

REQUEST FOR BIDDING INTERPRETATION (RFBI)

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Project No.: 3540SRAEUCO0182
Project Name: Parkfield Fire Station Facility Replacement
Location: 70331 Vineyard Canyon Road, Parkfield, California

Drawing Reference: N/A Project Manual Reference: SWPP

Question:

Specification 31 20 00 ¶2.1.A states on-site soils are not suitable for use as satisfactory soils or engineered fill "unless approved by the Engineer," and limits Satisfactory Soils to groups GW, GP, GM, SW, SP, SM. The reference geotechnical reports characterize native site soils as high-expansive clays (EI = 96), which cannot meet those classifications. Response TSS 17 states native soil "can be used if it meets the standards" of 31 20 00 ¶2.1.E. Because bidders cannot obtain Engineer approval prior to bid, please confirm the common bidding basis: (a) may bidders assume re-use of native soils as engineered fill within the over-excavation zones (with the 12-inch low-expansive fill pad cap per the geotechnical recommendations), or (b) must bidders assume all engineered fill within over-excavation zones is imported borrow with corresponding export of native clay? Additionally, please reconcile the compaction moisture criteria: 31 20 00 ¶3.9 requires moisture "within 2% of optimum," while the geotechnical recommendations require at least 2% above optimum for the expansive soils.

Based on the subsurface data in the Geotechnical Report and the engineered fill requirements specified in the Contract Documents, on-site soils are not expected to meet the requirements for engineered fill. Bidders shall assume all engineered fill within the over-excavation zone is imported borrow with corresponding export of native clay.

Where on-site soils are required to be moisture conditioned, they shall be moistened conditioned to at least 2% above optimum and proof-rolled with heavy equipment in the presence of the Geotechnical Engineer. Specification 31 20 00 will be revised to reflect this requirement in a future addenda.

Response by G. Vincent

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