

Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFQ) C2002

PHASE 2B ALIGNMENT DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT

RFQ Issued November 8, 2017

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS MATRIX 1

This matrix is provided pursuant to Section 3.4 of the RFQ.

#	RFQ Section	Question/Clarification/Comment	Response
1.	§3.3 Conflicts of Interest	Section 3.3 states "Proposers and each member of their Teams must complete the form entitled 'Organizational Conflicts of Interest Disclosure Statement' (Attachment C)." Please advise who is to complete Attachment C.	Only the Proposer is required to provide Attachment C on behalf of its entire Team. This will be clarified in a subsequent addendum to the RFQ.
2.	§3.8 Anticipated SCRRA Requirements for Design Firm	Given the current number of potential Proposers, having three pre-selected firms for this important scope creates an unfair competitive environment, as some of these firms are either not interested or are exclusively committed to certain Proposers. Please revise the RFQ to state that these firms cannot be exclusive to any Proposer at this stage of the procurement.	A subsequent addendum to the RFQ will state that the three pre-selected firms cannot be exclusive to any Proposer.
3.	§5 SOQ Submittal Requirements	The first paragraph states that "an SOQ shall only include the qualifications of legal entities which, or individuals who, are included as part of the Team." We request that the Authority also allow the qualifications and experience of "Affiliates," which is defined in the RFQ as the "the parent company and its subsidiary companies." Many large design and construction companies that perform projects of this scope and complexity typically have separate legal entities that perform work in certain geographical areas due to legal, tax, or other considerations. Therefore, limiting the qualifications solely to the legal entity who will be bidding this Project does not allow Proposers to present the full qualifications and resources available to the Authority that are relevant to this Project.	A subsequent addendum to the RFQ will allow the Proposer to include the technical experience of an Affiliate of a legal entity included as part of the Team provided that the Proposer provides a satisfactory and detailed explanation stating how the experience will be directly transferred to the individuals included as part of the Team.

4.	§5.5 (a) Letter of Interest	The letter of interest requires the signature of the person(s) authorized to submit the SOQ on behalf of the Proposer, but the RFQ does not indicate where documentation of that authorization should be provided. Please confirm it should be provided with the Letter of Interest.	The Proposer is not required to submit its evidence of authorization.
5.	§5.5 (c) and Form D	Section 5.5(c) and Form D present contradictory information regarding the time frame for experience on comparable projects.	A subsequent addendum to the RFQ will clarify that the time frame should be 7 years.
6.	§5.5(c)	Section 5.5 (c) states that the Proposer and each Team member must include its two most recent rail projects in Form D (including those currently under construction that are at least 50% complete). If a Team Member's scope on a project is Design only or Construction only, please confirm that the 50% complete applies to the status of their scope.	A subsequent addendum to the RFQ will clarify that it is 50% for the Proposer's scope and 50% for each Team member's particular scope.
7.	§6. Submittal Details – Volume One	Section 6 <u>Volume 1</u> states that "No font size shall be less than 11 point." Can smaller fonts be included for elements other than narrative text such as graphics, flow charts, organization charts, and tables?	A subsequent addendum to the RFQ will clarify that fonts smaller than 11 may be used for non-narrative elements, as long as legible.
8.	Forms and Attachments	Can the Authority supply the various Forms and Attachments in native format (MS Word) so that they don't have to be re-created by the Proposer?	Yes. These will be posted to the Authority's website.
9.	Forms and Attachments	If additional addendums are published, as long as the forms themselves do not change (apart from the form's footer), can Proposer use the original forms from the RFQ?	Yes.
10.	Forms and Attachments	If the Proposer needs additional space on Form D to further expand on a project, can the Proposer extend the length beyond 2 pages?	Yes. This will be clarified in a subsequent addendum to the RFQ.
11.	Forms and Attachments	Can you please clarify the section reference in Section 6(iv)?	Section 6(iv) will be revised in a subsequent addendum to the RFQ to read: "(iv) copies of safety awards as set forth in <u>Section 5.1(i)(3)</u> "
12.	Appendix 2	With the CCIP anticipated for this project, can a project specific insurance program be placed by and on behalf of the Design-Builder?	The Authority currently anticipates a project-specific CCIP. The insurance requirements for the project, however, will be set forth in the RFP.