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CITY OF PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

Department: Planning & Development

RFP Title: Engineering and Design for Cathedral Square Pedestrian Plaza Improvements

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The purpose of this addendum is:

To answer questions asked in the pre-bid conference on 5/19/25

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Cathedral Square Improvements Pre-Bid Meeting Sign In Sheet

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Bid Addendum #1

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
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The information, clarifications and revisions contained in this addendum are to be incorporated as ADDENDUM NO. 1 – ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR CATHEDRAL SQUARE PEDESTRIAN PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS. All referenced changes are to become part of the Contract Documents. This is the First Addendum for this RFP:

- This addendum answers questions asked during the Pre-Bid Conference held on 5/19/25. A list of attendees present at the Pre-Bid Conference is attached.

Q: Does the City do their own inspections on the project?

A: As we get closer to PS&E, we will issue construction admin RFP. This has been separated from the previous scope.

Q: Do the constructed improvements need to be in the entirety of the area? Or can they be phased in future iterations?

A: Per the scope of work on page 15 “2. Conceptual Design” the City expects three alternative options at the end of conceptual design. The City will make a determination at the end of Conceptual Design which alternative to advance to the next phase “3. 30% Design.” At the end of Conceptual Design, we will determine whether and how to phase the preferred alternative for construction starting at 30% design.

Q: What is the level of public coordination/ meetings?

A: Refer to the Scope of Work pages 15-18 for expected coordination between the Consultant and other agencies/stakeholders. Public outreach and abutter coordination will be done primarily by City staff.

Q: Will the three concepts referred to in Task 2a be above and beyond current budget?

A: Refer to the Scope of Work page 16 “3. 30% Design b. Opinion of Probable Construction Cost.” Phasing will be determined at that time.

Q: Before 30% design, we would want to know what documents are for.

A: Refer to the Scope of Work page 15-16 for expectations of conceptual designs. The City will determine which preferred alternative to take into 30% Plans at that time.

Q: Was the removal of construction administration the primary reason for re-bid?

A: The City has provided clarification of scope of work and survey details in the re-bid. Construction administration will be under a different scope, competitively bid separately from this project.

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Q: Please elaborate on the emergency repair scope coordination.

A: The awarded consultant Cathedral Square Engineering & Design team will be expected to coordinate with the Cathedral Square Emergency Repairs team as required. This could include, but is not limited to coordination on surveys, short-term physical improvements, environmental testing, etc. Where the emergency repairs end, the awarded consultant team will be expected to bridge any gaps.

Q: Does the larger vision incorporate ADA?

A: Yes. We want to ensure there is ADA accessibility throughout the project area.

Q: Are there known environmental issues in the project area?

A: There is some environmental testing being done within the emergency repair scope—depends on what comes out of this work—assume there is more if evidence is found during the emergency repairs. Some assumptions will have to be made on what testing will need to happen.

Q: Are there historic guidelines or limitations on work?

A: This project is not subject to historic limitations, based on what is known at this time.

Q: Can you clarify what is meant by “building components” in Task 4b?

A: This is to cover the case that could come up where there may be structures built as part of the project.