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GEOTECHNICAL DATA AND EXISTING CONDITIONS

1. REPORT AND INFORMATION

- 1.1 **Existence of Reports:** City, its consultants, and prior contractors may have collected documents providing a general description of the Site and conditions of the Work. These documents may consist of geotechnical reports for and around the Site, contracts, contract specifications, tenant improvement contracts, as-built drawings, utility drawings, and information regarding Underground Facilities. These reports, documents and other information are not part of the Contract Documents.
- 1.2 **Inspection of Reports:** Bidders may inspect geotechnical reports and information regarding existing conditions at the Site. These documents are available for review at the City's Public Services Department, Administration & Engineering, located at 567 El Camino Real, San Bruno, CA 94066 and copies may be obtained for the cost of reproduction and handling upon Bidder's payment for the costs. These reports, documents and other information are not part of the Contract Documents. Nevertheless, by submitting a Bid, Bidder accepts full responsibility for reviewing, knowing and understanding the contents of all of these materials.
- 1.3 **Inclusion in Project Manual:** Geotechnical reports may be included in the Project Manual and information regarding existing conditions may also be included in the Project Manual, but neither shall be considered part of the Contract Documents.
- 1.4 **Available Documentation:** The following documentation is available for review through the City for this Contract:

2. USE OF INFORMATION ON EXISTING CONDITIONS

- 2.1 **Aboveground Existing Conditions:** Under no circumstances shall City be deemed to make a warranty or representation of existing aboveground conditions, as-built conditions, or other aboveground actual conditions verifiable by reasonable independent investigation. These conditions are verifiable by Bidder by the performance of its own independent investigation that Bidder must perform prior to bidding and Bidder must not rely on the information supplied by City regarding existing conditions. Bidder represents and agrees that in submitting its Bid, it is not relying on any information regarding existing conditions supplied by City.
- 2.2 **Underground Facilities:** Information supplied regarding existing Underground Facilities at or contiguous to the Site is based on information furnished to City by others (e.g., the builders of such Underground Facilities or others). Except as expressly set forth in this Document, City does not assume responsibility for the accuracy, completeness or thoroughness of this information, and Bidder is solely responsible for any interpretation or conclusion drawn from this information. Except as expressly set forth in this Document, City will be responsible only for the

general accuracy of information regarding Underground Facilities, and only for those Underground Facilities that are owned by City. This express assumption of responsibility applies only if Bidder has conducted the independent investigation required of it and discrepancies were not apparent.

3. LIMITED RELIANCE PERMITTED ON CERTAIN GEOTECHNICAL INFORMATION

3.1 **Geotechnical Data:** Except as expressly set forth in this Document, City does not warrant, and makes no representation regarding, the accuracy or thoroughness of any geotechnical data. Bidder represents and agrees that in submitting its Bid, it is not relying on any geotechnical data supplied by City, except as specifically set forth herein.

A. Bidder may rely upon the general accuracy of the “technical data” contained in the geotechnical reports and drawings identified above, but only insofar as it relates to subsurface conditions, provided Bidder has conducted the independent investigation required of it and discrepancies were not apparent. The term “technical data” in the referenced reports and drawings shall be limited as follows:

1. The term “technical data” shall include actual reported depths, reported quantities, reported soil types, reported soil conditions, and reported material, equipment, or structures that were encountered during subsurface exploration.
2. The term “technical data” does not include, and Bidder may not rely upon, any other data, interpretations, opinions or information shown or indicated in such drawings or reports that otherwise relate to subsurface conditions or described structures.
3. The term “technical data” shall not include the location of Underground Facilities.
4. Bidder may not rely on the completeness of reports and drawings for the purposes of bidding or construction. Bidder may rely upon the general accuracy of the “technical data” contained in such reports or drawings.
5. Bidder is solely responsible for any interpretation or conclusion drawn from any “technical data” or any other data, interpretations, opinions, or information contained in supplied geotechnical data.

4. INVESTIGATIONS

4.1 Before submitting a Bid, each Bidder shall be responsible to obtain such additional or supplementary examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, studies and data concerning conditions (surface, subsurface, and Underground Facilities) at or contiguous to the Site or otherwise, which may affect cost, progress, performance or furnishing of Work or which relate to any aspect of the means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures of construction to be employed by Bidder and safety precautions and programs incident thereto or which Bidder deems necessary to determine its Bid for performing and furnishing the Work in accordance with the time, price and other terms and conditions of Contract Documents. Bidders shall advise City in writing during the Bid period of any questions, suppositions, inferences or deductions Bidders may have for City’s review and response.

4.2 City has provided time in the period prior to bidding for Bidder to perform these investigations.

5. ACCESS TO SITE FOR INVESTIGATIONS

5.1 During the Pre-Bid Site Visit(s), City will provide each Bidder access to the Site to conduct such examinations, investigations, explorations, tests, and studies, as each Bidder deems necessary for submission of a Bid. Bidders must fill all holes and clean up and restore the Site to its former conditions upon completion of such explorations, investigations, tests, and studies. Such investigations may be performed only under the provisions of Document 00 21 00 (Instructions to Bidders) and Document 00 72 00 (General Conditions) including, but not limited to, proof of insurance and obligation to indemnify against claims arising from such investigation work. Each Bidder shall supply all equipment required to perform any investigations as each Bidder deems necessary. City has the right to limit the number of pieces of machinery operating at one time due to safety concerns.

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