized and cost more. What, if any, limitations in crane capacity will be placed on the crane erecting the girders for this project?**

Sierra Northern Railway does not place any limitations on crane size. A copy of Sierra Northern Railway's approved *Roadway Worker On-Track Safety and Bridge Worker Safety Plan* (Roadway Worker Protection Manual) is provided as an attachment to the VCTC Contracts page.

- 3. Regarding the elastomeric bearings shown on drawing S-006, plan sheet 15 of 30, are these to follow Caltrans standard specification 51-3?**

Refer to Metrolink Standards Drawings sheet ES6002-02, bearing pads shall be in accordance with AREMA MRE Chapter 15 except as indicated in ES6002-02 and Standard Specification Section 34 80 43 Precast and Prestressed Concrete for Railroads 2.02 Materials.



4. **We don't understand allowance items that do not have prepopulated pricing. We should be provided pricing by the owner to insert into the allowances so that all bidders on a footing.**

An addendum shall be provided for the Price File and Project Specific Specifications to address the following items.

- a. 01 55 26.01 Traffic Control is being removed from the Allowances section and added to Division 01 section to be bid as a lump sum.
- b. 01 57 19.01 Unknown Environmental Regulatory Requirements
Allowance has been set to the price of \$100,000.00
- c. 31 20 50.01 Removal and Disposal of Hazardous Materials (Category 2, 3 and 4) Allowance has been set to the price of \$50,000.00.