

## **REVISED**

### **RFQ**

## **The Regional Economic Adjustment Plan for Building Disaster Resilient Communities 2009**

### **Questions and Answers :**

#### **Dannenbaum Engineering Company-McAllen LLC**

**Cynthia Luera**

Q- If possible, we would like to obtain a copy of the grant proposal?

**A- The grant proposal will be posted on the web site as a pdf.**

Q- Can you confirm the selection committee members?

**A- Sonia Lambert, Carlos Ayala, Alan Moore, Sunny Phillips, Don Medina  
Troy Allen, Paul Greenhill, Godfrey Garza and Reyna Guerra.**

Q- Will the selection committee members, also, interview the short listed firms or will the interviews be in front of the LRGVWA and LRGVDC?

**A- The short listed firms will be interviewed only by the Building Disaster ` Resilient Communities (BDRS) committee.**

Q- We understand that there are no page limits for the proposal which could lead to very lengthy submittals. Is the selection committee going to revisit this item or should we move forward with the no page limitation?

**A- 15 to 20 pages limit executive summary, your response can be as long as you need, however your executive summary must be no longer than 20 pages.**

**Eric Davila**

Q- The Evaluation Matrix on page 10 lists "RESPONSE TO RESOURCE UTILIZATION" as a criteria for evaluation. We understand it as the reviewers are interested in the proposed budget and percent of time allocation of key staff experience. Is this conclusion correct?

**A- Yes**

**AECOM**

**Alan J. Potok, PE**

Q- Can you please confirm in writing that the requirement for a Performance Bond has been deleted and that Errors and Omissions insurance or self insurance will take its place?

**A- It will be confirmed with an addendum.**

Q- It occurred to me I have not seen an actual map of the study area. Four Counties are referenced, but I am not sure the entire counties are included. Can you please clarify or provide a map?

**A- There are no maps available in detail for that purpose, however there is a link to the Texas Natural Resources Information System (TNRIS), please follow the link <http://www.tnr.state.tx.us/news.aspx?id=1246> and use the information as a guide.**

**S&B Infrastructure, Ltd.**

**Alma Walzer**

Q- Can you please state the DBE requirements for this proposal? What exactly is required?

The RFQ states that the utilization of DBEs is to be “at least to the extent required for contracts.” The meeting notes from the Pre-Proposal Conference indicate that firms should “make every effort to use DBEs and HUBs.”

So what exactly is the DBE requirement? And is there a HUB commitment as well? Please explain.

**A- We expect 10% minimum participation on either.**

Q- Also, as the RFQ requests information on a Performance Bond, yet at the Pre-Proposal Conference it was noted by Chair Sonia Lambert that this item should be struck from the RFQ, as it pertains to the construction phase of projects. To date, there has not been an addendum issued by your office which strikes this item.

Will there be an addendum issued which addresses this? And if so, when will the addendum be issued?

**A- it will be confirmed with an addendum.**

**HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC**

**Hattie Peterson**

Q- Regarding Response (a) General Requirements, i.e, f (page 7): Does the assurances requirement concerning lawsuits apply to all members of the team, or prime only?

**A- Prime only**

Q- Can you elaborate on the term “assignment of risk”, found on page 8, regarding Response (b) Project Plan, i., a?

**A- Applies to prime contractor.**

Q- At the Pre Proposal Meeting, the question was raised as to whether it would be necessary for the Proposers to provide Payment and Performance Bonds with the proposal since these documents are generally issued when a Construction contracts. There was some discussion at the meeting and it was determined that the Lower Rio Grande valley Development Council would follow up with this item "at a later date". We just wanted to verify if payment and performance bonds are required and if so, at what stage in the process will they be required?

**A- They will be removed and confirmed with an addendum.**

Q- The Minutes from the September 11, 2009 Pre Proposal Meeting indicate that presentations will occur between 9/06/09 and 9/16/09. Please confirm that the proposed dates for presentations will be sometime between October 6, 2009 to October 16, 2009.

**A- It is fixed, please refer to the web site “Revised Minutes of the Pre-Bid Conference (9/11/09)”**