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Re: Statement of Qualifications and Proposal for Construction Management and Inspection services for the Smith Canal Gate.

It was stated at the SOQ meeting that the 65% plans were to be ready at that time of the Non Mandatory SOQ meeting and that it is uncertain as to when the plans will be available. As such, the SOQ may have to be submitted without the benefit of these plans. It is not possible to prepare an accurate construction management proposal if one does not know the engineering details of what is to be built. The 30% plans that are available were used in a funding application to design the project and are substantially incomplete with no data at all on the primary component of the structure the Obermeyer Gate. There are no specifications, special provisions, bidding forms or quantities at all available. These documents are far more critical to the construction manager than the plans themselves. For example per Caltrans Standard specification "special provisions shall govern over both the standard specifications and plans".

Green Mountain Engineering (GME) has the following requests and questions:

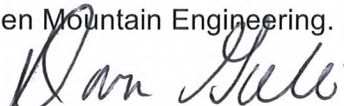
1. Can the SOQ be due two weeks from whenever the 65% plans become available?
2. There appears to be plenty of time on the SOQ schedule (one month between contract negotiations and Board approval) to allow whatever is available at this time to be used, why is the SOQ process being expedited?
3. If the plans and specifications are not available, the following components must be included to even attempt to determine what it will take to build the structure:
 - a. Dads Point Seawall, borings in the seawall alignment, top and tip elevations.
 - b. The Type of specifications to be used for the Gate (full design or performance specifications)
 - c. The tie in to the existing levees.
 - d. The pile driving and dredging specifications.
 - e. The permit restrictions.
 - f. Allowable work hours.
 - g. Preliminary quantities of materials.
 - h. All available geotechnical borings.
 - i. Engineers estimate of quantities and cost of the work.
4. What is the duration of this contract? Can you provide the current schedule for the entire project?
5. What is the current budget for the entire project?
6. The contract for the design and permitting for the Smith Canal Gate listed Power Engineering Construction to provide constructability review.
 - a. Please provide any work product provided by this task such that any preexisting concerns can be addressed in the SOQ.

- b. Is this sub consultant still involved and will they also be participating in the Constructability and Review task?
7. The contract for the design and permitting for the Smith Canal listed Moffatt and Nichol as the Marine Engineering and Hydrodynamics firm. Since they are no longer involved who has taken their place?
 8. Does SJAFCA, the City of Stockton or the County of San Joaquin have an ordinance that specifies the "procedures that assure that the services are engaged on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the types of services to be performed at fair and reasonable prices to public agencies" in accordance with Government Code 4526? If so can you please provide a copy.
 9. The SOQ states "SJAFCA will notify the highest ranked firm who will submit a detailed not to exceed (NTE) proposal for the entire construction management work. If an agreement cannot be reached after a reasonable time SJAFCA will terminate negotiations".
 - a. Will the second ranked firm then submit a NTE proposal and negotiate?
 - b. Are there any requirements to use small businesses in the SOQ?
 - c. What about local businesses?
 10. How will the consultants be evaluated and scored?
 11. Can you provide the evaluation forms, criteria and grading weight to be used?
 12. Is this procurement going to be funded or assisted with any federal funds?
 13. Can you provide any existing utility information for the utilities under Moreing Road, including:
 - a. List of utilities and responsible agencies.
 - b. Document number of the utility rights of ways.
 - c. Location, materials and size of the utilities and depth.
 14. The SOQ states that the consultant is required to perform surveying. Please provide the current specifications as to what survey responsibilities will be performed by the contractor and what is required of the construction manager.
 15. The SOQ states that charge rates for the entire team shall be submitted. Will these rates be escalated each year (See #4 above), or is one rate to be used for the entire project?
 16. Is there a limitation on the allowable percentage for the prime consultant to "mark up" sub consultants?

Thank you for your assistance in providing the information required to submit a thorough proposal. GME considers this a Request for Public Information in the event that SJAFCA considers any of the information as outside of the scope of the SOQ.

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