

**NON-CONFIDENTIAL DESIGN-BUILD QUESTIONS  
Bridge Package 17 - Contract ID 4462250 - Union County**

**FINAL RFP - ROUND 5**

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Question No.	Category	Section	Page / Doc No.	Question/Comment	Discipline	Response	Explanation
1	Attach_B	Environmental		The US 176 Padgett Creek project will require new ROW within the limits of the Sumter National Forest. Is it the intent of SCDOT to coordinate a federal land transfer with the US Forest Service, or is the Contractor responsible for coordinating a land transfer on behalf of SCDOT/FHWA?	Environmental	No_Revision	SCDOT will be responsible for this coordination and obtaining the right of entry from the USFS.
2	Attach_B	Environmental		According to a Memorandum of Understanding between the USFS and FHWA, the USFS is to act as a cooperating agency during the NEPA process. Does SCDOT anticipate any further NEPA compliance or USFS involvement in the NEPA process?	Environmental	No_Revision	Do not anticipate further NEPA compliance relating to the completed PCE documentation unless changes to the project warrant contacting them due to changes affecting NFS property that were previously unconsidered.
3	Attach_B	Environmental		Is the Contractor responsible for performing field surveys for "proposed, endangered, threatened and sensitive (PETS) species" within the National Forest?	Environmental	No_Revision	Additional surveys are not anticipated unless a team's proposal extends beyond the established project study area (PSA). A listing change in the USFWS Threatened and Endangered Species list, will require additional coordination with the USFWS. The team will be responsible for providing necessary data to complete that coordination. SCDOT will lead all coordination efforts with the USFWS.
4	Attach_B	Geotechnical		According to section 13.3.2 of the SCDOT 2022 GDM, neither soil liquefaction screening nor soil Shear Strength Loss (SSL) evaluation will be required if the following conditions are met: PGA is less than or equal to 0.2g, the Seismic Design Category (SDC) is "A", and the slopes are 2H:1V or flatter. Based on the information provided in the RFP for this project, SC-72 over Cox Creek, SC-49 over Fairforest Creek, SC-114 over Sandy Run Creek and SC-215 over Fairforest Creek meet the criteria for the exception mentioned. Will the Department confirm that liquefaction screening and soil SSL evaluation are not required for these sites?	Geotechnical	No_Revision	Confirmed. No liquefaction screening or SSL evaluation required.

