January 29, 2013

Addendum #1 to Request for Statement of Qualifications for As-Needed Harbor Engineering and Consulting Services RFSQ #DBH49

The Department of Beaches and Harbors issues Addendum One to the As-Needed Harbor Engineering and Consulting Services RFSQ #DBH49, which was released on January 10, 2013.

As indicated in the RFSQ, Section 1.7, County Rights and Responsibilities, the County may amend the RFSQ by written addendum. This addendum contains the questions and answers received after the RFSQ's release, up until January 29, 2013.

Thank you for your interest in our Request for Statements of Qualifications for As-Needed Harbor Engineering and Consulting Services. As a reminder, the initial deadline for submitting Statements of Qualifications is 2:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time, February 11, 2013 and should be delivered to: 13837 Fiji Way, Marina del Rey, CA 90292. However, the County will continuously accept SOQs throughout the duration of the Master Agreement.

Very truly yours,

SANTOS H. KREIMANN, DIRECTOR

Nicolette Taylor, Contracts Analyst
The information hereunder supersedes any other information previously provided.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: This RFSQ indicates that vendors should have 5 years min. experience in marine projects. How does an experienced engineer trying to enter into these types of projects can possibly be qualified if there is such a requirement?

A: As stated in the RFSQ, Section 1.4, Vendors' Minimum Mandatory Requirements, Proposers and/or their Principal Owner must have a minimum of five years' experience in engineering marine projects. For these particular services, the Department requires specialization in marine projects by those vendors who can demonstrate their experience with coastal engineering projects.

Q: Can you please confirm that, although there will be a preference for SBE work order bids (per Section 1.32 Local SBE Preference Program) and Transitional Job Opportunity Vendors (per Section 1.35 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program), there is not a requirement on this RFSQ for a Good Faith Effort (GFE) or a minimum percentage requirement for the County's Community Business Enterprise (CBE) program?

A: There is no requirement of the RFSQ for a Good Faith Effort, nor is there a minimum percentage requirement for the Community Business Enterprise (CBE) Program. The County will give a preference to any qualifying vendor meeting the program requirements as stated in the RFSQ, Sections 1.32, Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program and 1.35, Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program.

Q: Can the Indemnification clause be edited to be consistent with other County of Los Angeles Indemnification clauses? Specifically add the word NEGLIGENCE after the word "Contractor's" and delete the word "SOLE" before the word negligence for Section 8.22 Indemnification?

A: The Indemnification clause as written in the RFSQ is the County's most current Indemnification clause. The RFSQ states in Section 2.8, Acceptance of Terms and Conditions of Master Agreement, "Vendors understand and agree that submission of the SOQ constitutes acknowledgement and acceptance of, and a willingness to comply with, all terms and conditions of Appendix A, Master Agreement." Therefore, the indemnification clause will not be edited.
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Q: I would like to confirm with you that the Department will allow us to use your logo within our Statement of Qualifications response.

A: Vendors may use the Department's logo on their Statement of Qualifications but it is not required.

Q: We are going to have a few subs included in our proposal, which of the required Appendix B Required Forms do we have to have our subcontractors fill out to include in our proposal?

A: All subcontractors must complete Form P-3 and must comply with all provisions listed in Section 8.40 in the Master Agreement.

Q: Regarding Form P-2: Section 3: Please list and attach a copy of Vendor's current Civil Engineer License: Can we attach a copy of the listed Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors from the CA Gov website as show below, or do you require an actual copy of the Original license and renewal form?

A: A screenshot showing current registration with the Board of Professional Engineers and Surveyors from the CA Gov website will be sufficient.