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To: All Attendees
Lake Rowena Dredging

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING:

April 14, 2026, 2:00 pm

LOCATION OF MEETING:

Lake Rowena Park, Pavilion 2

ATTENDEES – SEE SIGN IN SHEET

GENERAL SCOPE OF THE PROJECT

The work covered in this section includes the material, equipment, and performance of all labor to complete the mobilization, dredging, desludging, dewatering, loading, hauling, disposal and erosion control, of the dredged material as specified or directed by Ebensburg Borough. See attached performance specification.

AVAILABILITY OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS:

PURCHASE: Free (electronic)
Ebensburg Borough
300 West High Street
Ebensburg, PA 15931
814.472.8780

UTILITIES

- The Contractor is required to place a One Call for the project and provide documentation to the Engineer.
- Contractors are responsible for avoiding all utilities. Contractor shall repair/replace utilities if damaged. Affected utilities must be notified and repaired immediately.
- Contractor is to repair damage to any existing pavement sections as necessary. GFT, Inc. strongly suggests videotaping the site prior to construction.

PROJECT COORDINATION AND PHASING

- An on-site job trailer for the Engineer is not required.
- Contractor will provide Project Manager and Superintendent.

CONSTRUCTION

- Questions by a Request for Information (RFI). The form is available digitally by e-mail.

- Items that increase or decrease by less than 25% can be approved by a change order with proper justification and approval before work begins.
- Time extensions must be justified and shutdowns for weather will be allowed with proper stop order – start order.
- Pay quantities shall be based on measured field quantities.
- All work must be in accordance with the performance specification.
- Pay requests shall be submitted to GFT, Inc. monthly until the end of the project.
- Certified Payrolls shall be submitted to GFT, Inc. weekly. Payrolls are required for the prime contractor and all subcontractors.
- Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bacon-Davis wage rates shall be paid for the project.

REVIEW OF PROJECT MANUAL/SPECIFICATIONS

- The performance specification and other documents designated in the proposal form shall be considered a part of the proposal whether attached or not.
- Bid proposals shall be labeled as follows and hand carried, during normal business hours, or sent by mail.
 - **Project Name: Lake Rowena Dredging**
- ACCEPTANCE OF BID (AWARD) - It is the intent of the OWNER to award a Contract to the lowest responsible Bidder providing the Bid has been submitted in accordance with the requirements of the Bidding Documents and does not exceed the funds available. The OWNER shall have the right to waive informalities or irregularities in a Bid received and to accept the Bid which, in the OWNER's judgment, is in the OWNER's best interest.
- Each Bidder shall carefully examine the performance specification and the Contract Documents and all Addenda or other revisions and thoroughly familiarize himself with the detailed requirements prior to submitting a Proposal. Should a Bidder find discrepancies or ambiguities in, or omission from, the Contract Documents, or should he be in doubt as to their meaning, he shall at once, and in any event, not later than five (5) days prior to submission of Proposal, notify the ENGINEER in writing who will send Addenda to all Bidders where necessary. Bidders shall not be entitled to rely upon any oral instructions or interpretations by the ENGINEER. All Addenda sent to Bidders will become a part of the Contract Documents.
- Addenda will be emailed to all who are known by the Owner to have received a complete set of Contract Documents. Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever Contract Documents are on file for that purpose.
- Late Bids will not be accepted.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals.

Questions on the Bid

- Are accepted in **writing** only up until 5 days to the date of the Bid Opening. All questions should be directed to GFT, Inc. Matthew Koenigsberg, phone 814.149.7870, email: makoenigsberg@gftinc.com. Responses will be given in writing and included in an addendum to all plan holders.

Submitting Bids via Mail

- Contractors should take into consideration that if they will be mailing in their proposals, there is no guarantee that they will arrive on the date required
- Provide Bid Bond or Certified Check

Agreement

- Contractors are required to provide all Subcontractor Agreements to the Engineer with the Prime Contractors Agreement.

General Provisions

- If there is an Addendum to the project, it must be noted as received on the Bid Proposal.
- Safety is of the utmost concern and constant correspondence between the Contractor and Ebensburg Borough must be coordinated.

SITE WALK THROUGH

- The site will be walked to allow for review of the site by potential bidders.

QUESTIONS

Q1. Are the pay items at the end of the Performance Specification correct or should some of them be combined?

A2. The pay items in the back of the Performance Specification have been revised.

Q2. Will a pre-dredged survey of the lake be required?

A2. Yes, the Performance Specification has been revised to include a pre-dredge survey. The comparison of the pre- and post-dredge survey will be used to determine the cubic yard of material being removed for the payable quantities.

Q3. Has an underwater survey been completed and is available to bidders?

A3. Yes, an underwater survey has been completed and is available to bidders upon request and is also on the Borough website.

Q4. Won't any permits that the contractor needs to get be in the name of the Ebensburg Borough?

A4. Yes, all permits should be applied for in the name of Ebensburg Borough and applied for by the Borough. The contractor is required to submit all required information necessary to obtain any permit to the Borough for submission to the appropriate agency. The type of permits required may vary depending on the method of dredging.

Q5. Will the contractor be responsible for removing the fish from the lake?

A5. No, the owner's engineer will coordinate fish removal and restocking with the PAFBC.

Q6. Is there a tipping fee at the disposal site?

A6. No, there is no tipping fee at the disposal site.

Q7. Is testing of the dredged material needed?

A7. No, testing of the material has been completed and is considered clean fill for both the removal and disposal. If any additional testing is required, it will be the responsibility of the contractor.

Q8. Since the PADEP is accepting the material for a bony pile remediation, can a letter be provided from the PADEP that they will accept the material at the disposal site.

A8. The owner's engineer will contact the PADEP regarding the letter accepting the material.

Q9. What is the budget for the project?

A9. Ebensburg Borough received a grant from the PADEP for nearly 4.1 million dollars for the dredging and various other improvements throughout the Lake Rowena Park.

Q10. What is the extent of the dredging?

A10. The entire lake should be dredged.

Q11. Are erosion and sedimentation controls required?

A11. The erosion controls at the disposal site will be installed by the PADEP. These are expected to include compost filter socks and a rock construction entrance. The contractor shall maintain these per PADEP requirements as needed. There is a large gravel parking lot available for site laydown which will be paved after the dredging is complete under a separate contract. If the contractor disturbs any vegetated area on site, they shall be responsible for installing and maintaining any erosion controls per PADEP requirements and seeding and mulching all disturbed areas.

Q12. Is the waterway classified as High Quality?

A12. No, the waterway is classified as a Cold Water Fishes (CWF)

Miscellaneous - The performance specification was also reviewed.

It was asked, by GFT, how loud the centrifuge equipment is and the nearest house was pointed out. The contractor stated that it is minimal and would not disturb local residents.