TANY 26-23B / D215110

Superstructure Replacement of the Garden State Parkway Connector Bridge over the Thruway (I-87/I-287) at MP 23.53 in Rockland County

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

September 2, 2026

Q1. For past NYSTA Bids, when downloading all Bid files we receive the AASHTOWare ".ebsx" files. For this letting they have not yet been provided.

Please send us the current ".ebsx" file or upload them to the website at your earliest convenience.

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 8, 2026

Q2. Due to the size and complexity of the job and required minority goals to meet, we respectfully request the bid date be extended a minimum of 4 weeks.

A2. The letting date will be moved to October 7, 2026, to accommodate a full 6-week advertisement period. This time extension before letting will be addressed in a forthcoming amendment.

Q3. An email to the technical Designated Contact has returned as being undeliverable. Can this please be corrected?

A3. The email address for the technical Designated Contact is Jacob.Valensi@thruway.ny.gov. This will be corrected in a forthcoming amendment.

Q4. A. Proposal Page No.5 Note No.5 indicates Permanent Lane Closure are NOT permitted & simultaneous closures of right/left shoulders are not permitted. Confirm Permanent Shoulder Closures ARE permitted on I-87/I-287 for abutment and pier work?
B. Proposal Page No.7 Note 4 indicates a Winter Shutdown shall be in effect from November 15 - April 1. Due to the fact the Connector Bridge will be in one of the following stages during winter (Pre-Stage1, Pre-Stage2, Stage1, Etc.) and there is limited impacts to I-87/I-287, confirm winter shutdown will be waived on this project?

A4. A. Long-term shoulder closures are permitted, although they are not permitted simultaneously. They are also not permitted during the Winter Shutdown.
B. Winter shutdown requirements will not be waived at this time. Work restrictions may be modified per the Contract Proposal, Schedule and Suspension of Work, Section B Note 7 during construction. Modifications to the work restrictions are not guaranteed.

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Q5. It has been brought to our attention that prospective bidder's previous ability to upload required bid forms, is currently not available in BidX.

A5. A forthcoming Amendment will update the electronic bid file in BidX and it will restore previous functionality.

Q6. 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.

A6. 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.