Question 12.
What happens to the following items left at the sites?
- Large concrete blocks
- Pavement
- Column-Supported Billboards
- Miscellaneous debris, vehicles and equipment
- Gas lines and vents present on M68 P96,P97 (Salt Storage Lot) in Brooklyn

Answer: See the excerpt below from the Draft RFP – Part 3 – Section 4.3.

*The site work shall include but not be limited to: clearing and grubbing; excavation and embankment; removal of pavement and pavement markings, road barriers, soil, drainage facilities, fencing, signs, and miscellaneous structures; subgrade preparation and stabilization; dust control; removal of abandoned above-ground and shallow piping and wiring, standpipes, valves, meters, and other waste materials; and aggregate surfacing.*

*Unless specified otherwise in the Contract Documents, the Design-Builder shall remove all obstructions down to a minimum of 2 feet below the existing or proposed surrounding ground elevation or to the elevation necessary to properly construct the Work, whichever is lower.*

*The Design-Builder shall grade disturbed areas to match the existing surrounding ground elevation. The Design-Builder shall cut pavement or sidewalk to full depth with straight lines at removal terminations.*

*The Design-Builder shall over-excavate as necessary to remove unsuitable material from under the footprint of pavements and structures and backfill with properly compacted suitable material. Topsoil may be stripped, stockpiled, and reused within the Project Limits.*

*For minor structures, including buildings and sheds not covered by Project Requirement 23 – Demolition of Buildings, the Design-Builder shall remove and properly dispose of all objects encountered as part of or within the structures, buildings and/or sheds, including hazardous and regulated materials, foundations and underground tanks.*

*The existing Bridge and ramps shall be removed and disposed of as described in Section 22.*

*The Design-Builder may only reuse materials on the Project that meet the requirements for grading and backfill materials. Disposal of obsolete, unsuitable, and surplus material is not allowed within the Right-of-Way and shall be removed. All material to be removed shall become the property of the Design-Builder and shall be disposed of off-site.*
Question 13.
What happens to M42 in Brooklyn and when can these buildings be visited?

Answer: As depicted in the Draft RFP – Part 6 – Directive Plans, the portion of the existing building within the FEE limits of Map 42 shall be demolished and a new building fascia wall shall be constructed along the FEE line. The Department has scheduled an additional site visit for August 29, 2013 to provide Proposers access to the building on Map 42 for visual inspection.

It is noted that the existing building owner has reportedly started this required work and is anticipated to complete the work in the Fall of 2013. If this work is completed by the existing building owner, no further building demolition or construction will be required of the Design-Builder on this parcel and this change to the RFP requirements will be issued by Addendum.

Question 14.
Will plans be provided for the re-facing of the exterior wall for the partial acquisition on Map 42?

Answer: No. Plans for the new exterior wall for the building located on Map 42 will not be provided. Please see response to Question 13.

Question 15.
What is the purpose of the white poly tank that is located on the Karp Associates property?

Answer: The poly tank is an industrial wastewater holding tank that is reportedly emptied periodically by a tanker truck and disposed offsite.

Question 16.
Will the Department be providing an update on asbestos and other environmental hazards found on the sites?

Answer: The Department plans to continue the asbestos investigation of the existing buildings as they become vacant and any additional findings will be made available to the Proposers on the project website.

Question 17.
Has the New York State Department of Labor (NYSDOL) already completed their asbestos survey or will this be part of the Design-Builder’s responsibility?
Answer: NYSDOL asbestos surveys were completed for several of the buildings for which full access for destructive sampling was provided. Partial asbestos surveys were performed in several buildings where limited access for sampling was provided. There were two buildings (Karp Associates, Map 31 and LU Transport, Map 80) for which no asbestos survey was performed to date due to a lack of access. The results of the surveys, as well as assumptions for the non-surveyed buildings, are included in the Draft Asbestos Assessment and Design Report (Buildings) provided on the Project website. The Design-Builder is required to verify all survey results, and is required to survey all the previously inaccessible areas in accordance with NYSDOL requirements.

Question 18.
Will the State provide access inside the enclosed segments of the Brooklyn Connector?

Answer: Yes. The Department has scheduled an additional site visit for August 29, 2013 for Proposers to access the enclosed segments of the Brooklyn Connector and buildings not previously accessed during the August 2, 2013 site visit including buildings located on Maps 28, 31 and 42.

Question 19.
What approvals are required prior to the removal of street trees throughout the project limits?

Answer: The Design-Builder is required to coordinate with the New York City Department of Transportation, the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation and the Department of Forestry in both Brooklyn and Queens to obtain all necessary approvals and permits for the removal of street trees and trees within Sgt. Dougherty Playground; working around existing trees; and the planting of new trees.