

**0020400-60DAY PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS – EXAMINATION
OF CONTRACT DOCUMENTS AND SITE OF WORK.
INTERNAL/INDUSTRY REVIEW COMMENTS**

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Comments: (5-27-16)

For consideration: Rather than having 2 separate pre-bid Q&A policies/timeframes for 30-day and 60-day ads, we could implement an 8-calendar day cutoff for pre-bid Q&A prior to the letting (results in only 1 lost day for Q&A for 30-day ads; the impact to Contractors should be minimal) and modify the PPM to allow plan revisions up to 4 working days prior to letting (current restriction is 5 working days prior to letting). These joint specification and PPM modifications effectively build in a 2-day cushion to process revisions once the pre-bid Q&A period has ended without jeopardizing the letting date. Alternatively, the advertisement time could be increased from 30 to 35 days for smaller projects while implementing the current 60-day ad specification proposal to cut off pre-bid questions 10 days prior to the letting. This would actually give Contractors a net of 2 extra days to ask questions as compared to the current procedure (30-day ads with a 7-calendar day cutoff period for pre-bid Q&A) while allowing for a consistent pre-bid Q&A timeline specification regardless of whether the advertisement is 30 or 60 days.

Response:

Thank you for the review and comment. The department will move forward with implementing this specification to be used on projects requiring a 60 day advertisement as written. We intend to monitor the implementation of this specification and endeavor to develop a version to be used on all projects in the future. Additionally, we are considering the changes suggested to the Plans Preparation Manual mentioned in your comment.

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I certainly disagree with changing the guaranteed response from 5 days prior to the bid to 10 days. Many times we don't get into the "weeds" of the plans until a week prior to bid. We also don't get subcontractor questions till closer to bid date. This will certainly be one way to get the amount of questions asked to go down. Ultimately you should want the most responsive bids you can get to eliminate potential extra work and claims. Best way to do that is to answer the bid questions.

Response:

Thank you for the review and comment. The department will move forward with implementing this specification to be used on projects requiring a 60 day advertisement as written. We intend to monitor the implementation of this specification and endeavor to develop a version to be used

on all projects in the future.

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Comments: (6-7-16)

Please consider making this change for 30-Day Ads as well. Regardless of Advertisement Period many contractor questions that should result in a Revision come in too late to process. Additionally please do not change the current time frame for Revisions (outlined in Chapter 20 of the PPM) such that there are separate schedules (one for 30-Day & one for 60-Day Ads) for Revisions based on the Ad Period.

Response:

Thank you for the review and comment. The department will move forward with implementing this specification to be used on projects requiring a 60 day advertisement as written. We intend to monitor the implementation of this specification and endeavor to develop a version to be used on all projects in the future. The department will not implement this specification, as written, on projects requiring a 30 day advertisement period. Additionally, the department will not propose revisions to the Plans Preparation Manual such that the timeframe for processing revisions is handled differently on projects requiring a 30 day advertisement period vs. those requiring a 60 day advertisement period.

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Comments: (6-15-16)

The 10 days prior to the bid date is too far in advance of the bid date. This will leave many questions unanswered and lingering at bid date and will lead to unknowns, uncertainty and higher risks. This will in turn result in higher prices or fewer bids for projects with unanswered questions. Also, consider the robust work program and the number of projects Contractors may choose to bid. We often time might not have 2 weeks prior to the bid date before we can start investigating a project. I recommend staying at the 7 calendar days or even shortening it.

Response:

Thank you for the review and comment. The department will move forward with implementing this specification to be used on projects requiring a 60 day advertisement as written. We intend to monitor the implementation of this specification and endeavor to develop a version to be used on all projects in the future.

Anonymous

Comments: (6-17-16)

The 10 days prior to the bid date will be creating problems with sub-contractor and prime contractors. When the bid letting is small it is normally not a problem getting answers 7 days

before the bid is due. But if you go to 10 days and we have a heavy letting. This will not work for us, it seems that the lettings are bigger in certain months of the year. So I would recommend staying at the 7 days or even less like 5 days.

Response:

Thank you for the review and comment. The department will move forward with implementing this specification to be used on projects requiring a 60 day advertisement as written. We intend to monitor the implementation of this specification and endeavor to develop a version to be used on all projects in the future.
