

Section 15 - Preparation of and Format for Construction Addenda

- I. Introduction - The Design and Construction Departments contract with a wide variety and significant number of FIRMs for design and construction oversight responsibilities for both capital and non-capital projects. FIRMs are responsible for preparing Addenda if necessary. The definition for “*Addenda*” in the C-700 Standard General Condition Section of the EJCDC documents is: “*Written or graphic instruments issued prior to the opening of Bids which clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents*”. This Section establishes a protocol for Addenda preparation for projects managed by and through the Engineering Division. The following requirements will lead to consistency on information within an addendum and enhance the FIRM’s ability to prepare consistent Conformed Documents as detailed in Section 16 in this manual.

- II. Guidelines and Specific Requirements
 - A. Per Article 7 “Interpretations and Addenda” in the Instructions To Bidders Section 00200 of the EJCDC documents, the following apply:
 1. All questions about the meaning or intent of the Bidding Documents are to be submitted to the HRSD Contract Specialist via HRSD’s Online Oracle Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) System.
 2. Interpretations or clarifications considered necessary by FIRM in response to such questions will be issued by Addenda coordinated with the Project Manager and HRSD Contract Specialist and delivered via HRSD’s Online Oracle ERP to all registered Suppliers invited to the Bid.
 3. Questions received less than 7 calendar days prior to the date for opening of Bids may not be answered.
 4. Only questions answered by Addenda will be binding.
 5. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
 6. Addenda may be issued to clarify, correct, or change the Bidding Documents as deemed advisable and approved by the HRSD Project Manager.

 - B. The Pre-Bid meetings are typically not mandatory so what is discussed in these meetings could provide an unfair bidding advantage for someone in attendance. If items were addressed in the Pre-Bid meeting that could be interpreted as clarifying, correcting, or changing the Bidding Requirements or the proposed Contract Documents, then these items must be prepared

in the provided Addendum format by the FIRM and provided to the responsible HRSD Contract Specialist for distribution via HRSD's Online Oracle ERP. The Pre-Bid meeting presentation material, summary of discussion, attendance list, and the like will be provided to the responsible HRSD Contract Specialist to be disseminated via the ERP online discussion portal.

- C. An Addendum should not be prepared for communication with potential bidders or manufacturers' representatives, unless an issue related to potential change to contract price or time is mentioned. The attached Addenda template shall be used if an addendum is deemed necessary by the HRSD Project Manager and/or FIRM.
- D. Any Addenda issued less than two business days prior to the Bid Opening will be to extend the Bid Opening date. All Addenda are issued within HRSD's Online Oracle ERP system.
- E. Descriptive terms in the Addendum shall be limited to the following:
 - ADD
 - CLARIFY
 - DELETE
 - INSERT
 - REPLACE
 - REVISE
- F. Copies of all Addenda developed by the FIRM are to be transmitted to the Contract Specialist for distribution to Plan Holders via HRSD's ERP.
- G. Confirmation by the Contract Specialist will be made via HRSD's ERP that all Addenda have been received and acknowledged by the Plan Holders.
- H. All Addenda are to be acknowledged by the Bidder(s) submitting a Bid.
- I. All items included in the issued Addenda are to be incorporated into the Conformed Documents detailed in Section 16 in this manual.

III. Attachments:

- A. Addendum Template

End of Section