



**SAWS WASTEWATER SYSTEM GROWTH AND EXPANSION
MASTER PLAN PROJECT RFQ**

Solicitation Number: PS-00156

**ADDENDUM 1
August 18, 2023**

To Respondent of Record:

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

- 1. Question:** Under the Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan scope description, Item 3.c states that a fifth basin model has been created but not calibrated. The second bullet under Item 3.c states “The improvements should also consider a 5th basin”. Should that item refer to a 6th basin instead of a 5th basin?

Response: *There are only 5 basins. See Changes to the RFQ, response to Question 6.*

- 2. Question:** The scope states the SEDA and MDA master planning are expected to be complete by the end of 2023. The Estimated Timeline in Section D states that work will begin in October 2023. Is the SEDA and MDA completion by the end of 2023 still a valid schedule if work will begin in October?

Response: *The timeline is an estimate. The work associated with master planning SEDA and MDA may continue into 2024. Any work associated with the Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan may begin at the start of this Project.*

- 3. Question:** At the conclusion of Article B on Page 3 of 64 it reads that the SEDA and MDA Growth Master Plans are to be completed in 2023 and under Article D, SAWS’ timeline for the consultant to begin work is October 2023. Based on these dates, the consultant has approximately two and half months to receive the models, reconcile, evaluate, complete and submit the aforementioned plans. With that, would SAWS consider differing the plan’s completion date to 2024? With such an accelerated schedule, there are concerns we would meet SAWS expectation with respect to the accuracy and quality of our deliverables, as well as if this is even feasible.

Response: *See response to Question 2. The Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan may begin in 2023 and continue into 2024. Furthermore, it is acceptable for all Project work related to SEDA, MDA, and the system-wide master plan be included in one comprehensive final report at the conclusion of the Project.*

- 4. Question:** Would SAWS consider extending the August 24th deadline for submission by an additional three weeks, this would be greatly appreciated.

Response: *No, the deadline to submit will remain.*

CHANGES TO THE RFQ

1. Pg 1, Section I.A. Objective. Paragraph is removed and replaced with the following:

“The San Antonio Water System (SAWS) is issuing a request for qualifications (RFQ) to pursue professional engineering services for the SAWS Wastewater System Growth and Expansion Master Plan Project (hereafter referred to as Master Plan or Project). This Project will evaluate new growth and expansion areas with the potential for development, and revisit recent master plans of SAWS major wastewater collection system basins. The desired outcome is a comprehensive master plan of the SAWS current and future wastewater service area. These new growth and expansion regions are located at the boundary of SAWS’ existing wastewater service area, and will be referred to in this Project as the Southeast Bexar County Development Area (SEDA) and Medina County Development Area (MDA). Through preliminary evaluations, SAWS has identified infrastructure improvements for both the SEDA and MDA. This Project will evaluate SAWS current master plans as well as the proposed infrastructure for the SEDA and MDA. This Project will also make recommendations for improvements or enhancements as it relates to future growth and capacity needs system-wide. Statements of qualifications (SOQs) from interested firms (Respondents) are being accepted in connection with this project, which will require the scope of services be performed by a qualified professional engineering firm (Consultant).”

2. Pg. 1, Section I.B. Scope of Services, insert sub-heading:

“Growth Areas”

3. Pg. 2, Section I.B. Scope of Services. Delete bullet 5 in its entirety.

4. Pg. 2, Section I.B. Scope of Services. Insert sub-heading after fourth bullet:

“Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan”

5. Pg. 2, Section I.B. Scope of Services, remove and replace introductory paragraph after Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan to read as follows:

“This project will involve a review of past master plan studies in addition to the growth and expansion areas. These additional tasks are required to review and make recommendations associated with SAWS basin models and master plans. These tasks associated with the Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan paired with the tasks associated with the growth development areas (SEDA and MDA) will make up the SAWS Wastewater System Growth and Expansion Master Plan project. The study area for the Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan will be the extent of the current SAWS Sewer CCN, approximately 850 square miles in area and encompassing much of the City of San Antonio, Bexar County, parts of Comal and Medina Counties. It includes a collection system exceeding 6000 miles of sanitary sewer main, discharging into three WRCs. This wastewater system serves a population of more than 2 million.”

6. Pg.2, Section I.B. Scope of Services. Comprehensive System-wide Master Plan tasks, Section 3. C, is removed in its entirety and replaced as sections C and D as follows:

“c. Review SAWS hydraulic modeling program. SAWS has 4 individual basin models updated and calibrated independently. SAWS operates a fifth basin and has done so since 2014. A model network has been created for this basin, but it has not been calibrated.

d. Review the individual hydraulic models and make recommendations for improvements. Such improvements should consider the wastewater collection system holistically and how flows should be effectively managed to the WRCs.”

7. Pg. 3, Section I.B. SAWS Estimated Project Cost. First line is rewritten as follows:

“SAWS Estimated Project Cost: \$850,000.00”

8. Pg. 3, Section I.B. SAWS Estimated Project Cost. Second, third and fourth lines are removed in their entirety.

9. Pg. 3, Section I.D. Estimated Timeline. The fourth line of section I.D, Estimated Timeline is removed and replaced with the following:

“August 24, 2023 by 2:00 p.m. (CDT)..... Proposals Due”

CLARIFICATIONS

1. The above responses and RFQ revisions are intended to convey clearly that one body of effort is desired for this project to consider past master planning studies completed within recent years, as well as evaluations of the growth development areas identified in the RFQ as SEDA and MDA. The RFQ was initially drafted for just the growth development areas; however, with the opportunity to extend this Project into 2024, a broader more comprehensive study is being pursued.

END OF ADDENDUM

This Addendum is three (3) pages in its entirety.