



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Sustainability

RFP Title: Public Street Improvements – Design and Engineering Services (2-year contract)

Opening Date: 01/29/2024

Addendum #: 1

Issue Date: 12/18/2023

The purpose of this addendum is to extend Due Date & Response to Bidder Questions



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RFP Addendum 1: Due Date Extension & Response to Bidder Questions
Public Street Improvements – Design and Engineering Services (2-year contract)

MT ID Number: 43589

Date to be opened: 1/29/2024 at 2:15 p.m.
(extended from 1/16/2024)

The following are the City's responses to questions asked at this RFP's pre-bid conference on January 3, 2024 and/or emailed to the City before the question submission deadline on January 3, 2024. Please note that this addendum must be signed and included with your proposal package.

1. How should a firm proceed if they are not a state-certified Woman or Minority Business Enterprise (W/MBE)?

A: The City has a goal of procuring at least 20% of its services from W/MBEs. This can be achieved in two ways - (1) the bidder is a state-certified W/MBE, or (2) the bidder subcontracts at least 20% of the contract to W/MBEs. A bidder that will not achieve the 20% W/MBE goal must submit an approved W/MBE waiver with its proposal. A waiver can be requested from the City's W/MBE Outreach Coordinator, Grace Dias (gdiaz@providenceri.gov). W/MBE instructions and forms are included on pages 11-12 of the RFP.

2. Please clarify the expectations for the Project Timeline

A: The project should be completed by January 31, 2025.

3. Permitting specifically mentions CRMC, EPA, DEM. Have you considered whether Army Corps permitting will be necessary given the inclusion of the pier as part of the project?

A: We have not discussed the need for Army Corps permitting to date. Bidders should add Army Corps coordination to the Scope-of-Work's pre-design coordination section. This would

include initial conversations with the agency regarding the necessity of a permit and, based on those conversations, the potential of preparing and securing a permit.

4. If Army Corps permitting is required, would it fall under the current budget?

A: The City has \$175,000 secured for design and permitting. While, additional funding may become available if pending grant applications are awarded. Bids under this RFP should assume the budget will be capped at \$175,000.

5. If the Army Corps permitting process ends up extending beyond the project timeline of January 31, 2025, would the City be open to changing its project schedule or moving the pier portion of the project on a different schedule than the roadway portion of the project?

A: The awarded bidder will be expected to prioritize getting permit applications into relevant regulators as quickly as possible to avoid schedule delays. With that said, the City recognizes that permitting timelines are unpredictable and out of the control of the City/vendor once the application is submitted. As such, a delay in permit approvals could impact the overall project schedule. Where practical, the City's preference would be for the permitted portions of the project to move forward on a parallel track to the unpermitted portions. For example, the roadway portion could move forward to construction while the City and vendor await permit approvals for the dock.

6. Given the number of moving parts associated with this project and the release of the RFP near the holidays, can the City extend the deadline 1 - 2 weeks?

A: The City will extend the bid submission deadline to January 29, 2024.

Authorized Bidder Representative Name: _____

Authorized Bidder Representative Title: _____

Authorized Bidder Representative Signature: _____