



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS KARST INVERTEBRATE SPECIES HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN

Q-13-008-DS

ADDENDUM #1 – 4:00 PM (CDT)| May 29, 2013

This addendum amends the “Respondent Questionnaire” contained in the above RFP.

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM, MAY 24, 2013

1. We are currently teamed with a construction company responding to RFQ_773 for Construction Management Services for WRIP Phase I. As these responses are still in review, would this preclude us from responding to RFQ Q-13-008-DS or constitute a conflict of interest?

A: The teaming arrangement described does not preclude a respondent from responding to RFQ Q-13-008-DS or constitute a conflict of interest.

2. Page 7 of the RFQ requests a copy of the respondent's certificate of insurance, while Exhibit A has explicit instructions for the preparation and submission of certificates of insurance AFTER the issuance of a contract. Does this mean that a copy of our current certificate of insurance in lieu of a signed original per Exhibit A is sufficient for the RFQ response?

A: Yes, a copy of your current certificate is sufficient.

3. Does the response need to address cost? It does not appear to be included as part of the scope or required response items.

A: No, please do not address cost in your submittal – this is a request for qualifications only.

4. There are dates listed on page 3 for due dates of questions, responses and notification of selection that conflict with dates for these events stated later on page 3 and at the top of page 5. Could you please clarify when RFQ questions are due, when answers will be provided and when the anticipated date of selection will be?

A: The dates listed in Section E – Estimated Timeline are the correct dates.

5. The RFQ does not include a map of the proposed pipeline route. Is a map available?

A: A map of the proposed pipeline route is included with this Addendum, and is located just below the hyperlink of the Addendum.

6. For the project approach, the RFQ asks for itemized tasks, resource requirements, and proposed timeline. What is meant by “resource requirements”?

A: Resource requirements refer to the team members needed to perform each task as well as any special equipment that may be necessary to complete the scope of services as outlined in the RFQ.

7. Does the 25-page limit include resumes?

A: No

8. Does the 25-page limit include the respondent questionnaire?

A: No

9. Do all of the required forms (W-9, insurance certificate, conflict of interest questionnaire, etc.) need to be completed by subcontractors as well as the prime respondent?

A: No

10. According to the scope of services in the RFQ, the consultant will conduct karst and presence/absence surveys for karst invertebrates, prepare an HCP (including estimate of take), and prepare NEPA documentation (an EA or an EIS). In our experience, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) does not typically allow the same consultant to prepare both the HCP and the NEPA document, as they see this as a conflict of interest. FWS considers the HCP as the Applicant’s document and the NEPA document as FWS’ document. A firm recently (February 2012) prepared both the HCP and EIS for Oncor Electric Delivery Company’s Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for 11 federally listed species in 100 counties in Texas. FWS allowed us to do both because we had been working with the project when it was still a single document as an EIS/HCP. However, in the “lessons learned” debriefing after the project was finished and the ITP activated, FGWS made it very clear to us that the same consultant would not be allowed to prepare both documents in the future.

So [the] question is, will two consultants be selected, one for the HCP and the other for the NEPA document?

A: SAWS anticipates that the NEPA document would be an EA, which by policy the Service allows the consultant to prepare along with an HCP. The Service does prefer a third party contractor to prepare an EIS, however. SAWS believes that an EA is the appropriate level for this project. Should an EIS prove necessary, SAWS would seek to engage a separate consultant for such work.

11. Are all prime designers of any segment of the WRIP Project allowed to submit?

A: Yes.

No other items, dates, or deadlines for this RFQ are changed.

END ADDENDUM #1
