

TAA 26-13BR / D215081
Rehabilitation of Various Bridges on I-87 and I-90
at Mileposts 95.27, B12.89 and B19.04 in Columbia and Ulster Counties

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

September 2, 2026

- Q1. In past Thruway Authority projects, the AASHTOWare ".ebsx" file had also been made available with the project specific files. This project is essentially a relet of the previously let TAA 26-13B project, where no bids were submitted, but an ebxs file had been provided for that project, so, will it be provided for this one?
- A1. The Thruway Authority will soon be issuing a reminder notification to all potential plan holders that, when bidding on projects for the New York State Thruway Authority (Thruway), you will no longer receive an .ebsx file. If you wish to submit an electronic bid, you must do so through BidX.com.

Please review the Thruway's Electronic Bidding Instructions from our website, and available here at: <https://www.thruway.ny.gov/business/contractors#electronic-bidding-instructions> for (Useful Resources) instructions and a walkthrough on submitting an electronic bid through BidX.

September 10, 2026

- Q2. It has been brought to our attention that prospective bidder's previous ability to upload required bid forms, is currently not available in BidX.
- A2. A forthcoming Amendment will update the electronic bid file in BidX and it will restore previous functionality.
- Q3. For prospective bidders that may consider submitting an electronic bid bond, there have been some concerns that BidX may not allow prospective bidders to perform this function.
- A3. Regarding the electronic bid bonds, it has been recommended that prospective bidders reach out directly to BidX Support. BidX Support will provide prospective bidders with instructions on how to submit and place the electronic bid bond in BidX.

September 15, 2026

- Q4. Item 210.481202 is provided for work to be performed at MP B12.89 (Albany Turnpike over I-90). The engineer's estimate provided accounts for 90 SF at both abutments. The record plans provided appear to be missing some pages with abutment sections and details; however, there is one detail showing the asbestos sheet packing between the superstructure slab and what appears to be the backwall, as shown in Section E-E of pdf page 107 (file BT57-1). Bette & Cring (B&C) is requesting clarification on the location of the sheet packing, and extents of the removal, as there is no deck removal outlined in this contract.

Please provide the Asbestos Survey, as mentioned on page 63 of the proposal documents, and advise on the location and quantity of removal at both sites.

- A4. The design intent of the asbestos pay items is to provide the contractor an allowance for mitigating any asbestos disturbed as part of the proposed work. The various concrete repair work included in the project has the potential to disturb materials that have tested positive. A copy of the Asbestos Surveys will be provided as supplemental information to prospective bidders.

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Q5. Given the complexity and staged nature of construction, completing detailed quantity takeoffs, good faith effort requirements and the multi-site aspect this contract, we respectfully request at least a two-week postponement of the current letting date, to give all bidders, their subcontractors, suppliers, and fabricators sufficient time to provide accurate and responsible quotes and bids.

A5. The letting date will be extended by one week to October 7, 2026 in a forthcoming Amendment.

Q6. Regarding Drawing Numbers ST3-03 and ST3-04, it appears that the Soldier Pile Data shown on ST3-04 states that the minimum pile section modulus is 240 in³; however, the section modulus for a W21 x 182 pile is 417 in³. Is the section modulus of 240 correct? Therefore a different pile section may be utilized, or should the minimum section modulus be 417?

Additionally, there are concerns with availability to source the pile section shown (W21 x 182). May other sections be presented as an alternative, depending on the clarification of the minimum section modulus.

A6. The table establishes the minimum required section modulus and moment of inertia for the soldier piles. The pile size shown is recommended; an alternative section may be used provided it meets or exceeds both specified minimum requirements.

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Q6. On Bidx both the “attachment” tab and the “bid bond” tab are required to submit a bid. Bidders won’t be allowed to submit a bid without the “bid bond” tab filled in which they cannot do since the NYSTA is not registered with surety 2000. The NYSTA needs to turn off the bid bond tab in order for bid submissions to be allowed.

A6. The Bid Bond tab in BidX is not required to submit a bid. This Bid Bond tab feature may be disregarded. Electronic bid bond verification is optional and independent from bid submission. An error may appear because of selecting a bond type option that cannot be unselected or this Bid Bond tab is to be disregarded as instructed, but the bid can still be submitted prior to the deadline on the letting day. The Bid Bond tab feature will not prevent prospective bidders from submitting their bid.

Lastly, please note that this feature will become deactivated (automatically) should an Amendment be issued before the project letting. However, another Amendment is currently *not* anticipated to be issued at this time.