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ADDENDUM 2

To: All Interested Proposers
From: Lucy Balderama, Inventory Bid Technician
Date: April 24, 2014
Subject: BID# 14-011, Jail Feasibility Study

This addendum has been issued to notify the vendors of the following information:

1. I would just like to confirm that the Code of Ethics Training on pages 2 & 3 in the RFQ is the extent of the training required for the purpose of responding to the RFQ.

Response: Yes, Reading and signing the Code of Ethics Training Affidavit is all the training that is needed.

2. Good morning – I notice that a minimum qualifying criteria in RFP # 14-011 (page14) states “Consultant must be licensed to do business in El Paso” Does that mean the submitting firm needs a Texas Business License, or that the submitting architects/engineers need to be registered to do work in Texas?

Response: Registered architects/engineers need to be registered to do work in Texas.

3. Page 13, first paragraph reads in part “The feasibility consultant will be precluded from participating in the bidding process for design services and/or design/build services for these project.” Does this mean that all sub-consultants of the feasibility consultant are also precluded from participating in the bidding process for design services and/or design/build services for these project (i.e., architectural, civil, mechanical, electrical, plumbing, etc.)?

Response: Yes.

4. On page 16 “PROPOSAL FORMAT” Reads in part, “Proposals shall not exceed 25 pages, “Will the cover letter and tab dividers count as part of the 25 pages?”

Response: No.

5. If the County of El Paso successfully negotiates a contract with a qualified provider for this phase of the project, will this preclude that qualified provider from being eligible to pursue future work for Architectural services pertaining to this project?

Response: Yes. The engineer is eligible for other County projects, but not design of the construction work for the Downtown Jail as a result of the feasibility study.

6. The RFQ states that award of this contract precludes the respondent awarded the contract for the services included in this contract from future design services resulting from the work that would come out of this effort. Does this also include services related to the Owner’s Representative in preparation of a Design-Build RFP and/or bridging documents?

Response: See #5 above.

7. Task #4 of the RFQ Scope of Work indicates that the vendor would need to “determine the appropriate number of inmate beds for a County of our size.” The deliverables for this task include the requirement to complete an “assessment of future space needs based on historical and future projected community and facility growth and prisoner population needs.” Does the county already have established inmate population projections for the future, or will the vendor need to develop inmate population projections as part of the project?

Response: The County has not done an inmate population projection. If such research is necessary to provide the deliverables as stated in the RFQ, then the consultant will need to do this research.

8. At the top of Page 13 the RFP indicates that if Task 5, Task 6, or Task 7 option is recommended and selected as part of this project, the County will issue and a separate RFP for the actual design and engineering services or design/build, and that the “feasibility consultant” will be precluded from participating in the bidding process for design services and/or design/build services for these projects. If our response to RFQ Number 14-011 includes a prime contractor and various discipline subcontractors (i.e. architects or engineers), would the subcontractors also be precluded from bidding on any future work that may result from this project or does the “feasibility consultant” refer only to the prime contractor awarded the jail feasibility study project?

Response: All primary, secondary and sub consultants will be excluded. See item #3& 5 above.

9. Can project profile sheets be included in an Appendix, and therefore NOT be included in the 25 page limit?

Response: Yes.

9. On Page 14, under the heading Minimum Qualifying Criteria, the RFQ states, “The project manager (or principal overseeing development the study) shall have no less than 5 years experience designing and cost estimating for jail and detention center construction. Key staff shall have conducted a minimum of two jail feasibility studies in the United States.” Does the County desire and/or anticipate this project manager position be filled by an architect? Could the construct of the management team include these qualifications but not necessarily be held by one individual?

Response: It will be up to the responder to propose any qualified staff. County is open to all options.