

Port of Gulfport Restoration Program

Electrical Engineering Services Procurement 09-014

Questions Received as of January 24, 2010

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ANY CHANGES TO ANSWERS PREVIOUSLY POSTED ARE INDICATED IN BOLD RED TEXT.

Questions Received prior to the Pre-Submittal Meeting

None

Questions Received during the Pre-Submittal Meeting

If you asked a question during the Pre-Submittal meeting that is not here, or is not correctly stated, please submit promptly in writing by email.

1. I did not see the amount for the errors and omissions insurance in the standard agreement. Can you provide?

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS COVERAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000,000 IS REQUIRED.

2. Is there a distance requirement or limit?

NO, BUT THE USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES, AS WELL AS LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, IS A BENEFIT. ALSO THE REDUCTION OF TRAVEL COSTS WILL BE CONSIDERED POSITIVELY.

3. Does a local office count as a local business?

NO, UNLESS IT IS THE CORPORATE OR HEAD OFFICE AS DESCRIBED IN THE RFQ.

4. How much do presentations count for?

IF AN INTERVIEW IS HELD, IT WILL NOT HAVE A NUMERICAL WEIGHT. HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION PRESENTED WILL BE USED BY THE SELECTION COMMITTEE IN MAKING THEIR DECISION.

5. Will contracts be awarded to multiple firms?

IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT CURRENTLY IT IS PLANNED TO AWARD ONE CONTRACT TO A SINGLE FIRM.

6. If additional contracts are awarded, will a separate RFQ be issued?

NO. IT WILL BE AWARDED TO A FIRM THAT HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED.

7. Can a DBE submit as a prime?

YES.

8. If a DBE submits as a prime, can his subs also be minority contractors?

YES, BUT NOT REQUIRED.

9. Will a list of pre-submittal attendees be provided?

NO. A LIST OF RFQ HOLDERS IS POSTED ON THE PORT OF THE FUTURE WEBSITE.

10. Is a list of MBE firms available from the Port?

NO. THERE ARE PROFESSIONAL AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY MINORITY BUSINESS DIVISION, THE MISSISSIPPI MINORITY CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION, OR THE MISSISSIPPI MINORITY BUSINESS CENTER, THAT CAN PROVIDE ASSISTANCE.

11. How much power is needed?

THAT WILL BE DETERMINED DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE WORK, AS PART OF THE SCOPE OF THE SELECTEE.

12. Will civil construction capability be required?

PROBABLY, BUT LIMITED TO HOUSING FOR ELECTRICAL AND COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT.

13. Is the Guideline for Professional Services available?

NO. IT WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE SELECTED FIRM.

Questions Received after the Pre-Submittal Meetings

14. How is the Port enforcing a prime to utilize the minority companies they list on their team, so they're actually doing what they say and not just listing the firm to acquire local, minority-owned criteria points?

A PRIMARY WAY IS THROUGH THE PORT OF GULFPORT RESTORATION SUBCONTRACTING AND MENTORING PLAN WHICH ALL SELECTED FIRMS MUST ADHERE TO. IT REQUIRES PROVIDING SUBCONTRACTING PLANS AND MENTOR-PROTÉGÉ CHARTERING AGREEMENTS, AND REPORTING ACTUAL LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION BY SUBCONTRACTORS.

15. Does the Port Selection Team look unfavorably on two primes using the same subcontractor? More specifically, a sub is concerned about teaming up with two separate primes.

NO. A SUB MAY TEAM UP WITH MORE THAN ONE PRIME.

16. Under 'Submittal Content', bullet 3, you mention experience with dredging and fill. As we are limited to 25 pages, I would prefer not to include material not related to electrical

services unless this is indeed intended to be part of the RFQ. I suspect it may be something left from another RFQ.

THIS IS A STANDARD PHRASE FOR ALL RFQS. THE INTENT OF PARAGRAPH #3 IS INDICATED IN THE FIRST SENTENCE. THE SCOPE OF SERVICES DEFINES THE ELECTRICAL POWER SERVICES REQUIRED. EXPERIENCE SHOULD RELATE TO MARINE OR PORT FACILITIES. NO DREDGING OR FILL WORK IS REQUIRED IN THE SOW.

17. May a prime request another firm who has previously qualified on a separate RFP to be their subcontractor?

YES.

18. We would like to use our corporate resume forms for our submission, is this acceptable?

YES, AS LONG AS YOU MEET THE SUBMITTAL PAGE LIMITATION AND THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IS PROVIDED.

19. What are the single/aggregate requirement for Errors and Omissions insurance?

PLEASE SEE THE ANSWER TO QUESTION NUMBER 1.

20. Is there an estimated quantity of new facilities proposed to be built at the port? If so, have they been quantified in terms of: a. Building type? b. Proposed SQFT?

NO.

21. Has a planning consultant (under a separate contract) proposed a long-term plan in which the location of the port's substation been proposed?

NO.

22. Our team is familiar with Federal Design guidelines, however on page seven of the RFQ list the minimum requirements for Standards of Design. We have not been successful in finding the document titled Guideline for Engineering Professional Services for the State Port of Mississippi at Gulfport. Is there a website where we can procure this document?

NO. PLEASE SEE THE ANSWER TO QUESTION NUMBER 13.

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