

City of Lawrence – Reservoir Improvements Project

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Project B: Reservoir Rehabilitation

1. Vegetation has grown on the bottom and up along the side slopes. Are we to clear and dispose the vegetation on the bottom and up along the side slopes? Do we have to ensure the roots have been pulled complete or will a weed whacker level to the ground satisfy the intent?
The vegetation and trees growing on the bottom and up along the side slopes are to be cut flush with the ground and removed.
2. Are there cleaning requirements for the side slopes (i.e. pressure washing, air blasting, etc.)?
The bottom and side slopes of the reservoir should be cleared as much as practicable of sediment and debris. Methods used should not disturb existing grout.
3. What is the level of cleaning expected for the bottom of the reservoir? Are we pressure washing or air blasting to remove deteriorated concrete or is the intent to just sweep up the existing debris in the bottom?
Sweeping and removal of the existing debris on the bottom of the reservoir and rust scale around the existing transmission main will be sufficient.
4. What is the diameter of the pipe that we are installing a trash rack over?
The existing low level outlet pipe has a diameter of 16"
5. Should the trash rack be hot dipped galvanized or other?
A hot dipped galvanized trash rack is acceptable.
6. What is the level of effort expected for the cleaning of the existing pipe? Should it be scraped or sand blasted or pressure washed? Are there any coatings to be installed after cleaning?
Scraping of the existing transmission pipe is acceptable to remove sediments and rust scale.

Project C: Grout Installation

1. Are we to remove all the existing grout from the joints complete or can the grout be left in place if it is still competent?
Existing competent grout can be left in place.
2. How will significant voids below and under the existing stones be handled? Are we to pump grout to fill the voids?
All voids on the upstream slope/face shall be repointed to full depth.

Project D: Lawrence High Service Water Tower

1. Given the location and inability to fully analyze and structurally inspect before bid time, can this item be changed to provide pricing to inspect the mentioned items and come up with a repair plan? With an allowance added for the actual repair work.
Bid pricing for inspection and a contingency for repair is acceptable.

Project E: Guardrail Installation

1. Are there any records of ledge or boulders present along the install route? What shall we assume?
There are no records known of existing conditions along the install route.

General Questions:

1. Given the general nature of the proposed work and lack of specific details and specifications, will a scope of work letter attached with the bid form be acceptable? The scope of work letter will detail the proposed scope of work that will be provided for the price presented on the bid form.

A scope of work letter attached to the bid is acceptable.