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ADDENDUM 1

Gosnell Creek LWD and Fish Passage Project – Phase 2 MCD Contract #2026-03

To: Prospective Bidders for the MCD Contract #2026-03

From: Andy Sorter, P.E., Mason Conservation District Engineer

Date: April 1, 2026

SUBJECT: Addendum 1 to Bid Solicitation, “Gosnell Creek LWD and Fish Passage Project – Phase 2,” MCD Contract #2026-03

This Addendum modifies the bid solicitation for the project, which is scheduled for bid opening April 15, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

All bidders are asked to review this addendum, consider it in preparation of their bids, and acknowledge this consideration by initialing the line on the bid proposal form for Addendum 1.

This Addendum lists the attendees at the mandatory job show, summarizes announcements by Mason Conservation District (MCD) made at the job show, addresses questions and answers from said job show, answers questions from prospective bidders that were received after said job show, and shows possible alternate construction access routes that MCD has identified. A map showing these possible alternate access routes is included as Attachment 1 to this Addendum.

A mandatory job show for this project was held on Tuesday, March 24th, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. Attendees met at the project site. The following firms attended this job show:

- Jared Hanson of Hanson Excavation LLC
- Brian Rockey of Rognlin's Inc
- James Koistinen of Kysar and Koistinen Inc
- Jose Velasco of Stability Solutions
- Donnie Steele of Steele Trucking Inc
- Dock Salizer of Vet Industrial
- Tim Legrande East Slope Earthworks LLC
- Jeremy Helser of Redside Construction

- Mike Simmons of Simmons & Sons Contracting Inc
- Logan Spear of Andrew Spear Construction LLC
- Chris Brazda of Northwest Cascade Inc
- Eric Seely of Quigg Bros. Inc
- Steve Ohal of Sealevel Bulkhead Builders

The following announcements were made by Mason Conservation District at the mandatory job show held on March 24, 2026, and are a part of this Addendum 1:

- An announcement of the project's approximate Engineering cost estimate was made to those in attendance at the job show. The announced Engineer's estimated project total was "about \$334,000.00." The engineering cost estimate, including tax is \$334,308.81.
- It was announced to those in attendance at the job show the no geotechnical review was completed for this project. Prospective bidders were advised to bid accordingly when preparing their bids and that the winning Contractor would still be responsible for completing all Work as described in the contract provisions.
- It was announced to those in attendance at the job show that any verbal comments made by the MCD at the job show will not change the bid documents. Only published addenda will modify the bid documents.
- It was announced and clarified to those in attendance that hydroseeding areas disturbed by construction activities will be the responsibility of the Contractor and is a part of Bid Line item "Cleanup & Demobilization." This includes the back channel spoils spread area on the south side of the creek. This Work is stated within the project provisions but MCD wanted to make this clear to all prospective bidders.
- It was announced and clarified to those in attendance that the temporary construction access routes shown in the Engineer's Plans are proposed routes and that Contractors may propose different routes to the Engineer for approval prior to mobilization. Contractors may also propose to the Engineer for approval, the installation and use of a temporary bridge. Attachment 1 of this Addendum contains a map showing some possible alternate construction access routes that MCD has identified. All construction access routes shall be identified and included in the Contractors "Access, Staging and Stockpile Plan" that is to be submitted to the Engineer for approval prior to mobilization.

The following are questions and answers from the mandatory job show held on March 24, 2026:

Question: What does the streambed material look like?

Answer: It's primarily comprised of smaller gravels and fines.

Question: How many LWD structures are on each side of the creek?

Answer: The north side of the creek has 5 LWD structures and the south side of the creek has 4 LWD structures. The south side of the creek also has the smaller Back Channel ELJ that's located at the terminus of the back channel.

Question: Where are the trees coming from that are to be used in the construction of the LWD structures?

Answer: The contractor is responsible for harvesting/ procuring and delivering to the project site all wood to be used in the construction of LWD structures. MCD has no preference on where the

wood is sourced from so long as it meets the specifications called for in the Engineer's Plans and project provisions.

Question: Will all 9 LWD structures need to be dewatered and isolated?

Answer: Yes. The Contractor will be responsible for dewatering and isolating all work areas for the construction of the 9 LWD structures in Gosnell Creek. All in-water work areas shall be appropriately dewatered per project permits and project provisions. MCD will be responsible for the de-fishing of all in-water work areas once properly isolated. Shallow groundwater may exist elsewhere within the construction site, so Contractors are advised that dewatering excavation areas may be necessary to complete.

Question: Do scour holes need to be dug in front of the LWD structures?

Answer: No. scour holes do not need to be excavated in front of the LWD structures. Excavation depths do need to be reached for the placement of wood for the construction of LWD structures as called for in the Engineer's Plans.

Question: Do the Plans call for a Contractor installed bridge?

Answer: No. The Contractor may propose the installation and use of a temporary bridge crossing as part of their access and staging plan that must be approved by the Engineer. No equipment or vehicles may use the existing concrete bridge. That bridge is only safe for foot traffic.

Question: Will the Contractor have to deal with livestock during construction?

Answer: Yes, coordination and scheduling will need to be made with MCD and/ or the property owner. The landowner stated that animals will not be kept on the south side of the creek during construction. Animals will be kept on the north side of the creek during construction.

Question: Will the Contractor be responsible for replanting any areas disturbed by construction that are within the existing CREP buffers the boarder the creek?

Answer: No. Mason Conservation District will be responsible for replanting trees and shrubs within the CREP buffers that are disturbed by construction. However, the Contractor will be responsible for hydroseeding all areas, including CREP buffers, that are disturbed by construction activities. The Contractor will also be responsible for replacing, repairing, or putting back any fence that is taken down for construction purposes.

Question: What if a Contractor chooses not to use W. Winter Creek Road for accessing the project site?

Answer: If a Contractor chooses not to utilize W. Winter Creek Road to access the project site, the resurfacing of W. Winter Creek Road would not have to occur. The Contractor would not be responsible for the Work described in the project provisions for bid line item #9, "W. Winter Creek Road Resurfacing." Prospective bidders shall enter a "Unit Price" and a "Total Price" value for bid line item #9, "W. Winter Creek Road Resurfacing," even if they will not be doing Work under that line item. A value of zero (0) is acceptable. **Do not leave the "unit price" or "total price" values unfilled and blank.**

Question: Do both sides of the creek need to be hydroseeded?

Answer: Yes, the Contractor is responsible for hydroseeding all areas disturbed by construction related activities.

Question: How firm is the soil in the project area? Is it silty?

Answer: No geotechnical review has been conducted for this project. The landowner, Katrinka Hibler described the soil at the project site as "good farm soil with no rocks" while on the job walk.

Contractors are advised that this is the opinion and observation of the landowner. MCD neither agrees or disagrees with the landowner's soil assessment statement and reiterates that no geotechnical review has been completed for this project.

Question: How much vegetation will need to be removed in order to construct the LWD structures in the creek?

Answer: The Engineer's Plans show fairly accurate locations for all LWD structures within the creek. The exact location of the structures will be field fit to try and avoid impacts to substantial and well-established trees and vegetation while at the same time accomplishing the engineering purpose of the structures. MCD will stake the LWD locations prior to construction. The Contractor is advised to avoid impacts to existing vegetation to the greatest extent possible while working on this project.

Question: To what condition is the Contractor responsible for bringing W. Winter Creek Road up to?

Answer: If W. Winter Creek Road is utilized to access the project site, the Contractor will be responsible for constructing one course of crushed stone upon a prepared subgrade in accordance with Section 4-04 of the WSDOT *Standard Specifications for Road, Bridge and Municipal Construction*, 2025 edition and these provisions as well as shown in the Engineer's Plans or as established by the Engineer. The Contractor shall furnish and place crushed stone surfacing on the existing gravel roadway (W. Winter Creek Road) used for construction access. Surfacing will commence at the intersection of W. Winter Creek Road and W. Elson Road and extend the length of W. Winter Creek Road to the access point of the subject property. MCD estimates that approximately 2300 LF of average 14' width roadway will need to be surfaced after all large equipment from the subject property has been demobilized and prior to final demobilization.

Question: Will there be standing water in the proposed "back channel" excavation area?

Answer: According to the landowner, in July and August there is typically no standing water in the back channel excavation area however, this is not a guarantee for the proposed construction season. The contractor is advised that standing water and shallow ground water may be present at this location and that adequate water management BMPs be available and implemented to complete the required work.

The following are questions and answers received from prospective bidders after the mandatory job show held on March 24, 2026:

Question: Do you have an engineer's estimate for this bid?

Answer: The engineer's estimate including tax is \$334,308.81

Question: There is no subsurface report provided to determine whether the pile will need to be driven. Additionally, there is no bid item included to account for driven pile installation using a vibro hammer, making it currently not biddable. Without this information, the contractor cannot assess the feasibility of advancing the piling prior to field installation.

Answer: No geotechnical assessment has been conducted for this project therefore MCD cannot guarantee subsurface conditions related to pile driving. The Contractor should be prepared to implement alternate methods to achieve specified pile depths. See Specification 9-10.5 for more information including the definition and methodology that will be used to determine and document "refusal".

Pile driving is included in the Bid Line Item 7 "Habitat/Complexity ELJ Construction". All costs associated with pile driving should be included in this Bid Line Item.

Question: Detail 2 on sheet C7 indicates embedment to refusal; however, without a subsurface report, it is not possible to determine where refusal will occur. Should the project be bid using the assumed pile lengths shown in the log schedule? Additionally, how will refusal be determined in the field? Will the engineer be present to make that determination?

Answer: MCD acknowledges that there is no subsurface report available for this project. The intent of the note on C7 is to ensure that a minimum 6' embedment is achieved. MCD will not require Contractor to embed beyond 6' depth. Refusal is defined in Specification 9-10.5. The engineer of authorized MCD representative will be present or immediately available should refusal determination be required.

Question: Spec Section 4-04 references an existing gravel roadway for construction access; however, Spec Section 2-01.5 requires the contractor to clear and prepare the access road. Please clarify whether the 12-foot-wide temporary construction access road is an existing roadway or if it is to be constructed by the contractor, including placement of crushed stone surface prior to demobilization.

Answer: All 12' wide temporary construction access roads are delineated on Sheet C1, though alternative routes may be proposed by the selected Contractor after award. Temporary access roads shall be prepared in accordance with Section 2-01 and decommissioned in accordance with Section 8-02. No crushed stone surfacing is required.

The resurfacing of W. Winter Creek Road, as delineated on Sheet C-11, is subject to the provisions of Section 4-04.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Attachment 1

Image below shows several alternate construction access paths

