

Port of Gulfport Restoration Program

Rail Operations Planning and Infrastructure Development Services Procurement 09-011

Dredging Design and Services Procurement 09-012

General Utility Engineering Procurement 09-013

Questions Received as of October 29, 2009

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

Questions Received prior to the Pre-Submittal Meeting

1. The subject three separate RFP's have the same pre-submittal meeting requirements. Is it your intention to cover all three at the same time?

WE PLAN TO HOLD 3 SEPARATE PROPOSAL MEETINGS USING MICROSOFT OFFICE LIVE MEETING. THE MEETINGS ON OCTOBER 14 WILL BE 1:00 P.M. – GENERAL UTILITY ENGINEERING; 2:15 P.M. – DREDGING DESIGN AND SERVICES; AND 3:30 P.M. – RAIL OPERATIONS AND PLANNING SERVICES. REQUEST YOU SIGN UP FOR THE TIME THE RFQ YOU ARE INTERESTED IN IS PRESENTED. HOWEVER THE INFORMATION PROVIDED WILL BE THE SAME; THEREFORE, IT IS NOT NECESSARY TO ATTEND MULTIPLE SESSIONS EVEN IF YOU ARE PROPOSING ON MORE THAN ONE RFQ.

2. Also each RFP has a statement that Joint Ventures will not be considered for selection. Can you explain your interpretation of a Joint Venture and also if it applies to a teaming arrangement where one consultant is the prime or lead?

JOINT VENTURES WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED; HOWEVER, A TEAM WITH ONE FIRM AS THE PRIME WITH ONE OR MORE SUBCONTRACTORS IS PERFECTLY ACCEPTABLE.

3. Are previously submitted request for qualifications related to the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport program available for public review? Can we get a copy of the other firm's submission (preferably all the shortlisted firms)? I greatly appreciate your consideration of this matter.

PREVIOUS FIRM'S SUBMITTALS ARE PROCUREMENT SENSITIVE MATERIAL AND MAY CONTAIN PROPRIETARY INFORMATION FOR THE INDIVIDUAL FIRMS. THEREFORE THE PROPOSALS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR RELEASE TO THE PUBLIC. WE ARE INTERESTED IN

SEEING YOUR FIRM'S QUALIFICATIONS AND ABILITY TO ADDRESS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE RFQ.

4. Will dredging firms that submit on this RFP be prohibited from performing any future dredging work due to perceived conflict of interest or insider knowledge concerns?

THE SELECTED FIRM FOR THE DREDGING DESIGN WILL BE PROHIBITED FROM PERFORMING THE DREDGING WORK. ALL OTHER FIRMS SUBMITTING CAN COMPETE FOR FUTURE WORK.

Questions Received during the Pre-Submittal Meetings

5. Will the presentation materials be distributed?

YES, THEY WILL BE POSTED ON THE PORT OF THE FUTURE WEB SITE.

6. Is there a prohibition on being a prime and a sub on another team for the same solicitation?

NO, YOU CAN PARTICIPATE AS MANY TIMES AS YOU DESIRE.

7. Is there a specific percentage for primes to perform on the contract?

NO. WE EXPECT THAT IF YOU ARE MENTORING TO A SMALL BUSINESS THAT THEY WILL HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ROLE AND MENTORING PLAN.

8. How many IDIQ contracts are being awarded through this procurement?

CURRENTLY 3 ARE ON THE STREET. THE ENTIRE PROJECT IS DIVIDED INTO 15 PACKAGES.

9. Will a list of the attendees of the conference call be posted?

NO. BUT A LIST OF ALL REQUESTERS OF EACH RFQ WILL BE POSTED.

10. Will any firm selected to do the design work be able to participate in CA services?

WE DO NOT PLAN TO HAVE AN RFQ FOR CA SERVICES. THESE RFQS ARE FOR DESIGN SERVICES.

Questions Received after the Pre-Submittal Meetings

11. I had one question on the MSPA proposals. Is there a specific form that needs to be used in replying to the solicitation?

NO, THERE IS NOT A SPECIFIC FORM; IT IS UP TO YOUR FIRM AS TO HOW THE REQUESTED ITEMS OF THE RFQ ARE ADDRESSED.

12. Will any firm selected to do the railroad operations planning design work be precluded from doing any follow-on work on (A) railroad design/construction or (B) any other of the design/construction packages?

ANY FIRM DOING DESIGN WORK IS PRECLUDED FROM BIDDING/COMPETING ON FOLLOW ON CONSTRUCTION RELATED TO THEIR DESIGN.

13. Can we add an attachments section to the proposal that would be excluded from the 25 page limit? We would like to include copies of applicable documentation such as DBE certificates, licenses and TWIC cards.

NO, ALL ATTACHMENTS COUNT TOWARDS THE 25 PAGE LIMIT. A LIST OF CERTIFICATES, LICENSES, ETC IS ACCEPTABLE.

14. Are proposed hourly rates required for subcontractors?

YES, IF A SUBCONTRACTOR HAS A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN CONTRACT PERFORMANCE (GREATER THAN 10%).

15. Do tabs count toward the proposal page count?

IF THE TAB IS BLANK OR HAS NOTHING BUT A TITLE AND HAS NO PAGE NUMBER, NO.

16. The Contract Requirements Scope of Work includes "navigation planning and studies." Will the planning studies include economic benefit justification analysis for channel deepening?

NO.

17. On the MSPA's conceptual design there are barrier islands located to the east and west of the port's expanded terminal. Are these islands to be constructed during the dredging phase of the project?

THOSE BARRIER ISLANDS WERE SHOWN FOR ARTISTIC ILLUSTRATION ONLY; THERE ARE NO PLANS TO CONSTRUCT BARRIER ISLANDS AS PART OF THE RESTORATION PROGRAM.

18. Does the reference to navigation planning and studies conforming to USACE and USCG standards to assure navigation safety, include modeling and ship simulation studies?

IT MAY, IF REQUIRED. IF A TEAM HAS THAT CAPABILITY, IT SHOULD BE NOTED IN THEIR RESPONSE.

19. Is the dredging design of the Gulfport Channel (recreational and circulation channel between the proposed port and shoreline) included within this proposed contract?

NO.

20. Will this contract include sediment sampling and characterization? Or will this be performed under the Environmental Services contract?

THERE WILL BE SEDIMENT SAMPLING AND CHARACTERIZATION PERFORMED UNDER OTHER CONTRACTS, INCLUDING THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT, AND THE RESULTS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE SELECTEE. IF ADDITIONAL SAMPLING

AND CHARACTERIZATION IS REQUIRED, THAT MAY BE MADE PART OF A TASK ORDER UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

21. The DMMP is mentioned in both the Environmental Services and the Dredging Design and Services RFQs. Under which contract will the document be completed? Will both contracts contribute data for the final DMMP?

THE DMMP WILL BE COMPLETED UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACT. ANY DATA DEVELOPED UNDER ONE CONTRACT CAN BE USED BY OTHER CONTRACTORS IN THE RESTORATION PROGRAM.

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