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To: Consultants Requesting RFQ Package

SUBJECT: Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for Walnut Creek WWTP Control System Upgrade  
Solicitation Number: CLMP208 – **CLARIFICATION #3**

This clarification #3 is in response to questions received which warranted clarification.

## Clarification:

**Question 1: *Is Austin open to evaluating the PLC's that are best suited for this project, or has the PLC manufacturer already been determined through previous study?***

**Response:** Austin Water has standardized on the PLC hardware that is used throughout the hundreds of Austin Water facilities which use PLCs, in order to provide consistent support. For this reason, there is no need for evaluating different PLCs.

**Question 2: *What is the existing HMI (Human-Machine-Interface) software currently in place at the Walnut Creek plant?***

**Response:** The HMI software used for the Walnut Creek WWTP plant control system is Proficy iFIX by GE Automation. Austin Water has standardized on the HMI software that is used throughout the water treatment and wastewater treatment plants, in order to provide consistent support.

**Question 3: *Is the HMI software to be considered for replacement as a part of this project?***

**Response:** The intent is that the computer hardware will be upgraded, as will the version of Proficy iFIX software. In agreement with Austin Water standards, Proficy iFIX will continue to be utilized as the HMI software.

**Question 4: *If the engineering recommendations in Phase 1 were to recommend an HMI software replacement, could that become part of the Phase 2 scope of work for replacement?***

**Response:** The requirement is that the version of Proficy iFIX will be upgraded as part of this project. The intent is that the computer hardware will be upgraded, as will the version of Proficy iFIX software. In agreement with Austin Water standards, Proficy iFIX will continue to be utilized as the HMI software.

This document is for clarification purposes only. 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. If you have questions regarding this process, please call me at (512) 974-7009. You may also contact Eric Bailey, Project Manager, at (512) 974-7713 for project related questions.

Sincerely,



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