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Exhibit C: HABC Responses to Questions Received

May 18, 2020

TO: All parties that received the Housing Authority of Baltimore City (“HABC”) Invitation for Bids (“RFP”) B-1911-20 Gilmore Homes Window Replacement

RE: HABC Responses to Questions

HABC is sending this letter in response to questions received regarding the subject IFB B-1911-20 Gilmore Homes Window Replacement. Set forth herein are the questions and HABC’s responses thereto.

1. Q. Do you have a certain percentage of MBE and WBE participation that you are trying to achieve?
 - A. It is HABC's policy to ensure that Minority Business ("MBE's"), and Women-owned Businesses ("WBE's") are provided maximum opportunity to participate in contracts administered by HABC. HABC considers a minimum 20% M/WBE utilization to be achievable on the subject Bid.
2. Q. Are there any drawings that include window elevations, schedules, and details? The bid sheet makes reference to window Type W6. Are there building plans or floor plans that show where these types are located?
 - A. Plans provided (A1-A4, A21-A24, A30 and A32) show floor plans and elevations with window types labeled. Elevations are easiest to read and also show unit combinations contained in each. Window types refer to the Window Schedule on A32 which gives opening sizes in feet/inches.
3. Q. This project bid last August, can you tell us why it was not awarded at that time and why it is being rebid?
 - A. The IFB was cancelled last year because of the demolition of six buildings that is currently underway at Gilmore Homes. Also, last year we bid bronze windows. We are asking for white windows in this bid package.
4. Q. The revised bid sheet calls out bid to be for windows in 28 buildings. The site plan (Drawing A1) shows 34 buildings. Which buildings are included in this contract?
 - A. Just the (28) 3-story buildings shown are included in this Window Replacement contract. Four 4-story buildings (#20, 21, 29, 30, 35 and 36) have been razed or will be razed before this project starts. Elevation of Bldg. #21 shown on plans page A30 is not pertinent to this project.
5. Q. There are no building elevations for buildings 20, 21, 29, 30, 35, and 36. Perhaps these are the six buildings not included in the scope of work. If they are part of the contract building elevations would be required.
 - A. Buildings #20, 21, 29, 30, 35 and 36 are not included in this contract.

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6. Q. Are any windows required to be tempered or obscure?
- A. Yes, please provide tempered and obscured glass at W2 above bathtub and tempered glass at W3/W4/W5/W6/W7 windows adjacent to or in close proximity to entry doors as code may require.
7. Q. Will Baltimore Housing Authority be putting notices out to the tenants?
- A. It will be a joint effort between HABC and the Contractor.
8. Q. Will Baltimore housing authority assist with accessing apartments if needed?
- A. Yes
9. Q. How many basement windows that aren't shown on the print are you required to replace?
- A. The only basement windows included in this contract are those at Building #18 shown on plans page A14 provided herein with Exhibit B. Replace all basement windows shown on A14 except four (4) W2X shown at basement restrooms. Window types refer to Window Schedule on A32.
10. Q. Is window (W-6) a casement or a slider and is the color white on both sides?
- A. All windows will be white both inside and out. W6 shall be as described in "Exhibit A, Revised Bid Sheet, Scope of Work": a 2-lite double sliding window with false meeting rails to look like a single hung pair.

Additional Notes:

As described above, this Exhibit includes additional plans pages as discussed herein or at the on-site meeting:

A1 - color enhanced site plan showing which buildings are included in this project

A14 - basement floor plan and elevations at Building #18.

A1-1...A2-3 – UFAS Modification plans show unit modifications made in 2005 to convert four D units into two D units and one E unit; two 1BR G-units were converted to a single 2BR G-unit. The enclosed plans show 3 of the former and 13 of the latter, reducing the count of W4/W5 and W6 windows by those quantities.

If you have any questions regarding the information provided above, please contact John Airey, Senior Contract Manager on (410) 396-3261.

Sincerely,

Steve Suit 5/18/2020

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