Comment 1a: Detail 2 on drawing S1.0 shows transverse cross bracing.
   a. Which bents require transverse cross bracing?

   Response 1a: Provide longitudinal and transverse bracing at all bents on the pier and access ramp.

Comment 1b: Detail 2 on drawing S1.0 shows transverse cross bracing.
   b. Note under the detail states, 'longitudinal bracing similar'. Which bents require longitudinal cross bracing?

   Response 1b: See Response 1a above.

Comment 1c: Detail 2 on drawing S1.0 shows transverse cross bracing.
   c. Is transverse/longitudinal cross bracing only on the 16’ x 82’ pier or is it also required on the 10’ x 20’ access ramp?

   Response 1c: See Response 1a above.

Comment 2: Supplemental Conditions Item 3, Time for completion states project to be complete July 1, 2023. Bid proposal form states, 'Bidder agrees that this bid shall be good and may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days.' Notice to Contractor further stipulates no in-water work between April 1 and June 30th. Please provide anticipated award and start dates.

   Response 2: After the bid opening and bid analysis, the City intends to award the project in early December. A preconstruction meeting will be held soon after and a notice to proceed will follow the meeting.

Comment 3: CT DEEP permit Terms and conditions state, 'work is prohibited between April 1 and June 30th', General Conditions item 6 states unconfined instream work is limited to the period of June 1 through September 30th. Army Corps permit item 4 states, 'No unconfined in-water work shall occur from April 1 to June 30 of any calendar year.' Please clarify when contractor is allowed to install piles / perform in-water work.
Response 3: Contractor is allowed to install piles/perform in water work any time other than April 1 through June 30th.

Comment 4: Notice to Contractor item 1 states the dolphins and pier ‘will be installed using a barge equipped with pile driving equipment.’ Please clarify the intent of this statement. Is the contractor prohibited from utilizing land-based equipment for installation of pier and dolphins?

Response 4: Contractor “means and methods” can be utilizing land-based equipment or barge.

Comment 5a: Notice to Contractor item 1 states, ‘the top 12 inches of soil in the vicinity of the bituminous walkway is environmentally impacted and will need to be removed (excavation by others). Item 4 further states, ‘surficial soil in the vicinity of SB-05 should be removed to a depth of at least 1 ft. The excavation, handling and disposal of these soils will be conducted by a separate contractor.’

a. Please confirm excavation, handling, and disposal of impacted soils will be by ‘separate contractor’ and is excluded from the scope of work.

Response 5a: It is confirmed that the impacted soils will be removed by another contractor in coordination with the work. Once these soils are removed, the prime contractor will be responsible for completing the sidewalk, including compaction base material and bituminous sidewalk.

Comment 5b: Notice to Contractor item 1 states, ‘the top 12 inches of soil in the vicinity of the bituminous walkway is environmentally impacted and will need to be removed (excavation by others). Item 4 further states, ‘surficial soil in the vicinity of SB-05 should be removed to a depth of at least 1 ft. The excavation, handling and disposal of these soils will be conducted by a separate contractor.’

b. Please clarify the intent is for the separate contractor to backfill and restore grade to existing (or to leave 4 inches below existing for this contract to install topsoil, etc.).

Response 5b: See Response 5a above.

Comment 6: Bid item 9, Furnishing and Placing Topsoil, Turf Establishment. Please provide estimated limits of topsoil and turf establishment.

Response 6: This will be determined based on the amount of disturbance during the Project: that is why it is not being measured for payment.