

Artificial Reef Construction, Ft. Pierce Shore Protection Project
DACW17-03-B-0010
Additional Questions and Answers

Question - A multipoint barge anchoring/mooring system will be required for efficient placement of material at the reef location. Hence, large anchors will be set within the contractors work area. Paragraph 3.3.1 of Section 2390 requires the contractor to repair all damage to hardbottom outside of the "reef construction area". Additionally, paragraph 3.1.6 of Section 1355 prohibits anchoring or staging of equipment in a manner that will damage the seagrass and/or hardbottom. Paragraph 3.1.6.b makes the contractor potentially liable for any seagrass damage due to construction activities. Minimal information is provided to show bidders the location of hardbottom or seagrass within the contractors work area. Most of the jet probe locations are either outside of the contractors work area or within the reef construction area and do not provide sufficient information for the contractor to quantify the potential for hardbottom occurrence/damage due to anchoring/mooring within the contractors work area. Please clarify whether the intent of these specifications is for damage within the reef construction area, as stated, or for damage outside of the contractors work area (as illustrated on dwg 2/1). If the contractor is to be liable for damage to hardbottom or seagrass within the contractors work area, please provide additional information on location/quantity within the contractors work area, or a unit price allowance in the bid schedule for damage.

Answer – See amendment 0004 – drawings 2/1, 2/2, & 2/3) are amended. The Contractor will have roughly a 71.5 feet buffer around the mitigation area as part of his work area.

Question - Pile driving is required for the two navigation aids under this solicitation. Please provide boring logs and geotechnical data for the site so that potential bidders can properly quantify the driving conditions to be encountered. Provision 52.235-27(e) of Section 100 references that core borings are available for viewing, but there are no additional instructions provided in solicitation. We are requesting that the boring information be interpreted by a geotechnical professional and the sample information be provided to all bidders in a standard boring log format with soil data/classifications, sampling data, etc. This information is required to determine the timing and sizing of the pile installation equipment, including support barges/vessels, etc.

Answer – See amendment 0004 - no core borings are available provision 52.236-27 (Alt 1) has been amended.

Question - We have received a quote from a foreign material supplier (Guatemalan) for the reef materials. The quote states that it is exempt from the Buy American Act clause under NAFTA. Will rock quarries outside of the US be considered for this solicitation?

Answer – The Artificial Reef project is estimated at a value of \$1 to \$5 million dollars. Under Federal Acquisition Regulation 25.403(b) "... the Trade Agreements Act applies to an acquisition for construction if the estimated value of the acquisition is \$6,481,000 or more". Also, see section 00100 provision 52.225-10 (Alt I) and section 00700 clause 52.225-9.