Syracuse Division Bundled Bridges Contract # D800001
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1. ITP APPENDIX A – PROJECT INFORMATION, SECTION A12.1.2.2 DESIGN-BUILD APPROACH TO DESIGN; CONTRACT DOCUMENTS PART 3 – PROJECT REQUIREMENTS As we are formulating our Design-Build Approach, is the Authority contemplating the addition to Part 3 of the DB Contract Documents, during this RFP Phase, any Design Requirements concerning future traffic growth, such as, roadway and or structure width to accommodate future lanes discussed in the Reference, Final Design Reports?

   Answer: No

2. CONTRACT DOCUMENTS PART 3 – PROJECT REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 15 WORK ZONE TRAFFIC CONTROL AND ACCESS
   Would the Authority clarify any Project Requirements concerning WZTC at Mohawk Street and Oriskany Boulevard during the replacement Work of BIN's 1020079 & 5009929?

   Answer: On Mohawk Street, 2 – 10' Lanes Southbound and 1 – 10' Lane Northbound shall be maintained during construction operations. The left turn signal operation Southbound shall be maintained. On Oriskany Blvd. during construction, a 10' single lane in each direction shall be maintained. For both Mohawk and Oriskany there will be time limitations on the durations of these closures.

3. ITP APPENDIX A – PROJECT INFORMATION, SECTION A4.0 REFERENCE DOCUMENTS; CONTRACT DOCUMENTS PART 3 – PROJECT REQUIREMENTS, SECTION 10.3 STRUCTURES DESIGN REQUIREMENTS
   Could the Authority provide for Proposer's information, the HEC-RAS model(s) used in development of the Reference, Hydraulic Report for BIN 5510130?

   Answer: The HEC-RAS model has been posted as a Reference Document.

4. Could you provide us some dates to choose from for the one on one meeting in October?

   Answer: Dates will be provided after the posting of the final RFP.

5. Reviewing the available project data for the bridge at MP 282.62 - BIN 5510130, a hydraulic analysis that was completed sometime by Stantec. We would like to request that the NYSTA make this HEC-RAS files available? Having this information would allow for the review of stream sections, modify bridge openings and better determine the width of the structure that USACE will require.

   Answer: Yes, the HEC-RAS data has been posted.

6. Form G, Gantt Chart, is listed to be submitted in both Volume 1 and Volume 2, per the tables on pages B-7 and C-8. Should Form G be submitted in Volume 2 only?

   Answer: Yes, you are correct. It is to be submitted in Volume 2 only. This will be corrected in the Final RFP.

7. Can the MicroStation files from the conceptual plans provided in the Design Reports be provided?

   Answer: Yes, they will be posted ASAP

8. We did not find as-built drawings for the Judd Road over Mainline bridge in the information provided. Can this be provided?

   Answer: Yes, they have been posted.

9. How do the incentive/disincentive payments made and are additional provisions for payments going to be included in the contract?

   Answer: No, right now no additional provisions are anticipated. For incentive payments it should come from the Force account monies. If none remain we will process an Order on Contract. For disincentive payments it shall be deducted from the money owed to the contractor (construction work items) for the bridge that the disincentive occurred on.

10. The contract requires both a CPM schedule and a Gantt chart. Do you know that NYSDOT dropped the Gantt chart?

    Answer: We believe we need both products to conduct the evaluation as written and we do not intend to eliminate either product required.

11. How about the number of pages required. Is there enough pages to document what is needed?

    Answer: If proposers believe the limit on the number of pages is restrictive and want an expansion of that limit please request for a change.

12. For Force Account work, how does the Designer, Construction Inspection Firm, and Materials Testing Firm get paid?

    Answer: For Force Account work, the documented work or the agreed upon price should include all aspects and be one single price.

13. Can the MicroStation CADD files from the Design Reports be make available?

    Answer: Yes, we will work to post them as soon as possible.

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14. If a municipal utility has to be moved who would do the work and how would it get paid?

    Answer: If such a situation exists, we would put the requirement for the Design-Builder to design, construct and inspect the utility relocation. An item would be added for payment of this work and it would be a fixed lump sum item.

15. Is Quality Assurance going to be handled the same as NYSDOT with the Regions weighing in as well?

    Answer: If the work being reviewed complies with the RFP and follows the Quality Control Plan that is accepted by the Authority and meets the standards and/or specifications there will be no additional reviews. Our consultant will review and move the process forward. If there are problems/issues, is only when Main Office Headquarters will enter the equation. Headquarters will be directing and checking on our consultant doing the Quality Assurance Responsibilities.

16. Will reviews and procedures need to be followed similar to NYSDOT and will the same type of Forms be used?

17. **Answer:** Yes, our Quality Assurance efforts will be similar. It's Quality Assurance, not check everything and I expect our consultant to follow that instruction. The forms, expected to be similar are necessary and will be used.

18. Are the review periods similar to the NYSDOT DB contents?

    Answer: Yes

19. Is Q&A part of Contract Documents?

    Answer: No, the Questions and Answers are there to provide clarifications and identify mistakes or omissions. The clarifications do not change the intent of the contract, nor the requirements, nor the scope, nor the time frames etc. If the question warrants the Authority to make a change, the Authority will tell the proposers of the intended change and state "this will be corrected via on amendment.

20. Should we expect any directive drawings?

    Answer: No, but there is a possibility that the ITS elements at Interchange 35 <u>may</u> become directive.

21. Can you explain the Aesthetic treatments Requirements?

Answer: It is the Design-Builders choice on what to incorporate. Aesthetic enhancements are required on every bridge. Bridges within 10 miles of one another can use the same treatments. It's part of the technical review scoring.

22. Where do you want the treatments shown?

    Answer: On the 11"x17" drawings required to be submitted.

23. You do not want renderings?

    Answer: Good question and good point. The answer is no. It is part of the technical evaluation. Renderings could put more influence on the Aesthetic treatments rather than the technical solutions which we prefer to avoid.

24. Where do the ATCs fall in order of precedence?

    Answer: If an ATC is accepted and submitted as part of the proposal. It falls where the Part 9 Design-Builder's proposal falls in the order of precedence. Acceptance of an ATC means the Design-Builder provided an item or concept that the Authority believes provides equal or better solution then that described in the RFP. It is the Design-Builder's responsibility to ensure that the ATC does not violate other requirements of the RFP for which the Design-Builder would be required to meet. If the ATC violates another aspect of the RFP the Design-Builder has to address it under the original ATC submittal or submit a second ATC to address the other deviation. If the Design-Builder does not address the other deviation, the Design-Builder is still responsible to deliver on the requirements in the contract as stated.

25. On Page 1 of the ITP, Appendix C regarding Form R it states:
    H) Contact Information including the name, position, company, or agency and current telephone number and e-mail address for the contact person. Contact Information should be owners or clients for whom the individual has performed project work for in the past five (5) years and should not be current employers of the individual.

    Question: Some of the projects included on Form R will have been completed greater than five years ago, should this statement be revised to read:

    H) Contact Information including the name, position, company, or agency and current telephone number and e-mail address for the contact person. Contact Information should be owners or clients for whom the individual has performed project work and should not be current employers of the individual. The individual shall have performed some of the work required in the last five years.

    Answer: The wording does not need to be corrected. Actually, the wording will be adjusted in D) to read:

Relevant project experience including project names, locations and total construction costs; the individual's start and end dates on each project; the individual's role on each project; the duties performed on each project.

Contact information including the name, position, company or agency and current telephone number and e-mail address for the contact person. Contact information should be owners or clients for whom the individual has performed project work, and should not be current employers of the individual. The proposed key personnel individual shall have performed the work duties being evaluated, in the last 5 years.

(Section H) will be eliminated this will be done in the Final RFP.

26. On page 1 of ITP, Appendix C under C2.1 Key Personnel, Letter H states:

H) Contact Information including the name, position, company, or agency and current telephone number and e-mail address for the contact person. Contact Information should be owners or clients for whom the individual has performed project work for in the past five (5) years and should not be current employers of the individual.

<u>Question:</u> If the reference has since retired, or no longer works for the contact, should we still use the reference name (along with a notation of "retired" or "former employee") knowing that The Authority will determine how to obtain the information needed?

Answer: Yes, however it is not required to note "retired" or "former employee" because it is not the proposer's responsibility to track down that information. If the proposer knows of the status, it certainly saves time, but not required.