



CENTRAL AVENUE STREETScape AND
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Questions and Responses

This document includes relevant questions from perspective DB teams and the City's responses. No attribution will be provided and questions may be edited or combined for the sake of clarity or convenience. The emphasis in the RFQ phase is on bidder qualifications. Revised plans and RFP will be provided to teams that are placed on the Reduced Candidate's Lists (RCL). So perspective DB team technical questions may not be addressed in detail at this time.

1. Date Friday January 24, 2014

Question: Is there a category code that perspective DB teams must be prequalified in order to submit the SOQ for the RFQ?

Response: No prequalification will be required for perspective DB team SOQ responses to the RFQ. Prequalification will be required for the Technical Proposal submittal as noted in the RFQ on page 9 Section B.c. As noted on page 31 of the RFQ three prequalifications will be required as of the date of the Technical Proposal response. As a reminder, only those perspective DB teams that are selected for the Reduced Candidates List following the SOQ evaluations will be submitting Technical Proposals.

2. Date Friday January 24, 2014

Question: There is already road work occurring within the area. How does this work impact the project?

Response: There are and will be other work in the area. One project is the currently under construction Central Avenue – Phase I (TR08310). The project website – see the section “Future and Concurrent Designs By others” shows some related projects. These are not necessarily the most recent documents and are for information only. TR08310 does include some underground structural work that extends south to Eastern Avenue.

3. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: How confidential will ATCs be treated? For example Pages 2 and 3 of the RFQ reference the ATC process, but does not note if ATC information will be distributed to the RCL. Page 7 (last paragraph) of the RFQ, Section B.a. allows the City to use this information.

Response: The ATC process is only applicable to teams that are selected for the Reduced Candidate List. ATCs shall remain confidential for any DB team that elects not to accept a stipend. Otherwise, the City may share ATC information with any team on the Competitive Range during “discussions”, which may or may not be held or with the selected DB team after award.

As provided in the draft RFP, Page 154, Section 2.08.02.11, ATC Confidentiality: “ATCs properly submitted by a Proposer and all subsequent communications regarding its ATCs will be considered confidential. If a Proposer wishes to make any announcement or disclosure to third parties concerning any ATC, it shall first notify Baltimore City in



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writing of its intent to take such action, including details as to date and participants, and obtain Baltimore City's prior approval to do so." The RFQ, last paragraph of page 7 (section B.a.) also states: "NOTE: All materials, conferences, proposals and other matters related to this PROJECT shall remain confidential until the contract is executed with the successful DB Team. However, Baltimore City reserves the right to use the knowledge and good ideas of any DB Team in discussions with the successful DB Team, except from DB Teams that elect not to accept a stipend payment."

4. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Must the entire DB Team be identified and prequalified by the City prior to submission of SOQs?

Response: *No. Prequalification of firms by the City is not required for SOQ submittals. Specifically what is required is stated on Page 9 (first paragraph) of the RFQ, Section B.c. : "At a minimum, the Principal Participant(s) and all named design firms and design sub consultants shall be prequalified as of the Technical Proposal submission date. Provided that all member firms of a joint venture are individually prequalified, the joint venture entity is not required to be pre-qualified."*

The City will select DB teams for the Reduced Candidate List based largely on the firms and personnel identified in the SOQs. Any firm or personnel revision or substitution after the SOQ must be approved by the City and in accordance with Section A.f. on Page 5 of the RFQ. Other firms and personnel may be identified by DB teams after SOQs.

5. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Can more information be provided regarding schedules than what is on Page 25, Section H of the RFQ?

Response: *Yes, the following tentative dates are provided below. Final dates will be provided after the City selects teams for the RCL :*

Step	Duration	Description
Precursor to A	4/22/14 per RFQ	City Selects RCL
Precursor to A	Not yet completed	NEPA and R/W certifications obtained
Precursor to A	Not yet completed	Final Approval of Technical Documents
A	See above	City Issues final RFP to RCL
B	Step A + ½ month	ATCs Due
C	Step A + 1 month	Questions Due to the City
D	Step A + 1.5 months	City Issues Addendum (if applicable)
E	Step A + 2 months	Technical and Price Proposals Due to the City
F	Step E + 1.5 months	City Selects Apparent DB Team
G	Step F + 3 months	City issues Awards and issues NTP to DB Team



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H	Step G + 1.25 years	Bridge Open to Traffic
I	Step G + 5 years	Construction Complete

6. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Can the required forms (BC-1, BC-2, BC-3, and BC Form A (RFQ) that are provided on the website in Microsoft Excel and Adobe PDF formats also be provided in Microsoft Word?

Response: No. Forms BC-1, BC-2, BC-3 will not be provided in additional formats. DB Teams may convert or recreate these forms in other electronic forms. However the hard copy versions submitted with their SOQ's must comply with the font, margin, and other requirements as required in the RFQ, Page 21, Section D. Also, DB teams do not submit BC-Form A, the City will fill this out.

7. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Is a subcontract or teaming agreement between the lead design firm and lead construction firm considered an acceptable legal entity for the purposes of a Major Participant with the lead constructor firm as required on Pages 13 and 14 of the RFQ, Section C.a?

Response: Yes, subject to full compliance with the legal, signatory, financial, and all other RFQ and RFP requirements.

8. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: May a DB team unite more than one major contractor and/or major design firm without forming a Joint Venture?

Response: Yes, except the legal entity that will be a signatory on the SOQ Cover letter and the Design-Build contract with Baltimore City must be a Major Participant. There can be more than one constructor and one design firm identified in the Cover Letter.

9. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: May a DB team that consists of more than one major contractor and/or major design firm submit additional Form BC-2s?

Response: No. The page limits and other requirements of the RFQ in Section C must be met. The BC-2 forms may be split between more than one lead design and one lead constructor firms in their respective sections.

10. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Please clarify the design portion of the DBE goal. Is this in addition or a component of the overall DBE goal? Would the City consider setting the DBE participation for professional services as a percentage of the design fees instead of the contract?

Additionally, please clarify if geotechnical services, design and borings are considered part of



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professional services.

Response: *DBE goals must adhere to those on pages 24 and 25, Section G of the RFQ. The total DBE goal for both design and construction is 30%. The professional design service DBE participation goal of 2% of the total contract, which is included as part of the 30% DBE participation minimum for the entire contract. Professional design fees may include geotechnical and borings.*

11. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Where in the SOQ is Form BC-1 to be placed and does this form count towards the page limit for this section?

Response: *The form is required and may be placed anywhere in a DB team's SOQ as long as it is included. The form does not count towards the page limit of any section.*

12. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: On Form BC-2, should the row towards the bottom, above the "Address" box be labelled "Contact" Name, as opposed to Contract Name?

Response: *Yes, this revision will be issued as an addendum.*

13. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Do the various required attachments such as proof of insurance, surety letters, teaming agreements/contracts, etc. count towards the overall five page limit as provided on Page 18, Section C.b.V. of the RFQ?

Response: *No these are not included as part of the five page limit. They can also be placed in an SOQ appendix.*

14. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Can you please clarify what license or certification information is to be included in the Cover letter for the members of the Design Team?

Response: *At a minimum this includes a currently active Maryland Professional Engineering (PE) license for the lead design firm.*

15. Date Tuesday March 4, 2014

Question: Can the City provide a list of contractors and consultants who will bid on this project either as lead or sub consultant firms?

Response: *No. The project has been advertised publicly through eMaryland Marketplace and local newspapers and the contract documents have been placed on the City website, which does not track who visits, views, or downloads any document.*

16. Date Friday March 21, 2014

Question: How can DB Teams acknowledge and comply with Addendum 1?



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Response: Addendum 1 consisted entirely of clarifications and policy updates for perspective DB Teams. The only revision to be incorporated into the SOQs being provided by the perspective DB Teams is that Form BC-2 should have the revision of "Contract" changed to "Contact" name as noted in Addendum 1 and above as Question and Response # 12 dated March 4, 2014.

17. Date Friday March 21, 2014

Question: Where are the documents referenced on Page 11 of the RFQ Section B.d.i.ii.1)

Pass/Fail Factors: "BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT" portion of the "PROPOSAL FORM PACKET – FEDERAL" Section O "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT" and the "COMPREHENSIVE SIGNATURE PAGES 2 OF 2" that must be submitted with the SOQ?

Response: The "BID/PROPOSAL AFFIDAVIT" begins on page 1080 of the draft RFP that was provided. Section O "ACKNOWLEDGEMENT" is on page 1088 and "COMPREHENSIVE SIGNATURE PAGE 2 of 2" is on page 1090 of the draft RFP.

18. Date Friday March 21, 2014

Question: Is a cost estimate available for the perspective DB Teams?

Response: The only cost information being provided is on page 2 of the RFQ near the bottom where it states "The construction price estimated for this PROJECT is in the range of \$30 to \$40 million".