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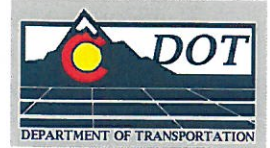
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I-25 Ilex Design Build
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To: All Letters of Interest Submitters for Project FBR 025A-019

Subject: Colorado Department of Transportation Response to Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Questions

**Note: An additional Goal has been added to the RFQ.
“Maximize I-25 design speed of the curves south of Ilex bridges”**

Below are the Questions/Clarifications that were received for the I-25 Ilex Design Build project from the Letters of Interest responders.

Question:

During our meeting you mentioned that you would post the As-Built drawings for the I-25 over Santa Fe Bridge on the project web-site. We haven't seen that yet, can you confirm that you will post that information?

Clarification/Answer:

As Built drawings for all bridges have been posted on the project web-site.

Question:

Section 3.3 Minimum Requirements of Key Personnel

On page 15 of 23, item L, Environmental Compliance Manager there is a requirement for the Environmental manager related construction water quality: Responsible to ensure the Contractor develops, implements, maintains, and documents best management practices for the Project and is in compliance with permit application requirements.

Construction water quality design and oversight is most typically performed by a drainage engineer and not by environmental professionals. Can this qualification be moved over to the Drainage Design Manager? Or can the bullet noted above be amended to say. “Alternatively, this qualification can be provided by the Drainage Design Manager or an additional key person”.

Clarification/Answer:

The bullets will not be amended. The following are CDOT's intentions:

The Environmental Compliance Manager is responsible for enforcement of temporary water quality BMP's and SWMP requirements.

The Drainage Design Manager is responsible for permanent water quality design and MS4 requirements.

Question:

The Environmental Manager is required to have 5 years of experience in construction monitoring. Given the relatively recent growth of design-build this level of experience seems overly restrictive, provided the Environmental Manager is well experienced in administering environmental regulations in traditional or design-build delivery. Can this requirement be relaxed to say "(5) five years of construction monitoring, ~~water quality~~ and environmental documentation is desired.

Clarification/Answer:

The bullet will not be amended. The following are CDOT's intentions:

The Environmental Compliance Manager is responsible for enforcement of temporary water quality BMP's and SWMP requirements.

The Drainage Design Manager is responsible for permanent water quality design and MS4 requirements.

Question:

The Environmental Manager is required to be: ... a certified Industrial Hygienist, a certified Hazardous Material Manager, Professional Engineer (PE) licensed in the State of Colorado, Certified Safety Professional (CSP), or registered Environmental Manager (REM) meeting the criteria set forth in 29 CFR 1926.

These are qualifications directly related to hazardous materials, which are typically provided by specialists in that field. It makes sense to have staff with those qualifications, but they are specialty qualifications that are not typically possessed by the overall Environmental Manager. Can the requirement be relaxed to say the qualifications are desired or must be provided by the Environmental Manager or the other identified Key Personnel.

Clarification/Answer:

The requirement states that the Environmental Manager shall be one of the following: certified Industrial Hygienist, a certified Hazardous Material Manager, Professional Engineer (PE) licensed in the State of Colorado, Certified Safety Professional (CSP), or registered Environmental Manager (REM) meeting the criteria set forth in 29 CFR 1926.

It is expected that the Contractor will have personnel that meet specialty qualifications if necessary.

Question:

Section 3.2.1 Submitter Experience

On page 8 of 23 item 3.2.1, Submitter Experience, can the following statement be clarified as noted:

Describe the experience, up to a maximum of four major highway projects (for the Submitter and each Major Participant), where one of those must have been a design build project, (if the Submitter is not yet existing or is newly formed, please explain) ~~and each Major Participant has managed, designed, and/or constructed~~ demonstrating management, design and/or construction experience, by completing Form C.

Clarification/Answer:

The statement will not be revised.

Question:

Form C is provided in the RFP. It implies that each experience description is limited to one page. Given the format of the form that Uses ½ page to provide basic information, and the long list of additional information that is required on page 9 of 23, Section 3.2.1, can a note be provided on the form stating (Form C may be expanded to a maximum of two pages if desired)

Clarification/Answer:

A note will be added on Form C stating that Form C may be expanded to the back of the page.

Question:

Should the point evaluation be separate for the Project Understanding and Approach (section 3.4) and Project Management Approach (section 3.5) because they are identified as separate sections in the RFQ on page 17?

Clarification/Answer:

No, Project Understanding and Approach, and Project Management Approach point evaluation will be together. Wording has been clarified in the final addendum.

Question:

Are there updated Scopes of Work being developed for the bridge rehabilitations and if so, will those be made available prior to Statement of Qualifications being due?

Clarification/Answer:

CDOT will issue the Draft Request for Proposal to only the Proposers that get shortlisted. The Technical requirements for the bridge rehabilitations will not be released prior to Statement of Qualifications being due.

Question:

Section 3.1 Submitter Experience

Section 3.2.1 – the Submitter is asked to describe previous project experience similar in size and scope. It is suggested the Submitter respond to specific types of experience (enumerated 1 through 10). Did CDOT intend to include items 9 and 10 in this list?

Clarification/Answer:

Item 9, Current and projected workloads, including work previously awarded by CDOT, will not be included on this list.

Question:

Section 3.3.3 Minimum Requirements of Key Personnel

Under 3.3.3 Minimum Requirements of Key Personnel, the RFQ indicates the Environmental Compliance Manager and Safety Manager report directly to the Contractor Project Manager. Section 3.3.2 indicates these roles report directly to the Engineering Operations Manager. Please clarify.

Clarification/Answer:

The Environmental Compliance Manager and Safety Manager report directly to the Contractor Project Manager. Section 3.3.2 will be revised in the Final Addendum.

Question:

Section 3.3.3 Minimum Requirements of Key Personnel

The list of Key Personnel at the top of page 12 differs slightly from the Key Personnel listed in Section 3.3.3 (Minimum Requirements of Key Personnel) – please clarify.

Clarification/Answer:

The Environmental Compliance Manager and Safety Manager report directly to the Contractor Project Manager. Section 3.3.2 will be revised in the Final Addendum.

Question:

Section 4.2 Format

Section 4.2 of the RFQ indicates the SOQ should not exceed 25 single-sided pages. Can we print the SOQ double-sided, with each side counted as one page?

Clarification/Answer:

The SOQ can be printed double sided with each page counting as one page.

Question:

Section 3.6.2 Organizational Conflict of Interest

If the Submitter (and its team) perceives no organizational conflict of interest in connection with the I-25 Ilex Design-Build project, is it CDOT's intention that the Submitter disclose "any current contractual relationships with CDOT" per the second paragraph of Section 3.6.2

Organizational Conflicts of Interest? And if so, does this information need to be itemized for each firm on the team?

Clarification/Answer:

This information needs to be itemized for each firm on the team.

Question:

Section 4.2 Format

Can the font be reduced for graphics, tables, and charts?

Clarification/Answer:

No, CDOT has identified the smallest font size acceptable.

Question:

Do the same font requirements for the SOQ submittal, (Arial 11 point or Times New Roman, 12 pt) apply to Form C?

Clarification/Answer:

Yes, CDOT has identified the smallest font size acceptable.

Question:

Is it permitted to extend the project description of Form C to the backside of the page?

Clarification/Answer:

Yes, this can extend to the backside of the page.

Question:

Is it CDOT's intent that Section 3.3.2 - Current and Projected Workload is also included in the 25-page limitation?

Clarification/Answer:

Yes, Current and Projected Workload will be included in the 25-page limitation?

Question:

Section 3.2.1 Submitter Experience

Section 3.2.1 Submitter Experience – Please clarify whether CDOT is looking for a maximum of four major projects per SOQ, or four major projects from each of the Major Participants that make up the submitting team.

Clarification/Answer:

CDOT is looking for experience up to a maximum of four major highway projects, where one of those must have been a design build project. No more than four Form C's will be allowed.

Question:

Section 5.2 SOQ Evaluation and Scoring

Section 5.2 SOQ Evaluation and Scoring – The RFQ indicates that points will be allocated to Submitter Experience (25 Points), Organization and Key Personnel (35 Points) and Project Understanding and Approach (40 Points). Will Project Management Approach be scored under the Project Understanding and Approach allocation?

Clarification/Answer:

Yes, Project Understanding and Approach, and Project Management Approach point evaluation will be together. Wording has been clarified in the final addendum.

Question:

Section 3.2.1 Submitter Experience

Please confirm that the SOQ under Section 3.2.1 – Submitter Experience shall include:

- a. A maximum of four (4) total Form C projects for both the Submitter and Major Participant
– or –
- b. A maximum of eight (8) total Form C projects – four (4) for the Submitter and four (4) for the Major Participant

Clarification/Answer:

CDOT is looking for experience up to a maximum of four major highway projects, where one of those must have been a design build project. No more than four Form C's will be allowed.

Question:

Section 3.2.1 Submitter Experience

Please clarify if we are to submit a MAXIMUM of four (4) Form C's per team, or if we have the opportunity to submit four (4) per Major Participant (e.g., four (4) for submitter and an additional four (4) for lead design partner).

Clarification/Answer:

CDOT is looking for experience up to a maximum of four major highway projects, where one of those must have been a design build project. No more than four Form C's will be allowed.

Question:

Reference Section 3.2.1, Submitter Experience.

2). Reference Section 3.2.1, Submitter Experience, and the Form C template included in the Appendix: Section 3.2.1 requests to highlight experience that the Submitter / Major Participant has gained in the last five years, while the form requests "Comparable Contracts in the Past Ten (10) Years". Please clarify the limit on past projects.

Clarification/Answer:

Section 3.2.1 will be revised to say "highlight experience that the Submitter / Major Participant has gained in the last ten years" in the Final addendum.

Question:

Reference Section 4.2 Format

3). Reference Section 4.2, Format:

Please clarify if Forms A, B, C, D, and E should be integrated into the individual sections of the proposal, or if ALL forms should be included in a separate Appendix to the Proposal.

Clarification/Answer:

All forms should be included in a separate Appendix to the Proposal.

Question:

Reference Section 5.2 Format SOQ Evaluation and Scoring

Reference Section 5.2, SOQ Evaluation and Scoring:

For Project Understanding and Approach, there is a reference to Project Goals in Section 2.2. Please confirm this reference should be 1.2, Project Values and Goals.

Clarification/Answer:

This reference should be 1.2 and will be revised to show in the final addendum.

Question:

Reference Form B Contractor Safety Statistics

5). Reference Form B, Contractor Safety Statistics:

The current form shows years 2009, 2010, and 2011. We recommend covering the three most recent years: 2010, 2011, and 2012. Would this be preferred?

Clarification/Answer:

Yes, Form B, Contractor Safety Requirements will be revised to provide safety information for 2010, 2011 and 2012.

The Colorado Department of Transportation anticipates releasing the RFQ Addendum on May 28, 2013 by the end of the business day.

The Statement of Qualifications due date is June 18, 2013.

CDOT appreciates the firms/consultants time to review the RFQ and provide questions/clarifications.

Sincerely,



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