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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. 91 through 94

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The following is the response to questions submitted by prospective bidders and designated as Bid Question No. 91 through 94:

### **BID QUESTION No. 91:**

Does the "Buy America" requirement apply to the safety mesh netting system and the stainless clevises and shackles used in its installation? It is our understanding that the facilities to fabricate these materials are not available in the USA.

### **RESPONSE:**

Yes, the Buy America requirements apply to the SDNS mesh material and all of the stainless steel components of the SDNS including the clevises and shackles. See Addendum 5 for revisions to Section 60-1 and the SDNS material requirements.

## **BID QUESTIONS No. 92:**

Sheet 52/224, Border Cable Stopper: Construction and function unclear. Are there detail specification for Border Cable Stopper available? E.g. slip force rate? How to protect the net support from damages if the stopper is pushing against the shackle?

### **RESPONSE:**

See Addendum 5 for revisions to Section 60-1 and the Contract Drawings regarding the requirements for the border cable stopper.

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## **BID QUESTION No. 93:**

Sheet 59/224, Detail 1 Mesh/Border Cable connection: Detail connection unclear. Are further specification available how to connect the net with the border cable? Which rope diameter should be used in this area?

### **RESPONSE:**

The SDNS mesh must be connected to the border cable in accordance with the SDNS Manufacturer's procedures. The SDNS components used to connect the mesh must comply with the material and performance requirements specified in revised Section 60-1. See Addendum 5 for revisions to Section 60-1.

# **BID QUESTION No. 94:**

Sheet 59/224, Note 2.: Border cable construction Ø26mm 1x61 is not very common and only limited available in stainless steel (1.4462 and 1.4401) Is the use of common constructions e.g. 1x19 or 1x37 possible?

# **RESPONSE:**

The 26 mm border cable may be either 1x61 or 1x37 configuration. See Addendum 5 for revisions to Section 60-1 and the Contract Drawings regarding the border cable requirements.

Sincerely,

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