



CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

**Department: Planning & Development**

**RFP Title: Providence Illumination Plan**

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**Addendum #: 2**

**Issue Date: 02/21/2024**

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**Bid Addendum #2**  
**Providence Illumination Plan**  
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## ADDENDUM NO. 2 Providence Illumination Plan

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The information, clarifications and revisions contained in this addendum are to be incorporated as ADDENDUM NO. 2 – PROVIDENCE ILLUMINATION PLAN. All referenced changes are to become part of the Contract Documents:

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### Pre-Bid Conference for Engineering & Design for Providence Riverwalk Resilience

2/14/24 at 10AM Via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Chris Martin, Principal Planner, Providence Department of Planning and Development; Joseph I Mulligan III, Director of Providence Department of Planning and Development; Jess Lance, Director of Special Projects, Providence Department of Planning and Development

Outside attendees representing Stantec, Arup, Tillotson Design, Green Light National, Signify, Green International Affiliates, and Payette were also in attendance.

#### 1. Project Presentation

- Chris Martin gave a brief overview of the project by reviewing the project scope, background of the project and a description of the opportunity. [The full presentation can be found here](#) a recording of the meeting [can be found here](#). The deadline for questions was February 20, 2024, and proposals are due by 2pm on February 26, 2024.

#### 2. Questions from the Pre-Bid Conference

- **Q: Is the City open to creative responses to the scope outlined in the RFP?**
- A: The City is open to creative responses to the RFP as well as off-the-shelf options if available.
- **Q: Does the City have surveys in Auto CAD available for the project area? Or will this have to be part of the bid?**
- A: The City has the base site information. We will also be engaged with RI Energy in the project area and would work with them on plans they may have in the area. The bidder may need to include
- **Q: Is there a budget assigned for design and construction?**
- A: The City has funding allocated in the Capital Improvement Plan that should accommodate design and depending on how those fees are allocated, there could be

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some funding available for a proof of concept implementation. The fees associated with this proposal shouldn't be determinate on the funding available, but the amount of effort required for the proposal.

- **Q: Have you determined a schedule for the project?**
- A: We will work with the design team to confirm a schedule, but the intent is to work within a 6-8 month timeframe from contract.
- **Q: How do you foresee potential changes in Kennedy Plaza impacting the implementation of the lighting plan?**
- A: There could be demonstration implementations that could happen in and around the Plaza that would not be impacted by any future changes in Kennedy Plaza. Concurrent with this proposal is the selection of the P3 team by RIPTA that will be looking at a relocated bus hub and that will be coordinated with the City's Planning Department. That could take 2-4 years, so we believe the lighting design will be flexible and modular enough that they could either be incorporated into the future design or relocated.
- **Q: Should the design be coordinated with the design for the Riverwalk and Waterplace Park?**
- A: Yes. We are looking for a visual consistency. Whatever is developed on the Riverwalk would be coordinated with this plan. We expect the teams on both projects to work together on lighting design coordination.
- **Q: Are you scoring MWBE?**
- A: No. But all consultants are urged to make their best faith efforts to include MWBE in their proposal.
- It was also noted that we are looking to work with building owners on a lighting design strategy for their facades.
- **Q: How many buildings are we looking to work with to light their facades? How would that be funded?**
- A: We don't have a number, but we would work to identify several buildings downtown and work with the owners to design a plan for architectural lighting. We anticipate funding for lighting of private buildings to be funded by the building owner, with possible coordination with other incentives, grants, or funding sources.
- **Q: Do you foresee an infrastructure to support audio? Or devices to be mounted on poles?**
- A: We plan to rely on the design team to come show us best practices.
- **Q: Is the City more interested in a design plan that can be grown throughout the City? Or a product that can be implemented immediately?**

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- A: The City is looking to have a design and specification or identification of existing elements that can be installed as expeditiously as possible that could be replicated in other areas of the City.
- **Q: Should firms consider having a security team on board?**
- A: Security and surveillance were not the intent of this RFP.
- **Q: Is Cathedral Square is owned by the City?**
- A: Most of Cathedral Square is maintained by the City Dept of Public Works. Concurrently, the Archdiocese is considering an illumination strategy for their adjacent cathedral.
- **Q: In terms of the scope, how many proof-of-concept areas should be assumed?**
- A: It will be site specific and depend on coordination with local utilities. Site will be sufficient enough to have a discernible impact.
- **Q: Will the award be IDIQ, or will you go out again and solicit for design, location by location?**
- A: Overall, the intent is that the contract would be amended to keep the design team on board, pending City procurement approvals.

### **3. Additional Questions Submitted to the Planning Department**

- **Q: Should Scope 3 identified as Additional Technology be priced separately as an additional service to the base scope of service and fee proposal?**
- A: Breaking down cost by scope is OK, but Scope 3 is not intended as an additional service.