



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

MITCHELL LAKE WETLANDS QUALITY TREATMENT INITIATIVES SOLICITATION NO: Q-17-006-AM

Addendum #1 July 7, 2017

This Addendum provides responses to questions regarding the referenced RFQ.

Questions & Answers

- Question:** The Phase I scope description includes the following item:
“Explore and identify potential community partnerships with private, public and non-profit sector entities with complimentary projects planned for the vicinity and assist SAWS in developing a plan to incorporate these community partnerships into the proposed solutions, while exploring any funding or public relations advantages brought by these partnerships.”

In past experience SAWS has chosen to provide public involvement/public relations type support for projects with SAWS staff; however, with this item it appears that SAWS may be looking to the selected consultant to provide this service. Can you confirm whether SAWS will be expecting the selected consultant to provide this service?

Response: Yes, SAWS would like to explore these options with the selected firm, however, we would like for the selected firm to lead in this endeavor of exploring partnerships and identifying potential alternative funding streams.

2. **Question:** Is there any idea of the size or scale of the pilot study?

Response: The size of the pilot study is dependent upon the results of the desktop feasibility study and the location recommended for the pilot. For example, there are several potential areas for the pilot to be constructed: a new wetlands on the side of Mitchell Lake, a wetlands in the old rock reed filter facility, a wetland pilot in the land below the lake, utilizing one of the existing sludge basins in the area north of the lake, or other possible areas. Each of these sites comes with different space availability, soil matrix considerations, regulatory items to consider, and pumping/construction considerations. In any event, the selected location must have enough space to construct a pilot that demonstrates that the full scale system will perform as planned.

3. **Question:** Is there enough water balance to do the study?

Response: A preliminary water balance for Mitchell Lake, drainage basin, and potential wetlands is available in Supplemental Information referenced in Item E of the RFQ. SAWS anticipates that effluent typically discharged through existing outfalls at Leon Creek WRC will be redirected to flow through Mitchell Lake and the proposed wetlands.

4. **Question:** What is the anticipated budget for Phase I?

Response: The budget for this project will be determined through negotiations with the recommended firm.

5. **Question:** What is the size of full wetland studies? How much is available for full scale?

Response: The size of the full scale wetlands will be determined as part of Phase 1 of this study. A preliminary estimate of size of the full scale wetlands is available in Supplemental Information referenced in Item E of the RFQ.

6. **Question:** Is SAWS looking at or concerned about quality into wetlands or streams?

Response: Yes, this item should be addressed in the Regulatory Issues, Downstream Wetlands Desktop Feasibility, and Pilot Wetlands Study portions of the Scope of Work. The consultant will consider effluent quality, lake quality and stormwater quality.

7. **Question:** Will SAWS allow the selected consultant(s) or sub-consultants for Phase I to bid on the construction of the pilot study wetland and/or Phase 2 activities including, but not limited to “providing certain implementation activities, which could include design, construction management, and commissioning of a full-scale wetlands and dam reconstruction”?

Response: The actual construction of the pilot wetlands will be handled under a separate contract and will not be included the Phase 1 Scope of Work with the selected firm for this RFQ. Because the selected firm will be preparing the design specifications for Phase I, the selected consultant and its sub-consultants will not be allowed to bid on Phase I construction of the Pilot Wetlands. Phase 2 of this project may be procured with traditional or alternative project delivery. The selected consultant and its sub-consultants will not be precluded from participating in any professional services procurement implementation activities, which may include additional professional services as a design engineer in preparing design of bid documents for the second phase of work, or as an owner’s representative or other role in connection with an alternative project delivery of the second phase of the project; however the selected consultant and its sub-consultants will not be able to participate as the contractor, design/build firm or construction manager at risk for the second phase of the project.

8. **Question:** The Pilot Study Wetlands section on Page 3 and 4 of 68 states that the construction of the pilot wetland will be handled under separate contract from this solicitation. Would SAWS allow qualifications of construction companies for construction of the pilot wetlands to be submitted in this RFQ response or will that be a separate RFQ solicitation?

Response: See response to Question #7.

End of Questions & Answers

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