

I-64 EXIT 91 INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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1. Will VDOT require the use of IIM-LD-195.7 to satisfy the requirements for Stormwater Management on the project?
 - a. Will VDOT allow the use of either the Performance based criteria or Technology based criteria from Sections 5.4.3 and 5.4.4 for or will VDOT instruct the contractor which method to use on the project?
 - b. Will the “total” post development impervious area as described in Section 5.4.4.2 include both existing and proposed impervious cover for computing the required water quality volume for any required BMP using the technology based criteria?

Response: Currently VDOT requires the use of IIM-LD-195.7 to satisfy the requirements of Stormwater Management. Stormwater requirements will be provided in the RFP.

2. Will right-of-way acquisition be allowed outside of the right-of-way limits currently shown in the RFQ documents?

Response: The right-of-way (ROW) limits shown on the conceptual RFQ plans are for information purposes only. The ROW limits shown may change by the time of release of the RFP. Any changes to the ROW limits will be shown on the RFP plans. Requirements regarding acquisition of ROW beyond the limits shown on the RFP plans will be address in up upcoming RFP.

3. Recognizing final R/W plats are to be prepared, if there are a reduction or change in the dedicated areas, will the final R/W plat approval process have an impact on access to the property for construction?

Response: Plats are part of the acquisition process and, therefore, must be completed before access to the property unless other arrangements can be made by the Design Builder.

4. If a revised or additional take is necessary, what are the proposed review time frames for VDOT's approval of the final plats?

Response: Department's review time will be provided in the RFP.

5. Section 2.2, Paragraph 4 – Offerer's Scope. Does the Right-of-Way scope of work include acquisition services?
 - a. If so, what is the current status of the ROW acquisition?
 - b. If so, what services, if any, are required by the Offeror in the case that tract(s) cannot be negotiated and must go to condemnation proceedings?

Response: As stated under Section 2.2 of the RFQ right-of-way work includes all items necessary to acquire the right-of-way. This includes services needed in support of condemnation proceedings. No project specific right-of-way has been acquired at this time.

6. Have jurisdictional wetland limits been confirmed in the field by the US Army Corps of Engineers?

Response: Jurisdictional wetland limits have not been confirmed by the US Army Corps of Engineers at this time. This will be the responsibility of the Designed Builder. This will be further provided in the RFP.

7. Please clarify the intention of the role of the Environmental Compliance Manager. Does VDOT view this role as a design position or a construction position? Also, is it envisioned as a full-time on-site position?

Response: The Environmental Compliance Manager (ECM) is to ensure design and construction is in compliance with the Categorical Exclusion including, but not limited to, a Section 4(f) property and in obtaining necessary permits (e.g. water quality). The time needed on-site will depend on what is necessary to assure compliance.

8. Section 3.3.1.6 – Key Personnel. Is the Environmental Compliance Manager considered a position that “has involvement in construction operations for the Project” such that if one firm provided both the QAM and the Environmental Compliance Manager then the QAM firm would not be considered “independent” in regards to the requirements for the QAM 3.3.1.2?

Response: The role of the Environmental Compliance Manager (ECM) is to ensure compliance with the Categorical Exclusion (see response to question 7 above) and not considered to have direct involvement in the production work during construction. Therefore, the firm who provides the ECM may also provide the QAM providing that the firm does not have any direct involvement in the construction operations to include quality control (QC) services.

9. Can the Environmental Compliance Manager perform additional roles on the project?

Response: The Environmental Compliance Manager (ECM) may perform addition roles on the project as long as the ECM is qualified to perform those roles. The role of the ECM is considered a QA activity and therefore, the ECM shall have no direct involvement in the construction operations to include quality control (QC) services.

10. Section 3.3.1.6 – Key Personnel. What professional certifications (if any) are required of the Environmental Compliance Manager for VDOT’s approval?

Response: The Environmental Compliance Manager (ECM) is expected to be well-versed in Federal and State Regulations, code and policies to assure compliance with the Categorical Exclusion, Section 4(f) properties, and obtaining necessary permits. There is no formal professional certification required per the RFQ.

11. Section 2.2, Paragraph 5 – Offerer’s Scope. Does the Utility scope of work include the design and construction of relocations by the Offeror?

- a. If so, what is the status of the utility coordination?
- b. If so, what utilities will self-perform either relocation design or relocation construction?

Response: As stated under Section 2.2 of the RFQ, the Design-Builder will be required to perform all work necessary for the relocation, adjustment and coordination of utilities. Typically, municipality owned utilities (i.e. water, sewer, etc.) are the responsibility of the Design- Builder to design and construct “in-plan”. Relocation of other utilities will be the responsibility of the Design-

Builder to coordinate through the respective utility owners to determine which relocations will be self-performed.

12. Can the Q/C inspection staff and testing be provided by a subconsultant who is also performing a design function on the project?

Response: QC inspection staff and testing can be provided by a subconsultant who is also performing design functions on the project providing they have no involvement in the QA inspection and testing functions. QA and QC inspection and testing services must be mutually exclusive and provided by separate companies.

13. Please clarify if the cover, tabs, surety, or insurance letter and appendices will be counted in the 20 pages and which are not to be included in the page count as indicated above.

Response: The cover page and the number tabs do not count against the 20-page limit. However, tabs that contain project specific information will be included towards the page limits. The surety or insurance company letter for evidence of bonding (see Section 3.2.7) shall be counted against the page limit. The items noted in Section 5.2.2 that are to be included in the appendices will not be counted against the page limit.

14. Section 3.2.7 – Letter from Surety. To whom should the ‘Letter from Surety’ be addressed?

Response: Please address the letter of surety to the attention of John Daoulas (VDOT POC for this project) at the Virginia Department of Transportation.

15. It does not appear that the Project Scoping Report is included in the RFQ information package. Will this document be provided?

Response: Project Scoping Report is included in the RFQ information package. The folder “6-Scoping Document” contains the file “ScopingReportAPVL[1].TIF”, a multi-page TIF document which contains the Project Scoping Report. Please ensure you are using a viewer capable of displaying multi-page TIF. Please contact the VDOT POC listed in the RFQ if you have difficulties opening the document.

16. Can the Organization Chart be submitted on 11” x 17” size paper?

Response: The Organization Chart shall be submitted on an 8.5” X 11” size paper.

17. Our Company is one of five separate companies with the same Parent Company. None of the other four companies and the Parent Company will take part in this project. Do we have to have signed Lower Tier Debarment Forms (Attachment 3.2.5(b)) for each of these four companies and the Parent Company, even though they will not take any part in this project?

Response: As stated in Section 3.2.5 of the RFQ, Debarment Forms (Attachments 3.2.5(a) and 3.2.5 (b)) shall be separately completed and executed by the Offeror, any affiliated and/or subsidiary companies, and all subconsultants, subcontractor, and any other persons or entity identified as a member of the Offeror’s organization. If the Parent Company is an affiliate of the Offeror’s company then a debarment form (Attachment 3.2.5 (b)) will need to be completed and submitted. Debarment Forms for the other four companies would not be required providing that they are not affiliated with the Offeror’s Company (see Section 3.2.4 of the RFQ for determination of an affiliate) and has no involvement in the project.

18. Our VDOT prequalification has been renewed, but we have not yet received our new certificate. If we do not receive our certificate from the state by 1/6/12, is including our prequalification record from the VDOT website acceptable?

Response: As stated under Section 3.2.6 of the RFQ, the Offeror may submit either a copy of the Offeror's VDOT prequalification certificate or a screen-shot print out from VDOT's on-line Prequalification List showing that the Offeror is prequalified by the date the SOQ is submitted.

19. Our firm is undergoing a name change as part of a merger; the name change is currently scheduled to be made official three days prior to the due date of this SOQ. Our new VSCC and DPOR documents will not be completed by the due date of the SOQ. Will VDOT accept copies of both merging firms' VSCC and DPOR registrations under our previous firm names and an explanation that new documentation requests are underway?

Response: As stated under Section 3.2.8 of the RFQ, all Offerors shall be eligible at the time of their SOQ submittal, under the law and relevant regulations, to offer and provide any services proposed or related to this Project. Therefore, the Offeror is required to submit SCC and DPOR registration in the name of the merged firm (if representative as the Offeror) identified in the SOQ at the time submittal. VDOT will not accept copies of the SCC and DPOR registrations under previous firm names of the merging firms with an explanation that new documentation requests are underway.