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Owner: Department of Marine Resources				
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Introduction from Ayesha Gray, Director of the Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve: The facility is owned by the DMR, a state agency. The property is owned by the National Wildlife Refuge, part of the USFWS. It is not a National Park set aside for people, but land set aside for wildlife priority, not people, and is therefore closed unless designated as open. This is the Savanna Trail to a freshwater wetland, one of two trails that are designated for human use at the Refuge. At the end of the boardwalk and outdoor classrooms, a beaten trail will lead people out to experience the site.

A. ARCHITECT

Sign-in sheet attached.

There were no Addenda at the time of this meeting.

Bid Date: Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 2:00 pm at the DMR, 1141 Bayview Ave, Biloxi, MS, 5th Floor Conference Room.

Review Project Documents and Scope of Work: two outdoor classrooms at the end of the existing boardwalk, one a bird blind, one a ramp to a stepped amphitheatre leading to the marsh. Wood construction with helical pier foundations. This is not a permanently occupied building.

Drawings are available at no charge from the Architect: unabridged Architecture, 443 Main Street, Bay St Louis, MS. The Pre-Bid meeting is not mandatory.

Sensitive site concerns: this site is at the edge of the marsh, and the Contractor work within a narrow perimeter. However, the limits of work shown on the drawings will be adjusted to allow for equipment to move around trees and other fixed obstacles. The site has a fire lane, which may be used for construction access; it was recently disked, and may require temporary construction mats to navigate. Within the marsh area, construction equipment should be limited to a small Bobcat or Ditch Witch Mini-Skid Steer.

B. OWNER'S REPRESENTATIVE

Requirements of the funding entities: this project will be administered through the MS Bureau of Buildings.

All bids must have the Certificate of Responsibility number on the outside of the sealed envelope.

Coordination with other entities: if using the Mississippi Power easement, it is the Contractor's responsibility to obtain permission and make all necessary arrangements.

The Boardwalk will be closed during construction, unless special arrangements are made with the Contractor. It is expected that the Notice to Proceed will be issued after January 1.

C. CONTRACTOR QUESTIONS

This has been an exceptionally dry autumn, but springtime weather is wetter. Can the schedule be adjusted if rain prohibits foundation work? Yes, there is no fixed milestone for opening the trail, and the 120-day schedule will be adjusted to allow for reasonable conditions for installing pier foundations.

A licensed professional engineer in the state of Mississippi is required to design pier foundations to meet the specified loads and criteria shown on the drawings. Data logging of the filed production control, including installation torque vs installed depth is required. The Contractor shall submit Helical Pile installation records within 24 hours after each installation is completed.

There are no restrictions on the ability to use generators, except that fuel and other contaminants must be contained so that spills are not released into the sensitive site.

The USACE is not involved in this project, as there should be no fill as part of this project. An existing permit for the boardwalk includes this work.

Davis-Bacon does not apply to this project. e-Verify requirements are included in the Division 0 specifications.

D. REVIEW PROJECT SITE

The alignment of the ramp will be field-adjusted to avoid an existing pine tree in Addendum 1. There will be no change to the material quantities, ramp length, or number of footings as a result of the adjustment.

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