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Questions and Answers

Puyallup Avenue Sewer Utility Replacement Project RFQ Specification No. ES24-0035F

All interested parties had the opportunity to submit questions in writing by email to Stan Rowden, Senior Buyer by July 3, 2024. The answers to the questions received are provided below and posted to the City's website at www.TacomaPurchasing.org: Navigate to Current Contracting Opportunities / Public Works and Improvements Solicitations, and then click Questions and Answers for this Specification. This information IS NOT considered an addendum. Respondents should consider this information when submitting their proposals.

Question 1:

Will there be an opportunity to access existing buildings adjacent to the planned bridge removal to assess how they may be connected to the bridge or impacted by bridge removal?

Answer 1:

- The City will work to facilitate building access for the selected design-builder.
- As-builts for the bridge and for adjacent buildings (if the latter are available) will be included as Reference Documents in the RFP.

Question 2:

Which permitting agencies is the City reaching out to?

Answer 2:

WSDOT, BNSF, and Sound Transit are the key outside agencies the City intends to connect with to identify contacts, start to build relationships, and to introduce the project. The City will also coordinate with internal City agencies.

Question 3:

Once SOQs are scored, will the scores be carried forward to proposal evaluation? There is a portion of the RFQ that says "if there are updates to SOQ" - are we going to get feedback on SOQs? Will qualifications need to be resubmitted in the Proposal?

Answer 3:

- Qualifications will not have to be resubmitted with the Proposal unless the City identifies additional desired qualifications or there has been a change to the project team, consistent with the requirements of the RFQ and RFP.
- The Proposal criterion for qualifications will scored by reconsidering qualifications in light of the Proposer's stated approach to the project (e.g., alignment of qualifications and approach) and considering any supplemental qualifications requested by the City or provided by the Proposer.

Question 4:

Is there a subsequent project in this vicinity driving schedule, and might there be schedule overlap?

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Answer 4:

There is a street improvement project planned along Puyallup Avenue, currently anticipated to start at the end of 2027 or in early 2028. There is potential for overlap between the completion of this project and the start of the roadway project, in which case coordination will be needed.

Question 5:

Any external funding resources?

Answer 5:

Not currently, but we are looking into potential outside funding options (e.g., grants, loans). The project is not reliant on obtaining outside funding to move forward, and will be fully funded by the City if funding pursuits are unsuccessful.

Question 6:

Can the attendee list be shared with participants?

Answer 6:

Yes, Please see the attached sign in sheet posted with this Q+A response.

Question 7:

Section 1.3 of Table 5-1 shows that the Designer-of-Record needs to submit the professional engineering license of an individual to meet the requirement. As the Designer-of-Record is a firm, according to the definitions in "Key Firms", will it meet the requirement in Section 1.3 of Table 5-1 to submit the professional engineering license for a single individual from the Designer-of-Record? Are we interpreting this requirement correctly?

Answer 7:

Yes, this submittal requirement is intended to be the professional engineering license for the individual (employee of the Designer-of-Record) with overall responsibility for the design, to confirm they are appropriately licensed in the State of Washington.

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City of Tacoma Environmental Services Department

Meeting Sign-In Sheet						
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