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March 24, 2014

TO: Firms Requesting Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Package

SUBJECT: Professional Design Services for Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake and Barton Springs Road over Barton Creek
Solicitation Number CLMP148

CLARIFICATION NO. 1

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This clarification is in response to questions received that warrant clarification.

QUESTIONS RELATED TO THE SCOPE OF SERVICES

Question 1:

In the Scope of Services, the Anticipated Services for the Redbud Trail Bridge (page 3 of 31) mentions a 10-foot combination pedestrian/bicycle path on the east side. The bridge runs essentially east-west. We anticipate that this means on the north or the dam side. Please clarify.

Response:

No, the 10-foot path mentioned will be on the downstream side away from the dam which is south as the question has been proposed. Note that the Transportation Engineers and Bicycle Program staff may yet request some kind of pedestrian path on both sides of the bridge. However, the 10-foot path referenced above would be the dominant one.

Question 2:

Item II. of the Instructions to Consultants (page 6 of 9) states that if a firm's required key personnel do not have a current license/registration in Texas, the firm will be deemed non-responsive. Page 4 of the Scope of Services requires the Project Professional to be a Senior Bridge Engineer that is registered as a structural engineer. It is our understanding that, per the Texas Board of Professional Engineers, Texas does not have a sub-specialty designation as a registered Structural Engineer (SE), as some other states have. It is anticipated that the City wishes the proposers to be certified in their area of expertise, training, and experience. Please clarify (or does the City require the Project Professional to have an SE in another state, in addition to the TX PE)?

Response:

Please reference Addendum #4 issued on March 21, 2014.

Question 3:

In the Scope of Services, Design Team Requirements (page 4 of 31), an Environmental Engineer is listed as a team member. Is the person listed as the Environmental Engineer required to have a Professional Engineer license? It is not commonplace for Environmental professionals to have an engineer's license.

Response:

The City will require the firm designated to perform Environmental Engineer services to have an Environmental Engineer onsite with a Professional Engineer license. Environmental Engineer is a branch listed on the Texas Board of Professional Engineers website.

Question 4:

In the Scope of Services, Design Team Requirements (page 4 of 31), an Engineering Geologist is listed as a team member. Is the person listed as the Engineering Geologist required to have a Professional Engineer license? It is not commonplace for Geological professionals to have an engineer's license.

Response:

Please reference Addendum #2 issued on March 14, 2014. The requirement for an Engineering Geologist has been deleted.

Question 5:

In the Scope of Services, Content of Proposals (page 5 of 31), a QA/QC Plan and two QA/QC organizational charts are requested. Due to space limitations, may this information be included in the portfolio CD as opposed to the Project Approach?

Response:

Please reference Addendum #2 issued on March 14, 2014. The page limitation for this item has been increased. The information for this item shall be submitted as requested in Consideration Item 3b, Team's Project Approach.

Question 6:

For the small portfolio requested in Section VI of the Scope of Services (page 7 of 31), may 11 X 17 sized drawings be acceptable if a Z-fold is used to fit into the 8.5 X 11 proposal submission?

Response:

Yes, you may submit information related to that item on 11 X 17 size paper.

Question 7:

For the small portfolio requested in Section VI of the Scope of Services (page 7 of 31), may the representation of bridge projects include prime and sub-consultant firm work?

Response:

The portfolio of past bridge work shall be of the Prime Firm only.

Question 8:

In the Scope of Services, Assumptions and Miscellaneous Requirements (page 27 of 31), Item 1 states "Bridge Designer shall develop design of bridge and approaches within the right-of-way (ROW) identified". This requirement is unclear. The City's concept design for Redbud Trail showed a bridge outside of the existing ROW; the City also indicates potential to expand the ROW for Robert E Lee and Barton Springs Road. Should the proposers be able to anticipate bridge concepts/designs that require expansion and/or additional ROW?

Response:

Yes, bridge concepts may extend outside the existing ROW. These expansions must be very carefully considered in both cases as there are serious park land and environmental constraints which will limit the City's ability to negotiate substantial changes to the ROW. The City may need to have several preliminary design options ranging from no new ROW or the least new ROW feasible on up to the best case scenario. Then, as early as possible, let the real estate process drive what the City can actually accomplish and which preliminary concept(s) the City develops further.

Question 9:

The presentation given at the Pre-Response Meeting on February 26, 2014 indicated that the contract is for design phase only. The RFQ asks for QA/QC plans associated with the construction phase and mentions construction phase scope. Please clarify if the proposer should limit the discussion to design phase or also discuss construction phase.

Response:

Please provide your team's qualifications to administer the construction phase services. When funding is available, the City anticipates contracting with the recommended firm for construction phase services. Though the City will consider your construction phase qualifications, the City cannot award those services at this time.

Question 10:

Please clarify if there will be one contract for both bridges or if there will be a separate contract for each bridge.

Response:

There will be one contract which will provide professional services for two separate projects. Project 1 is the Redbud Trail Bridge over Lady Bird Lake and Project 2 is the Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek.

Question 11:

Are as-built drawings of the Barton Springs Bridge over Barton Creek available?

Response:

As-built plans for the Barton Springs Road Bridge over Barton Creek are not available. At this time, the only plans available are from 1945 for the widening of the Barton Springs Road Bridge. These plans, entitled Bridge Widening Plan, can be viewed through Vendor Connect. https://www.austintexas.gov/financeonline/vendor_connection/index.cfm

Question 12:

Has the City performed any advanced public outreach, stakeholder coordination, or right-of-way acquisition for either project?

Response:

Yes, the City attended a neighborhood meeting with the West Austin Neighborhood Group (WANG) and gave a presentation. The City has also been contacted several times by a few very interested citizens to whom we provided similar information as for WANG.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED RELATED TO THE EVALUATION CRITERIA

Question 13:

In the Evaluation Criteria, Consideration Item 5, Prime Firm's Comparable Project Experience (page 4 of 7), is the one-page narrative intended to be about the projects included in Form 10 or the firm? What is the intent?

Response:

The intent of the one-page narrative is to allow the firm to provide additional pertinent information that may not have been identified in the listed projects. It is not intended to be a continuation of the projects listed on Form 10.

Question 14:

Are the drawings and photographs requested in Evaluation Criteria, Consideration Item 5, Prime Firm's Comparable Project Experience (page 4 of 7), supposed to be only of the three projects provided in response to Section II and Section VI from the Scope of Services?

Response:

Please see Addendum #2 dated March 14, 2014. The drawings and photographs should be reflective of the 3 projects submitted in response to Consideration Item 5.

Question 15:

In the Evaluation Criteria, Consideration Item 5, Prime Firm's Comparable Project Experience (page 4 of 7), the header states experience should be within the past ten years but the text states the last five years. Please clarify as to which limitation is correct.

Response:

Please reference Addendum #2 issued on March 14, 2014.

Question 16:

In the Evaluation Criteria, Consideration Item 5, Prime Firm's Comparable Project Experience (page 4 of 7), the item requests "copies of drawings or photographs bound into the hard copy of the response and provided as a separate PDF file in the CD or flash drive." Is there a page or size limit to the portfolio section? And may it be included as part of item 5 but placed in an appendix or behind a separate tab after the proposal?

Response:

Please reference Addendum #2 issued on March 14, 2014.

Question 17:

Please clarify if interviews are mandatory or optional.

Response:

Please reference Addendum #2 issued on March 14, 2014.

Question 18:

We are unsure if we are allowed or required to submit a separate resume for each person on our team outside of the PM and PP. If we are, may we place resumes in an appendix?

Response:

Resumes for additional team members are not required at this time.

This document is for clarification purposes only. All other information in the RFWQ remains unchanged. Please remember this solicitation is currently in a "No Contact" period and all inquiries should be directed to the appropriate contact persons listed in the solicitation. The authorized contact persons for this solicitation are Paulinda Mackie, Project Manager at (512) 974-7974 or Sofie Johnson, Buyer II at (512) 974-7143. You may contact Paulinda Mackie for project related questions and me for any RFQ procurement process questions.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sofia Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Sofie Johnson, Buyer II
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