

Q. Please clarify the type of pipe the Owner wants for the 12" tile under 218? Does the Owner want HDPE, Polypropylene, RCP, PVC, steel? If unspecified, I would propose to use smooth wall steel pipe. Will smooth wall steel pipe (SSP) be allowed? We have installed SSP for numerous tile crossings for both the IA DOT and countless drainage districts under county roads and railroads. The SSP is used as the direct carrier of the drainage in lieu of HDPE.

R. Please bid HDPE.

Q. Will the owner accept variations in the size of the tile from 12"? If SSP is acceptable, I would propose to install minimum 16" diameter pipe, in lieu of 12" pipe for construct-ability reasons.

R. Please bid the specifications.

Q. Please confirm whether a performance bond will or will not be required for this contract. The first page of the proposal - Solicitation Response, line 3 indicates that a Performance Bond is not required. However, section 2 specification 2.4 Performance and Payment Bond states that contracts over \$25,000 require the contractor to furnish a performance bond. If the contract value exceeds \$25,000, will the contractor be required to furnish a performance bond?

R. Tile and culvert repairs are considered construction; hence, if the job is over \$25,000.00 a performance bond will be required.

Q. Please confirm the owner will require Pollution Liability insurance coverage with limits \$750,000, as stated under section 3 specification 3.4. I only ask because this is a unusual and costly addition to standard construction insurance requirements, especially for the value and type of work required, and adds 50-100% to the cost of the bid.

R. We will be reviewing our policy but until we hear otherwise, our pollution liability insurance coverage requirement stands.

Q. Please provide additional clarification of the scope of work required for this proposal. Could you provide a contact name and number to further discuss the work required that would be authorized to discuss the project? The solicitation does not provide enough information to bid or build the job.

R. The scope of work is: flow line of existing culvert at location is too high to except discharge from existing 8" field tile main, drainage into ditch is backing up into cropland causing crop damage. Installation of approx. 75 feet of 12" pipe recommended to be directionally bored under highway connecting the existing tile main on west side to drain on east side into ditch flowing to existing natural drainage field.