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RFQ Addendum 2: Whitefish Stage Slope Stabilization Design Build Construction Services

The following information is made a part of this RFQ. The purpose of this addendum is to address project questions received as follows:

Question 1: Can I receive a copy of the geotechnical engineering report previously completed for the site?

Answer 1: A letter from CMG Engineering, Inc. regarding their initial project geotechnical consultation and recommendations is available in Appendix B of the project manual and contract documents previously prepared by 48 North Civil Engineering Services as a reference. Borings specific to the project have not been completed.

Question 2: I also would like clarification on the selection process. Is there a maximum number of firms that will be qualified to provide pricing? The scoring percentages are listed for the SOQ but there is not any information indicating how price will ultimately factor into the decision making process. Does the County start negotiating with the firm with the higher score from the SOQ regardless of price? Any further clarification on the overall selection process would be much appreciated.

Answer 2: There is not a maximum number of design-build teams that will be qualified to provide a proposal. Statement of qualifications will be scored based on the criteria provided in the RFQ. All design-build teams that are qualified and meet all requirements described in the RFQ will be sent a RFP and invited to submit a project proposal. The RFP will contain its own unique weighted scoring criteria. Price will be one component of the RFP scoring criteria. The RFP will be scored independently from the RFQ. Scores received on the RFP will be used to recommend a design-build team to the County Commissioners for project negotiations.

Question 3: May a designer or subcontractor be listed as a team member on two different SOQ's? In other words, may Prime Contractor A and Prime Contractor B have components of their design team or subcontractors that are the same?

Answer 3: Yes

Question 4: What is the warranty period for the project?

Answer 4: The warranty period should be proposed by the design-build team within their

response to the RFP. The warranty period will be evaluated as a component of the RFP scoring.

Question 5: Under the SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE DESIGN BUILD CONSTRUCTION SERVICES the scope includes to “Conduct a pre-construction conference and issue the notice to proceed”. Is it the intent to have the design-build team issue their own Notice to Proceed?

Answer 5: Project documents will be expected to be drafted by the design-build team, but the Notice to Proceed will be approved by the Flathead County Commissioners.

Question 6: Under the SCOPE OF WORK FOR THE DESIGN BUILD CONSTRUCTION SERVICES the scope includes to “Review and approve all contractor requests for payment and submit approved requests to Flathead County for payment processing”. Is it the intent to have the design-build team review and approve their own pay requests?

Answer 6: The design-build team is expected to review and approve pay request prior to submitting them to Flathead County. Flathead County must also ultimately approve all pay requests prior to issuing payment. Flathead County reserves the right to engage a third-party consultant to review pay requests.

Question 7: Under the STATEMENT CONTENT in the RFQ, included in the responses #2 asked for the “principal(s) of the firm and their experience and qualifications”. Do you want the CEO’s and Executive V.P.’s experience and qualification or the experience and qualifications for those who will be assigned to the project?

Answer 7: The RFQ only requests experience and qualifications to be provided for the principal(s) of the design-build team. In the RFP, the design-build team will be requested to identify assigned personnel and provide their individual qualifications.

Question 8: Does the scope of the project include sediment retrieval from the storm water pond? If so, to what extent will the City of Kalispell be involved since the pond is operated under their MS4 permit?

Answer 8: The scope of the project is to be proposed in the project proposal by the design-build team to best fit the objectives of Flathead County. It is up to the design-build team to determine the necessity and extent of the involvement of the City of Kalispell and coordinate any required involvement.

Question 9: Under the STATEMENT CONTENT in the RFQ, included in the responses #6 asked for the “Proposed work plan and schedule timeline for activities to be performed including engineering and construction timelines”. However, without a thorough geotechnical analysis it’s unlikely an accurate work plan and schedule timeline can be provided. Will the design-build team be held to the work plan and schedule provided in the SOQ?

Answer 9: The design-build team will be requested to submit an updated work plan and project timeline in the RFP. Any timelines given in response to the RFP will supersede timelines proposed in the SOQ.

Question 10: If Flathead County does not wish to provide a thorough geotechnical analysis and only provides limited information for all submitting SOQ's and then proposals, if after the project is awarded, through the design-build process a thorough geotechnical analysis concludes the scope of the project changes significantly from that which was originally priced and awarded, how will Flathead County handle the change of conditions?

Answer 10: The design-build team will be responsible for researching and analyzing site conditions in a manner sufficient to submit a proposal related to the actual conditions. Flathead County will not be responsible for actual conditions differing from anticipated conditions.

Question 11: If during the course of construction, the vibration and construction activities cause, or worsen a slide, who's responsibility will it be to repair the "new" slide?

Answer 11: Under the design-build process, the design-build team accepts liability for the project.

Question 12: How does a factor of safety for overall design and life span benefit get factored into the design-build proposal? Does the cheap alternative with a design life of 2 years get ranked higher than a more expensive proposal with a design life of 20 years?

Answer 12: Both the factor of safety for overall design and life span benefit will be evaluated as part of the RFP weighted scoring criteria. Price will only be one component of the RFP scoring.

Question 13: Could you please provide a copy or sample of the contract terms and conditions that will be issued and executed for this project?

Answer 13: They do not yet exist. Flathead County generally requests the design-build team to submit their own contract terms and conditions as a draft to be utilized as a starting point for contract negotiations.

All other information provided in the Whitefish Stage Slope Stabilization Design Build Construction Services RFQ remains unchanged.