

AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION/MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT			1. CONTRACT ID CODE	PAGE OF PAGES
2. AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION NO. 0006		3. EFFECTIVE DATE 05-Oct-2004	4. REQUISITION/PURCHASE REQ. NO.	
6. ISSUED BY AFGHANISTAN ENGINEER DISTRICT US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS KABUL APO AE 09356		CODE W917PM	7. ADMINISTERED BY (If other than item 6) <b>See Item 6</b>	
8. NAME AND ADDRESS OF CONTRACTOR (No., Street, County, State and Zip Code)			X	9A. AMENDMENT OF SOLICITATION NO. W917PM-04-R-0017
			X	9B. DATED (SEE ITEM 11) 20-Aug-2004
				10A. MOD. OF CONTRACT/ORDER NO.
				10B. DATED (SEE ITEM 13)
CODE	FACILITY CODE			
11. THIS ITEM ONLY APPLIES TO AMENDMENTS OF SOLICITATIONS				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The above numbered solicitation is amended as set forth in Item 14. The hour and date specified for receipt of Offer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is extended, <input type="checkbox"/> is not extended. Offer must acknowledge receipt of this amendment prior to the hour and date specified in the solicitation or as amended by one of the following methods: (a) By completing Items 8 and 15, and returning _____ copies of the amendment; (b) By acknowledging receipt of this amendment on each copy of the offer submitted; or (c) By separate letter or telegram which includes a reference to the solicitation and amendment numbers. FAILURE OF YOUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO BE RECEIVED AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED FOR THE RECEIPT OF OFFERS PRIOR TO THE HOUR AND DATE SPECIFIED MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF YOUR OFFER. If by virtue of this amendment you desire to change an offer already submitted, such change may be made by telegram or letter, provided each telegram or letter makes reference to the solicitation and this amendment, and is received prior to the opening hour and date specified.				
12. ACCOUNTING AND APPROPRIATION DATA (If required)				
13. THIS ITEM APPLIES ONLY TO MODIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTS/ORDERS. IT MODIFIES THE CONTRACT/ORDER NO. AS DESCRIBED IN ITEM 14.				
A. THIS CHANGE ORDER IS ISSUED PURSUANT TO: (Specify authority) THE CHANGES SET FORTH IN ITEM 14 ARE MADE IN THE CONTRACT ORDER NO. IN ITEM 10A.				
B. THE ABOVE NUMBERED CONTRACT/ORDER IS MODIFIED TO REFLECT THE ADMINISTRATIVE CHANGES (such as changes in paying office, appropriation date, etc.) SET FORTH IN ITEM 14, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF FAR 43.103(B).				
C. THIS SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT IS ENTERED INTO PURSUANT TO AUTHORITY OF:				
D. OTHER (Specify type of modification and authority)				
E. IMPORTANT: Contractor <input type="checkbox"/> is not, <input type="checkbox"/> is required to sign this document and return _____ copies to the issuing office.				
14. DESCRIPTION OF AMENDMENT/MODIFICATION (Organized by UCF section headings, including solicitation/contract subject matter where feasible.) See attached change. This is actually amendment #6, This amendment will change the proposal closing date from 15 October 2004 to 16 October 2004 by 4:00PM local Kabul Afghanistan time.				
Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced in Item 9A or 10A, as heretofore changed, remains unchanged and in full force and effect.				
15A. NAME AND TITLE OF SIGNER (Type or print)			16A. NAME AND TITLE OF CONTRACTING OFFICER (Type or print)	
			TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____	
15B. CONTRACTOR/OFFEROR	15C. DATE SIGNED	16B. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA		16C. DATE SIGNED
_____ (Signature of person authorized to sign)		BY _____ (Signature of Contracting Officer)		04-Oct-2004

## SECTION SF 30 BLOCK 14 CONTINUATION PAGE

The following items are applicable to this modification:

CHANGES

**Afghanistan - Tajikistan Bridge Amendment 0006 dated 5 October 2004**

*Note: Amendment No. 0005, issued 2 October 2004, that added clause 252.225-7045 to this solicitation, was inadvertently identified as Amendment 0007 in Box #2 of the Standard Form (SF) 30. Offerors should acknowledge that amendment as Amendment No. 0005.*

***Section 01015 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS;***

*Replace Subsection 2.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:*

The reports listed in Section 01010 SCOPE OF WORK are provided FOR INFORMATION ONLY. The boring logs attached to this Section (Appendix A) and the 35% Design Drawings listed in Section 01010 SCOPE OF WORK are necessary to fully design and construct the bridge and access roads. The Contractor shall use all the information in the boring logs and drawings and proceed to complete the design and construct the bridge and access roads.

*Replace last paragraph in Subsection 5.0 GEOTECHNICAL:*

The geotechnical boring logs attached to this Section are provided for Contractor use. The analysis and conclusions provided in the above reports might be useful, but are provided FOR INFORMATION ONLY. If the Contractor elects to use the conclusions or calculations in these reports, the Contractor is responsible for verifying these conclusions and calculations. This is a design-build project and the Contractor is responsible for the design and for the construction.

***Section 01060 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:***

*Replace Subsection 1.46 "Not Used" with the following:*

1.46 LOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENTS (LCA)

There are three bi-lateral agreements pertaining to the construction of the Afghanistan-Tajikistan Bridge. The three agreements are as follows:

- (a) Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan and the Government of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan on construction and operation of a

bridge between the Republic of Tajikistan and Afghanistan, signed 10 February 2004.

(b) Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan on construction of a bridge between Afghanistan and Tajikistan, signed 9 May 2004.

(c) Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Tajikistan on construction of a bridge between Afghanistan and Tajikistan, signed 31 December 2003.

These three agreements are public documents provided here "for information only." Nothing in these documents takes precedent over or negates other requirements set forth in this contract. Nevertheless, much of the information contained herein is important and of interest to the contractor.

Copies of the three agreements are attached below:



TJ-AF Bridge Agreement.pdf



US-AF Bridge Agreement.pdf



US-TJ Bridge Agreement.pdf

### ***Additional Questions and Answers:***

Q14. As per the contract document clause 1525 sub section 1.12 we have to provide a Paramedic of USA,UK,... origin during the entire currency of contract. Are we allowed to deviate from this and provide a medical practitioner from any other country since it will be difficult to get such type of person specified in the contract at the remote place. We will post a qualified trained doctor from another country or a local doctor for first aid at site and will make arrangement with local hospital for the treatment.

*A14. We are confident that a person licensed as called for in the countries specified and with the experience called for in the solicitation can provide the required care at the site for most circumstances. We do not have a good way to evaluate the capabilities of someone not so licensed. Local hospitals are poorly equipped and the nearest is an hour away via a degraded road. On-site care is going to be very important. Please attempt to adhere to the requirements given in the solicitation. We had a paramedic on site for the geotechnical investigation in May and June of this year and we are sure that he met the qualifications given in the solicitation. Accordingly, we feel that it is possible to hire such a qualified person.*

Q15. We request you to confirm by return mail if these changes are permitted:

1. The structural arrangement of the deck is simply supported instead of the 4 span continuous proposed in the 35 % designs.
2. The depth of the steel girders shall be 200 mm more than those proposed in the 35 % designs.

3. The bearings shall all be reinforced elastomeric instead of the Pot / PTFE bearings proposed in the 35 % designs.
4. The top of pile cap shall be located at the Dry bed level or the lowest lean flow water level whichever is higher.
5. The approaches are being provided with concrete pavement of the following thickness 50 m thick Dry lean concrete overlaid with 100 mm thick Pavement Quality concrete instead of the bituminous pavement proposed in the 35 % design.
6. The seismic restrains on the pier shall be provided with mechanically interlocking structural steel arrangement to control movement of the deck in case of a seismic event.

*A15. Section 01015 TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, Subsection 1 GENERAL, Subparagraph 1.2: "These design and products requirements are minimum requisites. The Contractor is encouraged to propose alternate design or products (equipment and material) that are more commonly used in the region; will be equally or more cost effective; or allow for a more timely completion, but furnish the same system durability, ease of maintenance, and environmental compatibility....." This is a "design-and-build" project.*

Q16. Section 01015, Paragraph 2.1 states that "the contractor shall use all of the information provided in those documents [documents referenced in section 01010 SCOPE OF WORK] and proceed to complete the design and construct the project." Later in this section, Paragraph 5 directly contradicts this directive. It states that the information contained in these reports "are for INFORMATION ONLY." This comment is reinforced on the following page, where it states that "if the contractor elects to use this information, the contractor is responsible for verifying the information."

If the first statement is true, then we have no issue with the proposed design schedule. However, if this language was included in the specifications in error, and the Paragraph 5 language is correct, then we have a problem. The short duration provided to us to complete the design precludes our ability to complete our own geotechnical investigation of the site in advance of completing the design.

One way to resolve this issue is to allow the contractor to proceed with the site investigations and design at a pace that allows us to mobilize in the field in time to take full advantage of next year's construction season, while holding us to the overall schedule duration of 730 days (i.e. proposed liquidated damages). The other way is to delete the references in Paragraph 5 to "INFORMATION ONLY," and allow the design to be based on the information provided. Please let us know how we should proceed.

*A16. Paragraphs 2.1 and 5 are being revised for clarification. The intent is to provide data and analysis. The Contractor can accept the data without repeating geotechnical work. The boring logs themselves are part of this Section 01015. The Contractor should review all calculations and conclusions that are part of the analysis before proceeding. The Contractor will not be required to complete all design work before beginning construction. Foundation design must be approved before foundation work begins; pier design must be approved before pier construction begins, etc.*