



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
Vista Ridge Regional Supply Project Technical Advisor
Solicitation No.: Q-15-009-MF
Addendum 2 | December 11, 2015

CHANGES TO THE RFQ

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2. Page 12, Section IV. C. that reads:

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- a. Provide a detailed description of the firm/team structure, how it is organized for this Project, and the roles of each partnering firm. Descriptions of structure, processes, and approach should include:
 - Project leadership, reporting structure and communication/interface with the proposed design team and SAWS.
 - Specialized skills needed and resources to be utilized.
 - Understanding and familiarity with the Project.
 - Responsiveness, attention to details, follow through and responsibility of sub-consultants.
 - Decisiveness in findings and recommendations.
- b. Describe any potential alternative or innovative approaches to ensure the successful and timely performance of the scope of services and SAWS' objectives in the Project.

8. Availability to Meet Deadlines and Responsiveness

Describe in detail the Respondent's availability and how workload will be managed within the firm/team to respond quickly to fluctuating review demands and unscheduled assistance requests. Indicate the location of firm/team offices and how location will impact responsiveness. Responsiveness and ability to meet deadlines and will constitute a significant fraction of the evaluation score.

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END CHANGES TO THE RFQ

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Please clarify that if you submit on and are awarded this project, that you are not prohibited in any way from pursuing the Vista Ridge Owner's Engineer Project for the Integration Facilities, or the Vista Ridge Design Build Project for Integration.

A: SAWS will respond via Addendum Monday, December 14.

2. Upon review of referenced RFQ, I would appreciate if SAWS could clarify the RFQ or answer the following questions:

Page 2, Item 4.b: Could you provide clarification of SAWS expectations regarding the review of the AVR's documents for "deficiencies and errors"? Given the TA will have a narrow window of time to review AVR's designs and is not the Engineer of Record, what is SAWS' expectation of the TA's liability of design related issues?

A: SAWS will respond via Addendum Monday, December 14, 2015.

Page 4, Item 7.a: Could SAWS provide clarification regarding expectations of "...and financial analysis...?"

A: *Financial analysis in this context should be interpreted as the type of analysis typically conducted to allow comparison of life cycle costs between two or more options. It is not intended that the scope include services typically provided by financial advisors or finance specialists.*

Also could SAWS expand upon SAWS' expectations for "alternative approaches" to O&M choices?

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Page 4, Item 7.b: Is SAWS expecting the TA to "guarantee" or "warrant" the "adequacy of the AVR's design"?

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Page 4, Item 8.d: Does SAWS mean that the TA will be providing recommendations for treatment that AVR will implement? If so, is the TA or the AVR responsible for the design of the recommendation and the outcomes?

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Page 6, Item D2: Time and Materials and Lump Sum is mentioned here, but the Agreement is written around a Lump Sum contract. Could SAWS provide a T & M Agreement for review? What elements of the work does SAWS expect to be provided as Lump Sum?

A: *The sample contract form in Addendum No. 1 is typically utilized as a lump sum contract, however, SAWS anticipates that some aspects of the contract may be handled in this manner. During negotiation, it could be determined that portions of the scope of service might be performed more effectively or economically as a lump sum task item.*

Page 6, Item D3: Could SAWS clearly identify how SAWS defines "...the Bexar County area"?

A: *The Bexar County area is defined as Bexar County and its contiguous counties. The intent is that the Lead Project Manager be officed close enough to be able to meet face-to-face with SAWS' staff in San Antonio during normal working hours typically within two (2) hours of request. This 2-hour limit should also include allowance for typical rush hour traffic conditions. Respondents must indicate in their submittals where the Lead Project Manager will be officed and how compliance with the intent of this requirement will be ensured.*

3. To ensure our team is objective and to eliminate any possible conflict of interest, we do not want to build a team that may include firms involved with the design and construction of the AVR project. As such, could SAWS provide a list of all professional firms associated with the design and construction of the AVR project?

A: *Pape-Dawson Engineers and CP&Y are primary design firms employed by AVR for Vista Ridge. AVR has solicited a Lender's Technical Advisor to assist prospective lenders in understanding project risks. Whether or not AVR has contracted for that service or who the contract firm might be is unknown to SAWS. Respondents are responsible to determine the conflicts within their own project teams.*

4. In reading the RFQ for a Technical Advisor for the Vista Ridge project, I see reference to geotechnical but do not understand how that work will be contracted.

I do understand this RFQ is for a Technical Advisor – not for design.

It appears Abengoa has full control of all design and construction of this project. Does this mean Abengoa will contract with the geotechnical and CMET on this project? Or will SAWS hold the geotechnical and CMET contracts?

A: All geotechnical field investigations and materials testing will be performed by AVR and is not included in the scope of the TA. The TA will, however, be responsible for reviewing and commenting on reports generated from such work.

END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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

END ADDENDUM 2