



1. The specifications and drawings for Invitation No DACW-64-03-B-0007, Channel Repairs, Swallow to I-45, Sims Bayou, Houston, Texas, advertised 7 February 2003, and for which bids are scheduled to be opened on 11 March 2003 are hereby modified as follows:

**BID OPENING DATE IS HEREBY RESCHEDULED FOR 2:00 PM LOCAL TIME, ROOM 175 JADWIN BUILDING, 20 MARCH 2003.**

**QUESTIONS FROM CONTRACTORS AND ANSWERS BY THE GALVESTON DISTRICT TEAM.**

QUESTION 1: Plan Sheet C-4, Note 5 and the drawing says to install a staff gauge. There are no details given or an explanation of how it is to be paid for.

ANSWER 1: Payment for the staff gauge is addressed in Amendment No. 0001, Item No. (4). Installation is addressed in the SECTION entitled STRIPPING, EXCAVATION, FILLING, AND BACKFILLING, Subparagraph 3.4.2.

QUESTION 2: Plan Sheets C-10 to C-21 - Why do the water surface elevations vary so much from station to station and some are not shown?

ANSWER 2: The water surface varied when the cross sections were taken and the water surface was not taken at all cross sections. The Contractor can use the halfway height of the lower slope to calculate topsoil.

QUESTION 3: Specification Section 02321, Paragraph 3.5.1 - Satisfactory Materials- Material shall be obtained from required excavation or off-site from an approved site source. Is the Placement Area not available as a borrow source?

ANSWER 3: No.

QUESTION 4: Can material be obtained from the Placement Area to build cofferdams for the water diversion?

ANSWER 4: Refer to Amendment No. 0001, Item No. (6).

QUESTION 5: Specification Section 02321, Paragraph 1.5.5 states that backfill will not be paid for separately and shall be included in the applicable contract price for the item to which the work pertains. Paragraph 3.6.3, Backfill on Channel Slopes, states that the upstream and downstream limits of overexcavation to remove silts and sands shall be adjusted in the field by the Contracting Officer based on actual foundations excavated. Should not this be Compacted Fill?

ANSWER 5: This has been clarified below in this Amendment No. 0002.

QUESTION 6: If this is to be an incidental item how do we include a price in excavation since the quantity will be field determined?

ANSWER 6: This has been clarified below in this Amendment No. 0002.

Specifications.

Page 02321-8, Subparagraph 3.6.3. - Delete this Subparagraph and substitute the following:

"3.6.3 Compacted Fill on Channel Slopes. Vertical limits for over excavation to remove unsatisfactory material below the template shown will be adjusted in the field by the Contracting Officer based on actual field conditions excavated."