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TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

The above-entitled Question and Answer  
Session was held at the Yampa Ranger District,  
300 Roselawn Avenue, Yampa, Colorado, on  
October 6, 2004, commencing at 1:15 p.m.

PANEL:

- KEVIN BLACK, FHWA
- LORI KLIETHERMES, FHWA
- RYAN TYLER, FHWA

1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 KEVIN BLACK: We are going to open the  
3 floor here, I guess, for some questions and  
4 answers. Before I get started, I thought I'd  
5 just fess up that I didn't bring my general  
6 specs, so if there's a technical question that  
7 needs a little more research on my end, I'll put  
8 it in the minutes after we get back. So with  
9 that, go ahead and shoot any questions.

10 LORI KLIETHERMES: Just to let you  
11 know, speak loud and clear and one at a time.

12 KEVIN BLACK: Yes. I didn't expect a  
13 lot of questions, but none was probably a little  
14 less than I thought.

15 Q As we get a section finished and  
16 accepted, do we have to maintain that through the  
17 whole project until it's complete or will the  
18 county take over that?

19 KEVIN BLACK: We don't do partial  
20 acceptance on jobs like this, so final acceptance  
21 would be at the final inspection, and that's when  
22 the county takes over the responsibility.

23 Q So any washboards or anything like  
24 that, we got to have a blade crew out taking care  
25 of those?

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1           KEVIN BLACK: It needs to be  
2 maintained, yes. We do pay for dust control, but  
3 if a road completely fell apart, we probably  
4 wouldn't.

5           Q       What grading bands are you going to  
6 use?

7           KEVIN BLACK: There's a little bit of  
8 confusion in the specials. We were going to  
9 special this in and it was supposed to be on the  
10 last, very last page in your SCRs and 70305, and  
11 that's where it will be when the plans and specs  
12 come out.

13           I don't know what happened, if a page  
14 got left out or what, but it's our surface course  
15 and it's a one-inch minus. Is that right?

16           RYAN TYLER: Right.

17           KEVIN BLACK: I can't tell you exactly  
18 what the grading bands are without that last  
19 page, but it will have a PI of 8 plus or minus  
20 4. It will be statistically evaluated with a 5  
21 percent bonus or incentive/disincentive. So once  
22 we drop below 90 percent pay factor, we shut the  
23 lot down and ask you to do something different  
24 and the lot starts over.

25           So we generally run from about

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1 90 10 percent disincentive to 5 percent incentive,  
2 and it's based on the mean and the standard  
3 deviation, so a consistent mix is what you need  
4 to do.

5 Q What all does that incentive apply to?

6 KEVIN BLACK: It applies to the main  
7 sieves and I can't off the top of my head tell  
8 you what those are. It will be in the last part  
9 of this section. But PI, the 200, (the 3/8 inch) and I think  
10 the number 4 are the three primary sieves, and  
11 then there will be some minor sieves as well,  
12 Category 2. But take a look at your specs when  
13 they come out, because there might be another  
14 Category 1 sieve in there.

15 Q Explain schedule A, B and C a little  
16 bit.

17 KEVIN BLACK: Lori, do you want to  
18 explain the schedule or do you want me to?

19 LORI KLIETHERMES: No, that's fine, You can.

20 KEVIN BLACK: Okay. If you notice,  
21 Schedule C runs from the beginning of the project  
22 to the end, and Schedules A and B are independent  
23 of each other, and they are just shortened at the  
24 end. So you are going to have to do three  
25 different schedules and they are all independent.

1 They don't -- they're not, like, added.

2 So when you do Schedule C, that's for  
3 the whole job schedule; B will be somewhat  
4 shorter than that; and Schedule A will be  
5 somewhat shorter than that.

6 LORI KLIETHERMES: But you will have  
7 to submit a bid for each section.

8 KEVIN BLACK: Yes, each and every one.

9 Q So this could be awarded either  
10 Schedule A or B or C?

11 LORI KLIETHERMES: Yes.

12 Q Is it a best-value bid or just a  
13 straight-low bid?

14 KEVIN BLACK: Low bid.

15 Q Straight-low bid?

16 KEVIN BLACK: Yeah. Anything else?

17 Q How will you guys determine which  
18 schedule you are going to work the job off of?

19 RYAN TYLER: When you guys turn in all  
20 three schedules, depending on those amounts,  
21 we'll basically [compare those](#) with our  
22 programmatic amount we set forth for the project.  
23 That gives us leeway, depending on how well bid  
24 day turns out and how much we can get done with  
25 what we've set aside for the project. If that

1 makes sense.

2 Q Is the geotech report available to us  
3 now?

4 LORI KLIETHERMES: Not now.

5 Q At bid day?

6 LORI KLIETHERMES: Yeah. {during advertisement}  
7 I mentioned earlier, I don't know if you were there --  
8 did you get a packet?

9 Q I'm sharing.

10 LORI KLIETHERMES: My phone number is  
11 listed on the page with a little start that shows  
12 our web address so just give me a call at ad or  
13 thereafter and I will send you one.

14 The plans, being they're book plans, the  
15 8 ½ by 11, I'll be able to upload those to  
16 fedbizopps, so you won't have to deal with  
17 A&D Draft-aid. You won't have to purchase them.

18 The packet explains how you can  
19 download from fedbizopps, if you are not  
20 familiar with that.

21 KEVIN BLACK: The geotech report is  
22 referenced in the special contract requirements,  
23 so you will be responsible for that information  
24 that's in there, whether you get it or not.

25 Q But the geotech report is not being

1 made available until after the snow flies, and  
2 that doesn't allow us any time to review it and  
3 decide if we need to do any test explorations.

4 KEVIN BLACK: Yeah, it won't be  
5 available until after the snow flies. I don't  
6 know what to say about that. It just won't be.

7 LORI KLIETHERMES: Is that a problem,  
8 making it available? I don't know. I have  
9 never really done that. It depends on what  
10 information --

11 RYAN TYLER: We'll ask the Forest to see if  
12 we can get back in there this fall. But it's  
13 basically, you know, it's the balance of the  
14 risk. Really, my notion is we'll ask them, but  
15 it's going to be that, you know, in thinking  
16 about this today it's going to be the bid as it  
17 is with that geotech report, to bid that bid with  
18 the information available; if that answers your  
19 question.

20 Q What he really wants to know is why  
21 isn't it available now? There's no secret about  
22 it, is there?

23 KEVIN BLACK: No. Can we make that  
24 available now?

25 LORI KLIETHERMES: I guess I don't see

1 a problem in doing that. But of course Suzanne  
2 may see a problem, but I guess I don't. Our CO,  
3 she may see a problem with that.

4 KEVIN BLACK: Generally everything is  
5 -- nothing is really made available until we  
6 advertise. But I personally see no reason why we  
7 couldn't make it available. We are going to have  
8 to check with the people that release the  
9 information.

10 RYAN TYLER: Sounds like it would, in  
11 this body, it would help. Maybe we can shoot out  
12 an e-mail or phone --

13 LORI KLIETHERMES: I have phone  
14 numbers for everyone, so I can call you guys once  
15 I get the answer and I can probably -- can I scan  
16 that in? Is there anything color in there that  
17 is legend-type stuff?

18 RYAN TYLER: There are pictures.

19 LORI KLIETHERMES: I might be able to  
20 scan that in color in Abode. I think I will be  
21 okay. And then I can put it on our website, as  
22 long as I check with my CO.

23 Q If you've got it on your website then  
24 it's available for whomever?

25 LORI KLIETHERMES: Everybody, exactly.

1 That's the way I would have to go.

2 Q You might tell your supervisor, since  
3 there isn't -- I think Tony asked if there was  
4 seismic velocities in the information. If there  
5 isn't, then that's where the risk is for us, how  
6 much is blasted. So it would be good for us to  
7 have that.

8 KEVIN BLACK: Anything else? I guess  
9 we might as well conclude, wrap it up. Lori is  
10 going to want all the plans and specs checked  
11 back systematically, probably not just dumped on  
12 her, so if you could form a line that would  
13 probably help.

14 LORI KLIETHERMES: There is some good  
15 information in there as far as fedbizopps, so you  
16 might want to check that out. From the  
17 third page on, it tells you how to go to our  
18 website and the fedbizopps site. We have to post  
19 that. That's our government point of entry now,  
20 so we have to post everything through fedbizopps.

21 (The meeting was adjourned at  
22 approximately 1:30 p.m.)

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25 **See additional information next page not covered during meeting**

Additional comments:

1. Copies of the geotechnical report were provided on October 25 to attendees. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting either Lori K (720-963-3355) or Brenda (720-963-3353). A scanned copy will also be provided on our website at [www.cflhd.gov/procurement/preShowBid.cfm](http://www.cflhd.gov/procurement/preShowBid.cfm)

2. The Forest Service will allow contractor access and/or additional testing to the area of the pit. The barrier rocks are intended to close the area to recreational use and should be considered as a gate. If it is closed at the time of entry, close the area as you leave. If it is open at the time of entry, leave it open as you leave. You may also contact Rio Blanco County for further assistance.

The Ripple Creek Pass Pit is OPTIONAL. The aggregate quality meets the specs but may need binder material added to meet the PI requirement. Within the Environmental Assessment for the pit, approximately ¼ acre is cleared for full growth tree removal to accommodate crushing/hauling operations. The FS will allow alteration of the access road including construction of two pullouts for trucks to pass. The maximum road width will be 14 foot. In addition, topsoil will need to be conserved, placed, and then reseeded.

Please refer to the Environmental Assessment completed for the pit, seed mix and to the other FS requirements if choosing to use this material source. These documents will be provided in addition to the SCRs of the Invitation for Bid when project is advertised.

3. No weekend work will be allowed; however, if contractor selects to use the pit, crushing will be allowed throughout the weekend.

4. 1<sup>st</sup> staging area – this will be inundated with hunters approximately the second week of October; keep this in mind when scheduling.

5. 2<sup>nd</sup> staging area – (Snell) used as a gathering area for cattle in October; could be used as a turn-around for trucks

6. Telephone service is available about halfway to Trappers Lake Road from the West but there is no known electrical power.

7. 3<sup>rd</sup> staging area – end of magnesium chloride at Ripple Creek

8. Section 158 of the Special Contract Requirements list POSSIBLE water sources; these are not guaranteed sources. Contacts names will be provided in the SCRs for these possible sources. In addition, other sources not listed may be available for contractor's use.

9. 4<sup>th</sup> staging area – did not stop

10. 5<sup>th</sup> staging area – located at Transfer Trail Head; upper end about ¼ mile to the right.

11. 6<sup>th</sup> staging area – located just before top of Dunkley Pass where materials can be stored.

