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PROJECT: RFP012-20-21-SSL Preconstruction and CMAR Services for Saluda River Force Main Extension SS7568

ADDENDUM NO. 2

Note 1: The question deadline has been extended from April 1, 2021 at 12:00 PM to April 9, 2021 at 12:00 PM.

The following Questions have been received in eBidColumbiaSC and are answered below:

[Question 1: Can you please provide the Agreement referenced to in the RFP? \(In Section VI, E. "Proposed Project Approach, Availability, and Schedule" h. "The CMAR will be permitted to self-perform work only on a competitive basis as described in the Agreement".](#)

Answer 1: The referenced Agreement/Draft Contract Documents will be included in an upcoming Addendum. Additionally, the information provided in Section VI.E-h and Section VI.E-i shall be revised to read as follows:

- h. The CMAR is encouraged to self-perform as much of the work as practical while also meeting the City's DBE participation goals. Provide a list and description of the elements the CMAR plans to self-perform, and provide a detailed narrative describing the advantages of CMAR self-performance to the City for each work package or element. Provide an example of typical cost documentation that will be available for City review to confirm that CMAR self-performance related procurement is being competitively procured (material and equipment items).
- i. Describe the firm's approach to creating a competitive subcontracting procurement environment for the benefit of the project. Identify specific packages that will be competitively bid to subcontractors, and how the firm's subcontracting approach will benefit the City.

Question 2: The Best projects for this RFQ may not be in the last five years. Could you please extend that time reference to 10 years?

Answer 2: Yes. The Offeror must provide an analysis of past projects of similar nature and complexity as listed in the scope of services within the past ten (10) years. In addition, the Offeror must provide Appendix – Reference Questionnaire, to at least three (3) references for similar work within the past ten (10) years.

Question 3: On the “Appendix – Reference Questionnaire” should we list multiple key team members when that is the case of “Name of Individual?”

Answer 3: Offerors can list multiple key team members on a Reference Questionnaire if they worked together as a team for the specific project referenced and you are proposing the same team for this solicitation.

Question 4: Please confirm that we only submit one hardcopy set of Financials in a separate envelope. When we deliver our Original unbound and six flash drives with the electronic file, a digital copy is not expected on the flash drives.

Answer 4: Correct. Financial statements must be provided in a separate envelope with the unbound copy of the submission. A digital copy is not requested on the flash drives.

Question 5: Please state the expectation in detail for completion of Appendix – Small Minority, Women-Owned Business Objectives including Labor Surplus Utilization Plan solicitation.

Answer 5: The Appendix – Small Minority, Women-owned Business Objectives and Labor Surplus Utilization Plan shall be submitted with only information pertaining to pre-construction services.

As noted in Section 6.K, the City encourages maximizing opportunities for DBEs on projects such as this procurement. While a required DBE participation level has not yet been established for this RFP, the City asks that Offerors identify proposed subcontracting opportunities for the project in their response. The City encourages the Offeror to use subcontractor(s) that qualify as an SBE, MBE, WBE, or other DBEs, and at this time an estimated usage percent should be noted in the Small, Minority, Women-Owned Business Objectives Appendix for pre-construction phase services only. This information will not be evaluated as part of this RFP, however, it is highly encouraged as noted in Section 6.K. Please note that the Construction phase may have its own separate DBE participation requirements which will be established in advance of the submission of a GMP for construction services.

The Labor Surplus Utilization Plan only requires the Offeror to note if their business is located in a Labor Surplus Area (LSA); if so, they are to define/name the LSA.

Question 6: Is there specific information / projects experience required for a major subcontractor other than the Subcontractors Company Information?

Answer 6: Please use Appendix – Business Information Record for Subconsultants/ Subcontractors to relay information concerning any subconsultants and subcontractors you plan to use. This includes completing the chart and “Subcontractors Company Information” section.

Question 7: Please also state in detail the expectation for Appendix – Business Information Record for Subconsultants/Subcontractors, and if there are not line strike throughs, does this mean they must already be a registered City of Columbia Vendor?

Answer 7: Appendix – Business Information Record for Subconsultants/Subcontractors is used to capture all subconsultants/subcontractors and vendors who will be providing subcontracting services, furnishing materials, etc. for this project. This information is included as part of the contract for the awardee. Any proposed changes from the list provided in the contract shall not be relayed to the Owner with a strike through, and shall be submitted in writing to the Owner prior to initiation of any action, with the reason for proposed changes. The subconsultant/subcontractor listed on the Offerors Business Information Record does not have to be a registered City of Columbia Vendor in order to be listed.

Question 8: Please confirm that when committing CDBE participation, the department will only count the subcontractors listed on the CDBE inside the CSA or if already SCDOT approved DBE in that area, will count if we submit the sub application and copies of certifications?? If DBE’s outside the 8-county area are committed, it only ads weight to our good faith efforts??

Answer 8: For projects that have a CDBE goal assigned: Approved CDBE’s will be used to count towards the specific CDBE project goal. Offerors must include documentation of certification of subcontractors being used toward the CDBE goal at the time of submitting response (CDBE Certification Letter). If a proposed subcontractor (who lives in the 8 county CSA and is already certified by a certifying agency) has not been certified through the city at the time of response, the bidder must include the CDBE Certification Application with necessary supporting documentation in the response. If the CDBE Goal is not met, all other Certified DBE’s outside of the 8 county CSA will be reviewed by the Good Faith Efforts Committee.

END OF ADDENDUM NO. 2