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1	NA	Section 01110-1.5.E states that the contractor is "required to work at 3 mezzanine locations each day". Please relax this requirement, as in some cases it may not make sense to work at three locations, such as at the beginning of the contract or the end of the contract for example.	At the start of the construction phase, after full acceptance by WMATA of the SSWP and construction work schedule, the Contractor is expected to work three locations per night. As the contract ramps down, that can be amended with WMATA approval.
2	NA	<p>Please confirm/clarify the following regarding external schedule constraints (I.E. not related to the Contractor):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. The Contractor can determine the sequence of the locations. b. There are no other contractors that the Contractor must interface with or wait upon. c. WMATA provided tile will be available upon contract award. d. Is there a limit to the number of locations that a contractor can concurrently work? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Yes, the Contractor can determine the sequence of locations. There is some efficiency to be gained from strategic scheduling; these will be discussed during pre-construction meetings. Work schedules are not fixed until the weekly coordination meetings take place and final confirmation of available WMATA support. b. Correct. The Contractor need only interface with their crews and WMATA escorts and support. c. WMATA will place the order for tile after contract award to be delivered to the Contractor's-identified storage location. d. Contractor can have multiple active locations where work has started; however, the Contractor can only work a maximum of three locations per shift.
3	NA	At the Pre-bid meeting, it was stated that the bid form will be provided in excel. Will this be provided via addendum?	The Bid Form in Excel and Quantities Table is already posted on the website.

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4	NA	<p>Section 00810 requires that the Contractor Perform at least 50% of the construction work with its own forces. The Pre-solicitation Notice states that the DBE goal is 25.75%. Given the small amount of material required, and the labor intensive nature of this project it will be difficult or impossible to self-perform as required by the Contract and reach the 25.75% DBE goal. This will make it difficult for a non-DBE to bid, therefore we recommend significantly reducing the DBE goal.</p>	<p>The DBE Goal was set based on the ready, willing and available DBE firms we have in our database. The company will have to figure out appropriate way to go about it. The company have to be creative about its material purchases and labor to employ for the services so as not to fall short of the requirement. Also, the company must show in writing (through a Partial/Full DBE Goal % Waiver) how it reached its decision. That company must show in writing the name, contact information and responses of all the DBEs that present the obstacle. DBE firms must be given priority especially because FTA funds are involved.</p>
5	NA	<p>With respect to pre-existing hazardous materials/hazardous waste or hazardous materials/hazardous waste not brought onto the site by the Contractor, please confirm that the Owner will be considered the "generator" of such hazardous materials/hazardous waste and sign any necessary generator manifests.</p>	<p>The WMATA site locations identified for this project have no known hazardous materials. If questionable material is found the issue will be resolved in accordance with WMATA safety procedures and, if needed, with contract modification procedures.</p>

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6	NA	<p>According to WMATA's "INFRASTRUCTURE DESIGN & WIRING STANDARDS" Part 4, "An Extended Product Warranty shall be provided which warrants functionality of all components used in the system for 25 years from the date of registration. The Extended Product Warranty shall warrant the installed horizontal and/or backbone copper, and both the horizontal and the backbone optical fiber portions of the cabling system." Please confirm that this is a manufacturer's warranty. Furthermore, this seems excessive, we recommend that it be reduced. Also, please confirm that the warranty described in Section 00757 (2 years) is the only warranty required from the Contractor.</p>	<p>Yes, the extended product 25-year warranty is a manufacturer's product warranty. Yes, the warranty described in Section 00757 is the warranty required from the Contractor.</p>
7	NA	<p>Article 00711.A.b requires all subcontractors to maintain the insurance requirements listed in the specifications. The coverages listed seem to be excessive for subcontractors, so we recommend removing the requirement for subcontractors to maintain the same level of insurance as the Prime Contractor, or at least reduce the requirements for subcontractors (particularly Commercial General Liability).</p>	<p>The Insurance Requirement listed in the Solicitation is for the Prime Contractor only.</p>
8	NA	<p>If the Prime Contractor uses WMATA's Railroad Protective Liability insurance in accordance with the allowance, please confirm that subcontractors are not also required to purchase RRPL insurance.</p>	<p>RRPL insurance provided by WMATA is for the Prime Contractor only.</p>

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9	NA	At the Pre-bid meeting it was stated that the only full time staff employee required for the project was the Project Manager. Please confirm that all other staff can perform multiple roles and/or not be dedicated to the project, as would be in the normal course of the Contractor's business.	Yes, the solicitation only requires that the Project Manager be full-time on the contract. Contractor staff may perform multiple roles on the contract; however, changes to Key Staff in the project must be approved by WMATA.
10	YES	Volume 1, section 00100 notes the bid date as 3/8/17 while section 00103 notes bid date as 3/15/17. Please clarify?	This error will be corrected with Amendment 02
11	NA	Volume 1, section 00102-A.1 states " Contractor is responsible for ensuring that work is performed by qualified laborers that meet training, licensing and certifications necessary to complete assigned tasks." Please confirm the intent of the term "laborers" is not that laborers should be used for all work, but the proper classification/trade should perform the respect work scopes in accordance with the Davis Bacon Wage Agreement?	In this context of the term "laborers" was used to reference all workers and trades. It is correct that work should be performed by the proper classification and trades respective of the work in accordance with the Davis-Bacon Wage Agreement.
12	NA	Please confirm the Bid Data Form is not to be submitted with the bid, but rather by the apparent low bidder within five (5) days after bid?	Yes, that is correct. The Bid Data Form is to be submitted by the apparent low bidder within 5 days after the bid opening.

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13	NA	Volume 1, section 01110-1.3 notes work cannot start until the last train has left the station. Please provide time last train leaves each station that work is being performed in for bid purposes?	The time that the last train leaves each station varies and WMATA cannot guarantee those times. As noted in the Pre-Bid meeting, those times typically vary from approximately 12:20 AM (for those stations closest to the center of the system) to 1 AM (for those stations at the end of the line). On occasion, system anomalies delay the time it takes to clear all stations. Under Phase 1, the latest time is approximately 1:30 AM.
14	NA	Volume 1, section 01110-1.5.E notes requirement to schedule work at three locations. Should contractor plan on working three locations concurrently? Should we assume we can work a consistent schedule moving from three locations to the next three locations without downtime between locations?	Yes, the Contractor should plan on working at three sites concurrently. The Contractor can complete work at one location and shall move to another location without delay as long as it corresponds to the approved work schedule for that week.
15	NA	Volume 1, section 01111 lists key staff. Please clarify which key staff are required to be assigned to the project full time?	Yes, the solicitation only requires that the Project Manager be full-time on the contract. Contractor staff may perform multiple roles on the contract; however, changes to Key Staff in the project must be approved by WMATA.

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16	NA	<p>There appears to be conflicting fare gate stanchion counts when comparing a mezzanine's electrical drawings versus a mezzanine report vs. the AFC Mezzanine Reports (Volume 3.1 and 3.2 vs. Volume4). While we do not request the Authority revise every instance of this condition, we merely ask which will govern/take precedence during the project performance?</p> <p>1. The same applies to the vendor machine layout; when quantifying the number of vendor machines, which volume of drawings takes precedence during the project performance?</p>	<p>The AFC Mezzanine Reports take precedence over other mezzanine schematics for equipment faregate and fare vendor equipment quantities.</p>