

**Town of Branford**  
**ATHLETIC FIELDS IMPROVEMENTS FOR FRANCIS WALSH INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL**  
**Branford, Connecticut**  
**Project No. – 040824**  
**Addendum #1**

**Date:**           **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Submission Date:** **May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024 2:00 pm (unchanged)**

Prospective bidders, and all those concerned, are hereby informed that the following is made a part of the bid documents, which should be amended as follows:

The following questions were received about the bid, with answers following:

**1. Can you send me the bid documents for the above project?**

- a. Bid documents can be obtained through Joseph Merritt & Co, as stated in the invitation to bid:

Joseph Merritt & Company  
154 State Street, Suite 103  
North Haven, CT 06511  
203-562-9885

**2. Could you please provide scope information for the Athletic Fields Improvements for Francis Walsh Intermediate School?**

- a. It is in the specification book under Summary of Work Section 011000:

Project Background:

This site improvement project intends to build upon the renovations that previously took place on the school campus. The middle school building renovations that were completed in 2021 addressed the site in terms of safety, security, parking and circulation of vehicles and buses around the site. This project will address the outdoor areas of the site focused on physical education, athletic fields, outdoor recess, and environmental enrichment. The project seeks to provide universal accessibility to these areas from the school and adjacent parking areas. It also seeks to remove unnecessary outdoor program elements and add in outdoor elements that can enhance the educational and recreational experience for the school and the community.

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Project Scope / Description:

The project will replace the existing recess swing play structures as well as add additional recess playscape structures, remove the existing aerial ropes course and baseball field, provide a regulation basketball court and half court, regrade the existing softball outfield, add accessible paths to all program areas on the site, renovate the two existing natural turf fields into two synthetic turf fields with field lighting and seating, replace the existing running track with a three lane walking track, provide a seasonal restroom area, enhance the buffer between the use areas and the wetland with the introduction of a naturalized buffer, rain gardens (bioretention), and a pollinator garden, introduce an outdoor class room, and outdoor environmental education area. Total project area approximately 10.5 acres.

- 3. In Spec Section 00 01 70 “Supplemental General Conditions” the completion time states the project is to have a 60-day final completion. This schedule seems quite unrealistic given the size & scope of the project. Can you confirm if this project is indeed intended to be completed within a 60-day time frame?**
  - a. Spec Section 000170 number 21 should read final completion 365 calendar days after Notice to Proceed.
  
- 4. Would you please provide a cost estimate/budget for the subject solicitation?**
  - a. Engineers’ opinion of probable construction cost (Budget) is \$6.8 million.
  
- 5. What is the construction timeline including start and end dates?**
  - a. 365-calendar day construction time frame - (June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025) based on NTP.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Hoeffler, PE, CFM  
Town Engineer

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**Please acknowledge receipt of addendum below and submit with your bid submittal.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Company:** \_\_\_\_\_