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September 18, 2013

**PRE-BID CONFERENCE**

**September 11, 2013  
10:00 A.M.**

**MERCED COUNTY**

**BID NO. 7010**

**PROVIDE AND INSTALL FENCING FOR THE JOHN LATORRACA ADULT CORRECTIONAL  
FACILITY**

**Attendees:**

Frank Rybka – Merced County Administrative Services-Purchasing  
Glenn Catlin – Merced County Department of Public Works, Building Services Division  
Amy Gonzales – Merced County Administrative Services-Purchasing  
Mike Young – Fence Corp  
Nick Chavez – Golden Bay Fence Plus

**Introduction:**

Frank Rybka of Merced County Administrative Services – Purchasing opened up the meeting. Attendees were required to sign in and agenda was provided to the attendees. Everyone introduced themselves and the companies they represented. The following BID requirements were reviewed:

**ORAL ANSWERS AT THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE BINDING. BIDDERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO DISREGARD ANY PROSPECTIVE ORAL REPRESENTATIONS IT MAY HAVE RECEIVED PRIOR TO, AND DURING, THE SOLICITATION PROCESS OF THE BID.**

**General Overview of Bid Requirements:**

- Announcement of Bid
- Contact personnel for information – Frank Rybka: [frybka@co.merced.ca.us](mailto:frybka@co.merced.ca.us)
- Number of copies – One (1) original with signature in blue ink and one (1) copy
- Questions must be submitted in writing
- Deadline for written questions – September 17, 2013
- Closing Date – Thursday, September 26, 2013 at 4:00 PM
- Pre-Bid Conference
- Performance Bond
- Attachments A, B, C & D

The meeting was then turned over to Glenn Catlin, Merced County Building Services, for review of the technical specifications and walk-through of the facility grounds.

The meeting was opened up for discussion, questions and answers.

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED TO DATE:**

**Question 1: Do we have to print the proposal out and everything? The bid form?**

Answer: All the bid documents and the bid forms are located at the Merced County website. If you punch in Merced County, you'll get the website and when you get to the homepage put your cursor over *e- services* then click on *Bids/RFPs* then it will take you to the page where you scroll down to the bid docs.

**Question 2: We're allowed to print them out?**

Answer: Absolutely. There's no charge for it. It's open to anyone that wants to participate.

**Question 3: So is this plan 1 or 2 or where is this?**

Answer: We're standing right here. This is building 300. We're going to add this additional fence. These "x" lines indicate the area where the three strands of constantina barbed wire are going to go here. And then on this "x" line we're going to add three additional strands of constantina barbed wire and then we're going to add- extend this fence portion here.

**Question 4: So this perimeter right here?**

Answer: yes.

**Question 5: When you say three strands?**

Answer: Three coils. This detail shows the coiled razor wire. We're going to have three of those here and then you're going to add existing stand-offs and then we're going to add three rows of razor wire starting at the top and down.

**Question 6: So they're going to be stacked?**

Answer: Well, I'm not a fence guy, so how you're going to attach it, you'll see on the other side because there's already like 5 rows on some of the other places.

**Question 7: Is this right here, number 1, main fence, no changes?**

Answer: Yes. So you're not actually going to change –

**Question 8: That's the area you're talking about, right?**

Answer: Yes. Anywhere that's marked, we're not going to make any changes to the fence, and the fence is only going to happen in these two places here.

**Question 9: Because it doesn't say it –**

Answer: Look, it's X'd out when you look on the plans, when you look through all the footnotes, it will actually say that this is where the scope of work is and that you're going to add three strands of razor wire to this perimeter fence, you're going to add three additional to this portion of the fence and then there's also around the parking.

**Question 10: It's just where it says number 1- no changes.**

Answer: Number one is no changes to the fence itself. You're not going to make a change to the fence fabric or to the height or anything to that fence. You're going to add the wire to the top.

**Question 11:** So basically, all the big thick squares or thick ‘X’s” are going to get razor ribbon.  
Answer: Correct.

**Question 12:** Basically this whole project is going to take-  
Answer: The whole perimeter is going to have it.

**Question 13:** These are interior fences?  
Answer: Yes. Nothing’s going to happen there. No work takes place there.

**Question 14:** Wherever there’s an “X” it’s taking razor ribbon?  
Answer: Correct.

**Question 15:** His plan is different than mine. I don’t have any notations.  
Answer: Frank has some, we’ll check Frank’s plans against his plans before we leave and we’ll make sure you have the same set that he and I have.

**Question 16:** You’re saying all the “1’s” are going to get razor ribbon on the top.  
Answer: Exactly.

**Question 17:** I’m assuming if we break a sprinkler while we’re digging up the lawn, we have to repair hem.  
Answer: I would think so.

**Question 18:** So we’re going to demo even this razor ribbon?  
Answer: Yes and make that look brand new right here.

**Question 19:** All this - all the razor comes off the fence?  
Answer: So, I think what you’re asking is so all the existing wire is going to come off and you’re going to make this fence the same height as that one and then put the three coils on the top.

**Question 20:** And all that fencing?  
Answer: That stays.

**Question 21:** We’re adding to all this?  
Answer: Yes.

**Question 22:** So we’re putting something on the top of that or?  
Answer: That’s the portion that’s best left for you guys to determine how to- I know when you get over on the other side you’ll see some with even more wire, but it doesn’t come all the way down to the ground. The Sheriff’s didn’t want a roll on the top. They’d like to see all three rows get pushed towards the top. What they want and what’s actually practical and how it can be installed is something that I can’t work out.

**Question 23:** Same stuff? Just a little higher?  
Answer: They want three additional rolls on there and their preference is at the top and, like I told them, I just don’t know how they’re supposed to include everything on top. We had another portion of the fence and inmates still managed to get through it so what their trying to do is make a deterrent so they won’t even try.

**Question 24:** So you want us to add more razor ribbon to what’s there?  
Answer: Correct.

**Question 25: I don't think there's enough structure to support three. Is it like that all the way around?**

Answer: It's hung a little bit different in places. When we get on the other side of 600, it stops.

**Question 26: Now, this section that we have to raise, you're aware that we have to take that down in order to extend that, right?**

Answer: Yes.

**Question 27: And once we take that down, there's no reinstalling it.**

Answer: No. All of this existing in the can when you put it up you're going to go with just three rolls because we have another barrier with three rolls out there also.

**Question 28: So this all goes away, but that all stays.**

Answer: Yes.

**Question 29: Why would you want it all the same? In other words, if you're going to do it one way, here, why don't you do it the same way all the way around?**

Answer: Well, basically, I'm working under the direction of the lieutenant and the captain of the facility. This is what they've asked for so we're going to try to give them what they've asked for. If it's impractical and, Frank, correct me if I'm wrong, you have – of course bid it the way we ask for but you can submit an alternative bid. You can attach a sketch and a drawing and say here's a bid for what you want to do, here's a bid for what I want to do and this is how it's going to look and then we can evaluate that as an alternative. But as it is, we need people to bid apples against apples and if you've got a better idea, we're willing to listen.

Frank Rybka: That's correct. We want you to match what we're required, now. If that's technologically or technically unfeasible based on your core competence in fencing, then you need to state that as such in your bid or ask questions between now and the end of the question period, being more specific about the specifications.

**Question 30: We're demo-ing this also? That's new? That section right there?**

Answer: No. That's not new.

**Question 31: Does it state anywhere in the bid documents on what we have to do for getting trucks and materials inside.**

Answer: Two weeks before you are to begin the contract we need you to submit copies of driver's licenses for each individual you're going to have on site so they can run a background check to make sure they're allowed inside the facility.

**Question 32: Will we be required to go through tool checks or any of that required? We show up, they open the gate and we pull right in and they go through the truck? Because that's a big deal.**

Answer: Frank Rybka: Ask the question because that's a good one. We need to ask the Sheriff specifically if they're going to do that. That impacts the amount of time that it takes for you to come on and leave the worksite. Then we need to account for that.

**Question 33: Is there a staging area or somewhere we can store the materials on site?**

Answer: Indoor or Outdoor?

**Question 34: Outdoor is fine.**

Answer: How large of an area?

**Question 35: That's quite a bit of razor ribbon?**

Answer: Like 100 x100 or 200x –

**Question 36: Something like that, yes?**

Answer: Yes. We can find you a place.

**Frank Rybka: Will you be coming in by common carrier? So we'll have to have a means to unload it off a flat bed?**

Answer: We'll be able to unload it, that's not a problem.

**Question 37: We have there to there, right?**

Answer: Yes and we have that brick wall right there which is the additional one.

**Question 38: So we're going to put three more on there. So wherever there's a "1" were putting 3 rolls.**

Answer: Yes.

**Question 39: Please verify that there will be no required tool/truck check in and out at the beginning and end of every day.**

Answer: Tool/truck checks will not be required.

**Question 40: Please verify that a staging area is acceptable to be set up on site.**

Answer: Yes we will provide an onsite staging area.

**Question 41: Please verify who is responsible for sprinkler damage.**

Answer: Any damage caused by the vendor is the vendor's responsibility to return to the same condition as before work started.

**Question 42: Please verify where we are dispose of dirt spoils.**

Answer: You will allowed to dispose of your dirt spoils in the rear the property adjacent the burn pile

**Question 43: Please verify that work will not be interrupted due to inmates being released in the work areas.**

Answer: Work will be coordinated with staff to insure no work interruption unless caused by the unforeseen event of an emergency. Note that all movement inside a correctional facility is slow and cumbersome because of security issues.

**Question 44: Additional Information/Clarification**

Answer: A new revised drawing (please see the attached PDF file) will be produced and distributed showing the areas to receive the 3 additional rolls of razor wire. No details of how it will be installed will be provided. The vendor is responsible for determining the installation method.

**Question 45: How many days do we have to complete this project? I don't see it noted in the bid doc's.**

Answer: For bonding purposes you have one-hundred twenty days to complete the project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

End of questions.

FR/ag