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To: All Prospective Bidders

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RE: CLARIFICATION #2: BID #23-07 MAINE AVE PROMENADE

1. **Question: What is the dimension of the gap between the vertical 2x8 cladding boards?**
 - a. Manufacturer recommendations typically range between 1/8 and 3/8 of an inch gap between boards to allow for expansion and contraction. The contractor shall follow the manufacturer recommendations for installation.

2. **Question: On the horizontal cladding board, confirm that the 2 horizontal screws in the 4 screw diamond patten are under the horizontal board and the 2 vertical screws are to attach the horizontal board to the vertical boards? Are all cladding screws to be tapered heads and countersunk flush?**
 - a. The Timber Cladding details on sheet 7 for the attachment of the horizontal cladding boards indicates that the horizontal screws in the pattern are to be installed under the horizontal face board. This means they will be installed through the vertical board only. The two vertical screws in the pattern are to affix the horizontal board to the vertical boards. Specification Section 061000 “Rough Carpentry” Section 3.1, H states the following, “*Countersink nail heads on exposed carpentry work...*” This should be understood to apply to all exposed fasteners.

3. **Question: If curb detail on sheet 7 of 10 is proposed for retaining curb, per clarification #1, how is cladding to be applied as the curb face is only 9” max?**
 - a. Cladding shall be installed on the exposed face of the retaining curb, as specified in the Timber Cladding details.

4. **Question: Please provide designed grades along promenade at base of cladding at ground surface interface for determination of cladding height and to verify if additional screws are required? Conversely, if this grade is to be determined by the grade of the existing curb and a fixed slope for the new plant area, provide grades of the existing curbing? Please also confirm edge of promenade/wall/curb is level at elevation 8.2’?**
 - a. The typical proposed cross section detail on sheet 5 indicates a 5:1 slope between the existing curb and proposed retaining wall. Given that the existing curb height is fixed, exposure of the wall/curb face will be determined by the slope across this landscaped area from the top of the existing curb. Existing contour lines are shown on sheets 6 and 8 of the plans. The edge of the promenade/wall/curb elevation is listed as elevation 8.2 in multiple locations on the plans.

5. **Question: Verify grade and species of lumber required for exposed cladding?**
 - a. Section 061000 “Rough Carpentry” of the specifications subsection 2.5 Boards, A. Exposed Boards, 2. States the following: “*Species and Grade: Spruce-pine-fir, C & Btr per WCLIB rules or C Select per NLGA or WWPA rules.*”

Thank you for your cooperation

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