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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers

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Subject: RFQ# 08-143, RFQ Federal Legislative Lobbyist Services for the County of El Paso

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal; the response to the following question:

1. On page 6 of the RFQ, it states that during periods when the Federal Legislature is not in session, the Lobbyist will "receive Commissioners Court agenda, budget research, constituent complain, or other assignments as directed by the Commissioners Court." Would these assignments and work be related to Federal legislation and Federal Lobbying? From the way the statement is phrased, it sounds like this non-session work might be local or state in nature.

For the most part the non session work is in the local and state arena, however the wording was kept in this solicitation should the need arise and federal interaction is necessary.

2. On page 7 of the RFQ, it says that the lobbyist will meet with the commissioners in El Paso "at least seven times during the legislative period." Is there any flexibility to have some of these meetings occur via teleconference? Further, most long-distance travel is typically scheduled when Congress is not in session in order to ensure that the client's interests are best represented in Washington, DC.

The lobbyist is required to meet with the court at least seven times during the legislative period, and the court and the lobbyist, during contract negotiation, will agree to the venue and medium utilized to achieve this goal as to not lose any valuable time or representation.

3. Also on page 7, the RFQ states that the lobbyist shall “evaluate County policy and budget issues.” Is the RFQ seeking a lobbyist that will be solely focused on the Federal government and Federal legislation? Or is the RFQ seeking a lobbyist that will provide BOTH Federal and local government advocacy?

Shall evaluate County policy and budget issues as it relates to Federal legislation and Federal monies allocated. All services are in the scope of the Federal government and it’s legislation. The County is looking for a lobbyist that will represent it in Federal matters and keep the County abreast on Federal monies and initiative that may supplement or augment the County’s efforts.

4. On page 8 of the RFQ, the lobbyist is asked to have an “ability to coordinate transportation between Austin and El Paso, Texas.” Is this LRFQ solely for Federal Legislative Lobbyist, or if there are also State and local lobbyist duties required?

Edit error, should state Washington, D.C. and El Paso, there are no State and local lobbyist duties required.