

TG03 BSE Pre-Bid Meeting**August 19, 2010****Questions & Answers**

No.	Questions	Answers
1	Where is the location of the Question on Bid Documents (QBD) and Answers?	QBD questions and answers will be posted on the TJPA website, in the same location as TG03 BSE documents.
2	Will the pre-bid presentation be posted on the TJPA website?	Yes.
3	How can we find contact information for the prime contractors?	You can obtain this information through Business Development, Inc. (BDI), the TJPA DBE/SBE Program Support Team, 415-671-2150 .
4a	In regards to the 24% SBE Goal, is it significant? What does "Goal" mean?	Legally the Bidder/Contractor is required to make a good faith effort to achieve the 24% SBE goal.
4b	What does Good Faith mean?	Contractor needs to document/demonstrate that the effort was put forth.
5	Have SBE goals been met on your past contracts?	The TJPA has met the SBE goal on all past contracts.
6	What certification agencies are involved on this contract? County, State, Federal?	TJPA accepts DBE (CUCP) certifications, as well as SF HRC and California DGS certifications in its SBE Program.
7	Exhibit A requires Commercial Liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000,000. Can you clarify why the Trade Contractor would be held to an amount higher than the CM/GC? This clause will preclude the majority of SBE contractors to contract this work.	Please submit a QBD.
8	Does the USDOT issue certifications?	USDOT does not issue certifications. Each state maintains a Unified Certification Program; all agencies certifying DBEs (locally: SFMTA, BART, VTA, Caltrans) list these certifications in the UCP (CUCP in California).
9	How long does it take to get paid for work? Small business cannot continue to operate without getting paid promptly for work.	Once the prime contractor is paid, they must pay the subcontractor within 10 days of receipt of payment. The prime contractor is required to submit proof of payment to the CM/GC. TJPA is aware that cash flow is an issue for small businesses and will make best efforts to pay approved invoices quickly.
10	Is the BSE scope financed through Federal money?	Yes.
11	Regarding the Federal money, why are there no DBE goals?	TJPA follows a race-neutral DBE program; thus TJPA cannot place DBE goals on contracts.
12	Is DBE race neutral?	Yes.
13	On the SFGH project, 10% retention is withheld for the duration of the project. Will the same apply to this project?	The City & County of San Francisco recently changed the language for retention of subcontractor's payment. Retention is now withheld for the duration of each scope's work, rather than the entire project. Please refer to the updated City & County of San Francisco Administrative Code.
14	Is Webcor/ Obayashi JV precluded from performing work on this project?	Yes, Webcor/Obayashi JV cannot self-perform any work.
15	Is there a Buy America clause in the BSE contract?	Yes. This can be found in the specifications.
16	Concern in regards to the methods of site monitoring (inclinometer readings, etc) to allow for timely notification to the Trade Subcontractors.	Please submit a QBD.