

Project Name: Protective Fencing Project
Bid Number: LTRID-25F
Owner / Agency: Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID)
Date Issued: 9/19/25

All responses are official clarifications issued by Lower Tule River Irrigation District (LTRID).

Question No.	Date Received	Reference	Bidder Question	LTRID Response	Response Date
1	8/19/25	Instructions to Bidders, p. 3, section 6	Is there a new deadline for submitting written questions? (Reference: Instructions to Bidders, Section 7, p. 14)	Yes. The new deadline for questions is September 16th, 2025. With responses to be posted by September 19th	19-Sep-25
2	8/19/25	Instructions to Bidders, p. 3, section 6	Can clarification questions be submitted after the site walkthrough scheduled for Friday, September 12, 2025?	Yes. See previous answer.	19-Sep-25
3	8/19/25	Instructions to Bidders, p. 3, section 4	There is a performance bond and payment bond form included in the RFB, but no bid bond form. Should bidders submit the standard AIA bid bond, or any form provided by their bonding company?	Bidders may use their bonding company's standard bid bond form, provided it meets statutory requirements.	19-Sep-25
4	8/19/25	Installation of Protective Fencing, Addendum No 1	Are all H-braces and in-line posts required to be installed with concrete footings, or may they be installed using a post pounder where soil conditions permit?	All H-braces and in-line posts must be installed with concrete footings. Use of a post pounder without concrete footings is not permitted for these structural elements, as concrete is necessary to ensure long-term stability.	19-Sep-25
5	8/19/25	Drawings, Zone Maps	The Zone maps provided in the RFB do not identify the number of gates required in each zone. Can the District please provide a list or table indicating the number, type (swing/slide), and dimensions of gates required for each zone?	The District will issue a list in an addendum clarifying the number, type (swing/slide), and dimensions of gates required in each zone.	19-Sep-25
6	8/19/25	General Conditions, page 19 para. 6	Does the Contractor's staking responsibility extend only to transferring and setting the fence line based on the property lines and elevations established by the District's surveyor, or is the Contractor expected to independently verify and establish property boundaries and elevations in addition to fence layout?	The District's surveyor will establish the property lines and elevations. The Contractor's responsibility is limited to transferring and setting the fence line in accordance with the District-provided staking. The Contractor is not required to independently verify property boundaries or elevations beyond what is provided by the District.	19-Sep-25
7	8/20/25	General	Will the District make the submitted LOIs available to the public or prospective subcontractors so they can determine which contractors intend to bid? If not, would the District consider posting a list of qualified bidders on the LTRID website once all LOIs have been received?	See below for list.	19-Sep-25
8	9/12/25	Clarification	Are LOI's a requirement to bid?	Not mandatory, but will be noted in the bid review.	19-Sep-25
9	9/12/25	Description of Work	Subcontractor recommending 133-gauge over 125-gauge.	At this time the District confirms that the project specifications, as issued, remain in effect.	19-Sep-25
10	9/12/25	General Conditions, page 19, Audit paragraph	Does cash basis accounting meet the requirement that "Contractor's accounting systems shall conform to generally accepted accounting principles"?	Contractors must be able to provide records on an accrual basis, or provide reconciliations/adjustments that bring cash records into compliance with GAAP for audit and verification purposes.	19-Sep-25
11	9/16/25	General	Is there an engineer estimate cost for this project?	The District has not obtained an engineer's estimate. Contractors should prepare their bids based on the scope and specifications provided in the RFB and addenda.	19-Sep-25
12	9/16/25	Scope of Work	Will we be responsible for removing the irrigation PVC pipe?	Contractor is only responsible for installing the new protective fencing and gates. Any existing irrigation facilities encountered should be protected in place unless otherwise directed by the District	19-Sep-25
13	9/16/25	Scope of Work	Will earthwork be included in the scope of work for this bid?	No major earthwork is included in the scope. Contractors are expected to perform standard grading and post embedment work incidental to fence installation, but bulk earthwork or grading is not part of this contract	19-Sep-25

14	9/16/25	General	Who will be responsible for the turnout?	Turnouts and irrigation delivery structures are not part of this fencing contract. The District retains responsibility for any irrigation facilities.	19-Sep-25
15	9/16/25	General	Will the sign in sheet for the job walk be uploaded?	See below for list.	19-Sep-25
16	9/16/25	Bid Documents	The bid documents do not include a place to acknowledge addenda. How should contractors confirm receipt of addenda?	Acknowledgment of addenda is not required for a responsive bid. All addenda are binding and posted on the District website; bidders are responsible for reviewing and incorporating them. If a bidder believes an addendum was not distributed, contact the Project Manager immediately	19-Sep-25
17	9/16/25	Contract Time	Per the August 25 RFB, Section 10 (Schedule), the contractor has 185 calendar days to complete the project from the Notice to Proceed. However, Addendum No. 01 dated August 12, 2025, Section 5 (Description of Work, p.1) specifies that all steel braces are to be welded. Given this requirement, can the 185-day contract period commence after the rainy season begins, to address fire safety concerns associated with welding?	No. The 185-day contract period begins upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed. Contractors must plan welding operations in compliance with applicable fire safety regulations regardless of season	19-Sep-25
18	9/16/25	Bid Form	On page 2 of the Bid Form, there is a space to enter the Total Bid Amount in numerals and, directly below it, a line to write the bid amount in words. That second line is labeled "Total Bid Fencing." Can you please confirm that both spaces are intended to reflect the same total bid amount, once in numerals and once in words?	Yes. Both spaces must reflect the same total bid amount. Once in numerals and once in written words	19-Sep-25
19	9/16/25	LOI	Public Disclosure of Letters of Intent (LOIs): Addendum No. 1, Page 31, extends the deadline for submission of the Letter of Intent. Will the District make the submitted LOIs available to the public or prospective subcontractors so they can determine which contractors intend to bid? If not, would the District consider posting a list of qualified bidders on the LTRID website once all LOIs have been received? This would provide transparency and allow subcontractors to coordinate with potential prime bidders.	The District will publish a list of companies that submitted LOIs and attendees of the job walk in this response log for transparency. The underlying LOIs and sign-in sheets are public records and are available upon request under the California Public Records Act; they will be produced in accordance with applicable law.	19-Sep-25
20	9/16/25	Job Walk	The site visit for RFB No. LTRID-25 was held on September 12, 2025. Will the sign-in sheet from that meeting be made available to the public? If not, would the District consider posting the list of attendees or otherwise making it accessible for prospective subcontractors and interested parties.	The District will publish a list of companies that submitted LOIs and attendees of the job walk in this response log for transparency. The underlying LOIs and sign-in sheets are public records and are available upon request under the California Public Records Act; they will be produced in accordance with applicable law.	19-Sep-25
21	9/16/25	Surveying	During the Site Walk, it was stated that surveying/staking will be provided. Are we allowed to provide our own surveying and staking? If so, should that be a separate proposal?	Final staking will be provided by the District's surveyor. Contractors may supplement staking for their own use, but official layout will be based on District staking and must be followed.	19-Sep-25
22	9/16/25	Specifications	What elevation change would you estimate midline/elevation bracing be required? Or could you provide a specification/code for this?	Bracing is required where grade changes or alignment shifts make it necessary to maintain fence stability. Contractor shall use standard industry practice; the District will review staking and approve bracing locations in the field	19-Sep-25
23	9/16/25	Utilities	Is there access to Construction Water? If so, where is it located?	No dedicated construction water supply will be provided. Contractors are responsible for arranging any water needed for construction activities.	19-Sep-25
24	9/16/25	General Conditions	Will there be any disposal trash bins or will any accumulated trash/scraps need to be hauled off by contractor?	No. Contractors must haul off all trash, scrap, and debris generated by their work	19-Sep-25
25	9/16/25	Gates	On the gates, would we use a fork latch or just a chain to lock?	Gates shall be installed with standard chain closures as typical for cattle utility gates unless otherwise approved by the District	19-Sep-25
26	9/16/25	Zone 1	In Zone 1. Are the two gates shown; connected for a twenty foot gate? Or are they independent from each other?	Gates are independent 10-foot steel tube utility gates, each installed per specifications	19-Sep-25

27	9/16/25	Existing Conditions	There is existing barbed wire fence. Some is up and functional. Some is a tangled mess on the ground. Who's responsible for the removal of the old existing fencing?	The scope is for new fence installation. Unless removal is specifically shown on the exhibits, existing fencing is to remain in place. Any conflicts will be clarified in the field with the District.	19-Sep-25
28	9/16/25	Specifications	RFP calls for 125 or 133 gauge T posts. Can that be revised to 133 gauge only? 125 gauge is too light for cattle pressure. A range leaves the opportunity for the low bidder to be using substandard materials. Domestic 1.33 t-post would be recommended. The cost is insignificant! What color t-post? Red/green?	No. Project specifications allow either 125 or 133-gauge T-posts	19-Sep-25
29	9/16/25	Specifications	Line Post/Stress Post spacing should be defined going into the bid. 150' recommended using 2-7/8" new sched 40 pipe with caps welded and embedded minimum of 3".	As specified: T-posts every 9-10 feet; line posts (pipe) every 150-200 feet	19-Sep-25
30	9/16/25	Specifications	On the slight deflections in the fence line may 3-1/2" and 4" sched 40 be used or does a kicker out to the side need to be installed?	Standard bracing requirements apply. Any deviation requires District approval.	19-Sep-25
31	9/16/25	Specifications	Brace post embedment 4'? new schedule 40 2-7/8" capped recommended See Southwest Brace spec	Posts shall be embedded per standard practice to ensure stability, typically 3-4 feet depending on soil. Contractor must meet the minimum requirement of new Schedule 40 2-7/8" pipe as specified	19-Sep-25
32	9/16/25	Specifications	Gate post size? Recommended is 4.5" .5' embedment recommended Driven at that depth is adequate.	Gate posts shall be 2-7/8" Schedule 40 pipe per specs, embedded to sufficient depth to resist gate load. Larger pipe may be used at contractor's option with District approval	19-Sep-25
33	9/16/25	Specifications	Can the gates be 1-7/8" .120 wall thickness and with heavy duty southwest hinges be installed?	Gates must conform to standard 10ft x 4ft steel tube utility gate specification	19-Sep-25
34	9/16/25	Specifications	Does the braces ,line post, and gates require paint? Green? No paint?	No paint finish is specified. Materials must be new, structurally sound, and free of rust or corrosion	19-Sep-25
35	9/16/25	General	Will any land clean up like weed abatement or completed by others prior to the start of the work?	The District is not providing weed abatement. Contractor should include incidental clearing within their bid.	19-Sep-25
36	9/16/25	Bid Submission	Do all the proposals need to be delivered in person or will emailed bids be accepted?	Bids must be sealed and delivered to the District office by the deadline	19-Sep-25
37	9/16/25	Prevailing Wages	Do you have a specific wage decision # for the prevailing wage rate for this job?	No project-specific wage determination is issued. Contractors must use the applicable DIR wage rates for Tulare County and comply with all State and Federal requirements	19-Sep-25
38	9/16/25	Existing Conditions	After carefully walking the entire project it was noticed that there are fences that cross over the new alignment. Does the contractor cut the old fence and lay it aside and build new fence per survey markers. Or does contractor remove and dispose of any old fence?	Existing fencing encountered along the new alignment should be cut, set aside, and left in place unless specifically directed by the District	19-Sep-25
39	9/16/25	Existing Conditions	Segment that has debris and old equipment that may have to be moved to allow contractor to construct the new line. Who is responsible for moving any debris, or any items that may be owned by neighbors.	The Contractor is responsible for clearing incidental debris necessary to complete installation. Large or immovable items identified as private property will be addressed with the District for direction	19-Sep-25
40	9/16/25	Specifications	Regarding Barb wire may an upgraded class 3 coated 14ga be substituted	No material substitutions are permitted unless authorized by a formal District addendum	19-Sep-25

All responses provided herein are issued for clarification only and do not modify the Contract Documents unless incorporated into a formal written addendum.

Bidders are responsible for reviewing all addenda and official postings on the District's website. The District will not be responsible for a bidder's failure to review or incorporate addenda into its bid.

Letters of Intent (LOIs) and job-walk sign-in sheets are public records. For transparency, company names are listed in this response log. The underlying records are available upon request under the California Public Records Act.

Any interpretation, correction, or change of the bid documents will be made by addendum. Oral or informal statements by District staff shall not be binding.

Submission of a bid signifies acknowledgment of receipt and incorporation of all addenda and clarifications issued by the District.

LOI Submitted	Walkthrough Attendees
Hartman Construction Inc.	Hartman Construction Inc.
Yukon Fence Co.	Rosas Corp
Costa Fencing Inc	Costa Fencing Inc
Ace Fence Company	All Commercial Fence
Southwest Fence and Supply	Southwest Fence and Supply
Northern United Fence	Northern United Fence
Dash Construction Inc	Fence Corp
Center State Fence & Construction, Inc	Center State Fence & Construction, Inc
Sierra Range Construction	Sierra Range Construction
Fresno Fence Connection	
FenceCorp	