

FLPOA Dredging Project Bidding Documents

History

- Oct 1 – Bid Package complete
- Oct 4 – Package released to 35 qualified contractors in Michigan
- Oct 14 – Mandatory Line Up meeting on site – 2 contractors showed up
- Oct 21 - Bids due at Lapham in West Branch - No bids submitted

Lapham investigated:

In questioning the two contractors that did not bid resulted in this list of concerns:

1. Scope of work was more than contractor's capability for time allotted to meet the March 31, 2022 deadline.
2. Availability of labor and materials and cost of materials and fuel is uncertain
3. Disposal of dredging spoils on private property (i.e. Seder Farm, Toth Farm, and Fournier acreage) is not specific as to location designated by owners.
4. Crossing county maintained roads presented a high potential of road damage which can be a very expensive repair directed by ACRC
5. Instructions to bidders was not clear if alternatives to specifications would be acceptable.

Lapham modified the Dredging Project Bid documents as follows:

1. Instructions to bidders will include a request for alternatives to specifications
2. Scope of work can be modified as to the four areas quoted for an extended time due to availability of equipment, labor, and weather conditions – negotiable with owner before and during construction
3. Spoils disposal sites on adjoining private properties will be negotiated with owners by Lapham and designated sites will be shown on the plans.
4. A re-design of the pathway to disposal sites will minimize crossing of county maintained roads
5. Attempt to contain the optimum amount of spoils on Association property.

Lapham has released a new time table for bidding:

- Advertisement for Bids released on November 1, 2021
- Bid documents have been modified and released on November 7, 2021
- Bids are due on November 30, 2021

Bids will be analyzed by Lapham and recommendations will be presented to FLPOA by December 6, 2021.

Results on second bidding attempt: No bids were submitted.

Lapham again investigated those that were potential bidders on issues that prevented them from bidding.

- The biggest concern was the access roads to the three dredging areas was not available for a site visit to assess the work site for a quality quote
- The risk factor for quoting on a major unknown was not worth the attempt.

It was agreed to break out of the whole bidding document a design of the access pathway with construction layout and staking to define the limits and location of the roadway from a county road to the dredging area in three different locations.

The design is now complete. The survey is complete and approved by the owners of the property involved. The land use easement agreement is complete and in for approval by the owners. The repair of an existing culvert pipe permit has been approved by EGLE. Plans are being formulated to attempt another bidding event. The goal is to achieve this event during the month of January 2022.