



RFQ ADDENDUM #1

Date of Addendum: September 21, 2020

NOTICE TO ALL POTENTIAL RESPONDENTS

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original RFQ Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the RFQ. Respondent shall take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting its Statement of Qualifications.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE

The submittal deadline remains the same and is not changed by this Addendum.

DEADLINE FOR QUESTIONS

The deadline to submit questions is Wednesday, September 23 at 5PM EST.

1.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS -- GENERAL

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the RFQ.

Item	Questions and Answers
1.1	<p><u>Question/Request for Clarification:</u> The City of Gastonia has been asked to clarify on the firm and staff location factor in selection criteria.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The City of Gastonia will base a portion of selection on firm and staff location and accessibility. Due to the nature of construction and the services requested, firms/staff should be close enough to Gastonia to be readily available and within a reasonable commute in order to execute services in a timely fashion.</p>
1.2	<p><u>Question/Request for Clarification:</u> The City of Gastonia has been asked to clarify on whether sub consultants are allowed.</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Per the RFQ in the Intent/Background Section, Item iii, "Sub consultants will not be permitted." Interested firms may submit qualifications for the services that they provide and exclude any services that they do not provide, regardless of whether those services are listed/requested lumped in with other services that they do not provide. Please clearly indicate which services that you wish to provide.</p>
1.3	<p><u>Question:</u> Is it acceptable for a firm to have multiple submittals, for example a firm that performs Surveying Services and Construction Inspection Services submit two separate packages?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Only one submittal per firm, regardless of services offered.</p>
1.4	<p><u>Question:</u> If a firm is submitting for more than one scope of work, how will that impact the 20 page limit?</p>



	<u>Answer:</u> The 20 page limit applies regardless of amount of services your firm would like to provide.
1.5	<p><u>Question/Request for Clarification:</u> The City of Gastonia has been asked to clarify on which requirements are being referenced in Section VI – Proposal Format, under Section 3: Evaluation Factors, item A-2 requests "Firm’s ability to successfully complete all requirements as specified in this Request for Qualifications".</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Requirements referenced are ability for firm to enter into agreements such that periodic on-call, as-needed services may be called upon in a manner that allows quick response and completion, within your area(s) of expertise.</p>
1.6	<p><u>Question:</u> Will firms be able to be considered for the on-call if they are missing one or more services under a specific discipline?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> You may submit for one or more disciplines as long as you provide at least one of the services requested. Please clearly outline which services you can provide to the City in your qualifications response. No firm will be disqualified for not being able to provide all services listed.</p>
1.7	<p><u>Question:</u> At this time for the RFQ, is the City of Gastonia expecting a rate sheet from firms?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> No.</p>

2.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS -- SERVICES

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the RFQ.

Item	Questions and Answers
2.1	<p><u>Question/Request for Clarification:</u> The City of Gastonia has been asked to clarify on the anticipated needs for 3D underground modeling referenced in services requested. What types of deliverables are expected?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The City anticipates needs for subsurface utility mapping. Preferred deliverable would be CAD.</p>
2.2	<p><u>Question/Request for Clarification:</u> The City of Gastonia has been asked to clarify on the anticipated needs for structures evaluations and forensics referenced in services requested. What types of deliverables are expected?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The City anticipates possible needs for subsidence monitoring; identification of extents and material types of structure foundations; failure analyses (walls, slopes); structural evaluations of building envelopes and/or underground structures in a general/ preliminary evaluation capacity (i.e., aging roof or façade, aging culvert, etc.) Deliverables would be reports and potentially plan sketch depending on application.</p>
2.3	<p><u>Question:</u> For the Construction Materials Testing, is the City looking for firms with materials testing labs to do materials testing?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Ideally, firms would have labs and do testing in-house. Sub consultants are not permitted.</p>
2.4	<p><u>Question:</u> Will you confirm if Systems (Building MEP) Commissioning services will be procured within the Construction Inspection Services portion of the RFQ, section III-F?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Building MEP will not be included as a requested service in this on-call RFQ.</p>



3.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS -- FORMAT

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the RFQ.

Item	Questions and Answers
3.1	<p><u>Question:</u> Will the Table of Contents be included in the 20 page limit, as the cover letter is not included in the page count?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> The table of contents may be excluded from the 20 page limit.</p>
3.1	<p><u>Question:</u> Will tab sheets be included in the 20 page limit?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Tab sheets may be excluded from the 20 page limit.</p>
3.2	<p><u>Question:</u> Should the right hand page number be included at the top or bottom of the page?</p> <p><u>Answer:</u> Please place number at the bottom of the page – this is preferred but will not disqualify firms.</p>

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