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Addendum # 1 Mystic Harbour WWTP Biosolids Upgrade Design, Bidding, Construction, & Inspection Phase Services

Date of Addendum: 1/13/25

NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS AND PLANHOLDERS
<p>The Proposal Documents for the above-referenced Project are modified as set forth in this Addendum. The original Proposal Documents and any previously issued addenda remain in full force and effect, except as modified by this Addendum, which is hereby made part of the Proposal Documents. Vendors will take this Addendum into consideration when preparing and submitting a Proposal and shall acknowledge receipt of this Addendum in the space provided in the Proposal Documents.</p>

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL DEADLINE
<p>The Proposal submittal time has been changed from 2:30pm on Wednesday, January 15, 2025 to 2:30pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2025.</p>

1.0 – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The following questions and answers are provided as a matter of information to clarify issues raised about the Proposal Documents.

Item	Questions and Answers
1.1	<p>Q. The RFP document includes Attachment C which includes provisions for the revolving loan program. Within these provisions are requirements for Prime Contractors to demonstrate six (6) Good Faith Efforts. The timeframe allowed for response to the County’s solicitation will make it difficult to allow Consultants to demonstrate that GFEs were made. Suggest Wor. Co. coordinate with MDE on the RFP response timeline and consider that it was issued during the holiday period and allow more time for proposal development.</p> <p>A. Proposals are now due on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 2:30pm.</p>
1.2	<p>Q. Section III.G.1 indicates that the Vendor shall pay all necessary permitting fees. Please confirm that this project will be exempt from all Worcester County permitting fees.</p> <p>A. This will be the responsibility of the successful vendor as permitting fees may be dependent on specific design.</p>
1.3	<p>Q. Will Worcester County handle advertising the construction bid package and pay any associated advertising costs?</p> <p>A. Yes.</p>
1.4	<p>Q. Section IV.D.1.c of the RFP indicates that as part of the Construction Phase Services, the Vendor must conduct on-site conformational survey of critical elevations and provide a flood elevation certificate. Please confirm that these services must be completed by a State of Maryland licensed professional surveyor.</p> <p>A. Yes</p>
1.5	<p>Q. The services for this RFP are to be provided under a lump sum price format. The effort associated with “Construction Phase Services” will be dependent on the duration of the construction contract. Are we to assume that the construction contract duration will be up to 15 months as is indicated on page 43 of the</p>

	<p>PER? This will be the period for which Construction Phase Services will be provided. It is understood that the basis for pricing the full-time inspection services is 9 months (time that contractor is mobilized on site).</p> <p>A. Yes, assume up to 15 months for Construction Phase Services.</p>
1.6	<p>Q. Please confirm that reimbursable costs in addition to the “Extended Prices” provided on the Form of Proposal will not be entertained by the County. Accordingly, the “Extended Prices” are to be inclusive of ALL costs to complete the work of the Vendor stipulated in the RFP.</p> <p>A. Confirmed</p>
1.7	<p>Q. Our experience with MDE funded projects is that it is difficult to obtain additional State funding for A/E services on projects which are impacted by matters such as weather delays where the Contractor is issued a non-compensatory time extension. Is the lump sum fee arrangement for Construction and Inspection Services in the best interest of the County or would an hourly rate contract with an estimated fee be better suited?</p> <p>A. The Form of Proposal specifies an extended price, not a lump sum, for Inspection Phase Services which will be determined based off of a construction duration of 9 months at the vendor’s Hourly Rate for Inspection and RPR Services. The extended price for Inspection Phase Services is intended to provide a total estimate for inspection work that will be used to compare bid prices between vendors. Inspection Phase Services will be paid out for the number of hours actually worked, not a lump sum.</p>
1.8	<p>Q. Can the County provide digital copies of as-built drawings to bidders?</p> <p>A. Yes, we are working on uploading these to our website.</p>
1.9	<p>Q. In lieu of as-built drawings, can we arrange another site visit to confirm existing conditions?</p> <p>A. Yes, please coordinate any site visit requests with Tony Fascelli (Water & Wastewater Superintendent) at 410-641-5251. Please be aware that any questions that arise during a site visit will need to be submitted in writing to the Procurement Officer.</p>
1.10	<p>Q. The Good Faith Efforts included in §33.301 include a suggested minimum 30-day solicitation for DBE solicitation. Can the deadline for the RFP response be extended to accommodate this requirement?</p> <p>A. Proposals are now due on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 2:30pm.</p>
1.11	<p>Q. Does the existing stormwater management system at the WWTP have capacity for the additional impervious area? Are the design calculations available?</p> <p>A. This will be the responsibility of the successful vendor to confirm. Design calculations are not available.</p>
1.12	<p>Q. Are the proposers required to advertise for minority and women owned business participation for a minimum of 30 days as indicated in Attachment C of the RFP?</p> <p>A. (Need MDE input) will be addressed in the next Addendum.</p>
1.13	<p>Q. To provide adequate time for minority and woman owned businesses to understand the project scope, their deliverables, and develop a reasonable bid, will the County consider extending the proposal due date?</p> <p>A. Proposals are now due on Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 2:30pm.</p>
1.14	<p>Q. Page 16 of the RFP states the scope of the design is to include “Replacement of the current rotatory drum screen equipment to eliminate constant fouling”. The Preliminary Engineering Report included in Attachment A of the RFP does not indicate a recommendation for the replacement screens. Conducting a screen evaluation as part of this project was mentioned during the pre-proposal walkthrough that would determine the replacement screens, hydraulics, space requirement, physical layout, etc. Would the County consider specifying what replacement screens and layout should be used by the proposers as the basis of design for the proposal?</p> <p>A. This will be the responsibility of the successful vendor to specify replacement screening equipment that is suitable for use with the new solids handling processes.</p>
1.15	<p>Q. Does the assurances for compliance with federal laws and regulations for water quality-treatment works and drinking water project form need to be submitted in our proposal, or separate?</p> <p>A. (Need MDE input) will be addressed in the next Addendum.</p>
1.16	<p>Q. Does the Access to Audit Records form need to be included in our submission / proposal or is it separate?</p> <p>A. (Need MDE input) will be addressed in the next Addendum.</p>
1.17	<p>Q. Are we to submit and include the MDE Required Forms at the end of our proposal?</p> <p>A. (Need MDE input) will be addressed in the next Addendum.</p>

1.18	<p>Q. Most of the Section III: GENERAL PROVISIONS are applicable to a Contractor performing Construction Work and not to a Design Professional providing professional engineering services. Are all of these General Provisions intended to be applicable for the engineering services envisioned under this RFP and, if not, will Worcester County consider removing the provisions that are only applicable to Construction Work?</p> <p>A. The requested edits should be submitted as a question and then the county can indicate if they are agreed upon or not.</p>
1.19	<p>Q. Is Worcester County open to selective edits to the terms contained in Exhibit A, Worcester County Standard Terms and Conditions to make it more in line with our E&O insurance?</p> <p>A. The requested edits should be submitted as a question and then the county can indicate if they are agreed upon or not.</p>
1.20	<p>Q. Is 60% design submission required? Section IV, F. PROPOSAL CONTENT.i. Schedule of completion listed 30%, 60% 90% and 100% Design phase, “HOWEVER; 60% design phase” is not listed in Section IV, PHASE SERVICES.viii</p> <p>A. Yes, a 60% design submission is required.</p>

END OF ADDENDUM