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ADDENDUM #4

RFQ 22-41-1514

**Fowler WRF Return Flow to Lake Lanier
Engineering and Design Services
American Rescue Plan Act-State Fiscal Recovery Fund
Water and Sewer Infrastructure
Grant GA-000846**

For: Request for Qualifications for engineering and design services of the Fowler WRF Return Flow to Lake Lanier project.

This addendum supersedes and supplements all portions of the RFQ documents and becomes part of the solicitation documents for the above-referenced project.

Where any item called for in the scope of work is supplemented hereby, the original requirements shall remain in effect.

Where any original item is amended, voided, or superseded hereby, the provision of such item not so specifically amended, voided, or superseded shall remain in effect.

Questions/Answer:

- 1) On Page 10, Section 2.3.4 Proposal Preparation, RFQ states that “A table of contents, with corresponding tabs, must be included to identify each section,” as well as to limit the proposal to no more than thirty (30) pages. Section 2.3.5 Evaluation Criteria, 2c Project Team, goes on to specify that resumes are not included in the page count. What other information is not included in the page count? Are a cover page, table of contents, section tabs, cover letter, required Forsyth County forms, and back cover included in the 30-page limit?

Answer: The Cover page, table of contents, section tabs, cover letter, required Forsyth County forms, and back cover will not count towards the page limit.

- 2) On Page 10, Section 2.3.4 Proposal Preparation, RFQ states that a minimum 11-point font size be used. May a smaller font size be used for photo captions, charts, graphics, and tables?

Answer: Yes, but not less than 9-point font.

- 3) Referring to page 6, second paragraph and page 14, 4.3 General Insurance Requirements: Is evidence of insurability to be submitted with the statement of qualifications due June 16th or upon award?

Answer: Insurance requirements included in Section 4.3 shall be provided once a contract is awarded. They do not have to be submitted as part of this RFQ.

- 4) Will the required forms/addenda, table of contents, tabs, and cover letter count towards the page limit?

Answer: Required forms/addenda, table of contents, tabs, and cover letter will not count towards the page limit.

- 5) Are the required forms to be completed by the prime consultant only or by both the prime firm and subconsultants?

Answer: The required forms shall be completed by the prime consultant and subconsultants.

- 6) Please define the scope of work that will be completed by the County's geotechnical on-call consultant and the roll of the designer's geotechnical/tunnel engineers?

Answer: The County's geotechnical contractor will only be responsible for taking borings and materials testing during the project. Initial scope of work will be defined by the County and the Owner's Advisor (ESG Engineering). The selected design engineer shall use the collected data to make design decisions and can also request additional borings or other information, as needed.

- 7) Who will be providing geotechnical and tunneling recommendations to the design team? The on-call contractor or the designer's geotechnical/tunnel engineers?

Answer: The design team shall develop their own design approach and analysis / interpretation of the geotechnical data.

- 8) What deliverable will the County's geotechnical on-call consultant providing the design team?

Answer: The geotechnical consultant will provide a summary report and boring logs for the borings taken.

- 9) Will the designers have input to the subsurface exploration and laboratory testing program?

Answer: The design team shall have the ability to direct the acquisition of additional geotechnical information gathering after reviewing the initial information.

- 10) Is the alignment and profile set to begin the subsurface exploration program or will the field work be conducted in phases?

Answer: The alignment is currently being determined and initial geotechnical work will be conducted to determine the feasibility of the initial route and conditions especially near the lake entry location to understand installation method and cost. Additional field work can be conducted as needed.

11) Does the County's geotechnical on-call consultant have the capability to conduct highly specialized tunnel testing?

Answer: There are several prequalified geotechnical contractors for the County, if the capability is not available it can be sourced from a specialty firm. This capability does not need to be included in the designer's qualifications submittal as this is a detail related to the design scope to be determined on award.

12) What permits will be required to have in place prior to construction?

Answer: Forsyth County land disturbance permits will be required, and GUPS permits for GDOT right-of-way encroachments. Again, this is not needed to be discussed in the Qualifications submission.

13) Design of the diffuser:

- a) Is the diffuser anticipated to be a trenchless installation? **Answer:** Yes.
- b) Will geotechnical borings be obtained for this part of the work under the separate geotechnical contract or by the pipeline designer? **Answer:** Through County Geotechnical Contractor
- c) Similar to the trenchless crossings, is this aspect of the work part of the scope for the pipeline designer or the separate geotechnical contractor? **Answer:** Pipeline designer.
- d) Will bathymetric survey be provided? **Answer:** Yes.
- e) Will marine borings be obtained? **Answer:** To be determined.
- f) Does the pipeline designer have the ability to provide input to the geotechnical investigation and testing for this part of the work? **Answer:** Yes.

End of Addendum #4