

## Answers to Proposers' Questions

**Date:** December 10, 2013

**Project:** IS Bldg. 7355 Emergency Power Improvements

**C.I.P No. /C.S.P No:** 6001.067/CLMB315

These answers do not modify the Contract. Any modifications to the contract will be done by Addendum.

**1. Question:**

*Can you please explain the differences between Item 9 – Local Business Presence and Significant Local Business Presence (SLBP) and why they cannot be used interchangeably?*

**Answer:**

Local Business Presence/Austin Corporate City Limits relates to Evaluation Item 9 in Section 00100CSP and Significant Local Business relates to the MBE/WBE Procurement Program.

The Local Business Presence defined in Item 9 of Section 00100 Instructions to Offerors allows the City to recognize proposed teams (Offeror and subcontractors) whose physical address is within the Austin Corporate City limits. A team could receive up to 5 pts. based on the location of the team members. The Local Business Presence criteria was established to allow the City to seek opportunities for businesses with a Local Business Presence in the Austin Corporate City Limits to participate on City contracts thereby providing a minimal environmental footprint through reduced transportation time and costs associated with Project delivery.

The SLBP is a term that the Small and Minority Business Resources (SMBR) Department uses in its MBE/WBE Procurement Program. A firm has a Significant Local Business Presence if it has an established place of business in the Austin Metropolitan Statistical Area, at which one or more of its employees are regularly based. The SLBP covers a five county area: Travis, Caldwell, Hays, Williamson and Bastrop Counties. The Good Faith Effort requirements covered under the MBE/WBE Program require that prime contractors contact through reasonable and available means those firms listed in the Subcontract Vendor List in Volume 3 who are within the SLBP, for scopes that they intend to subcontract out.