

I-64 WIDENING AND INTERCHANGE IMPROVEMENTS

RFQ QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Subject: RFQ Questions and Answers

1. In the RFQ, it calls for a QAM and a CM for the proposed project. The QAM is responsible for QA inspections and testing, and to monitor the construction contractor's QC program. The CM is responsible for managing the construction process plus QC activities.

Please elaborate/clarify the rolls of these two positions. Traditional D/B ask for a QAM for independent inspection of records and materials sampling according to VDOT guidance. The QC role is assigned another firm to handle on site management and inspection. It appears you may be substituting a CM for those QC roles.

In accordance with Section 3.3.1.2 of the RFQ, The QAM "shall be from an independent firm that has no involvement in construction operations for the Project, and shall be responsible for the quality assurance (QA) inspection and testing of all materials used and work performed on the project, to include monitoring of the contractor's quality control (QC) program. The QAM will ensure that all work and materials, testing, and sampling are performed in conformance with the contract requirements and the "approved for construction" plans and specifications."

In accordance with Section 3.3.1.4 of the RFQ, The CM "shall be responsible for managing the construction process to include all Quality Control (QC) activities to ensure the materials used and the work performed meet contract requirements and the "approved for construction" plans and specifications."

The roles and responsibilities of the QAM and the CM are defined in VDOT's Minimum Requirements for Quality Assurance and Quality Control on Design Build and Public Private Transportation Act Projects guide. The guide is available at the following link, http://www.virginia.gov/business/resources/PPTA/Minimum_Requirements_for_QA-QC_-_January_2012.pdf.

2. On the PPT presentation, page 6, this is the first time we have seen Quality Assurance and Quality Control, as well as a line for Construction Engineering and Inspection. What is different about this proposal that makes CEI hit the important bullet points? Is there an additional level of CEI separate from the QA and QC Inspection, documentation, materials testing, etc duties defined by VDOT's Minimum Requirements for Quality Assurance and Quality Control on Design Build and Public Private Transportation Act Projects guide?

Construction Engineering and Inspection is included in the scope of work for this Project and this work includes all items necessary for providing quality assurance and quality control in accordance with VDOT's Minimum Requirements for Quality Assurance and Quality Control on Design Build and Public Private Transportation Act Projects guide, revised January 2012. Quality Assurance and Quality Control are important elements of a successful project and were emphasized solely for this purpose.

3. The SOQ checklist document identifies a Lead Structural Engineer and a Public Relations Manager as key personnel, but the RFQ document does not have these as key personnel. Please clarify the discrepancy.

The required Key Personnel are those identified in Section 3.3.1 of the RFQ. The SOQ Checklist will be revised to reflect the requirements of Section 3.3.1 in an upcoming addendum.

4. The public hearing transcript indicates that there is no proposed right-of-way required for construction of this project and right-of-way acquisition services are not listed in the RFQ. Please confirm that a right-of-way consultant is not required for this project.

There is no proposed right-of-way required for completion of the Project as depicted on the conceptual plans included in the RFQ Information Package.

5. At the informational meeting, VDOT referenced outstanding design exceptions/waivers that have yet to receive approval/rejection. Please provide documentation of those design exceptions/waivers.

The outstanding design exceptions are for the outside shoulder width on I-64 east and westbound, the superelevation on I-64 westbound in the vicinity of Route 623, the bridge vertical clearance at Route 623 and Route 288 Ramp H, and the lateral clearance at Route 623 and Route 288 Ramp H piers. Additional documentation will be provided with the RFP.

6. The website for this project indicates that Intelligent Transportation Systems are a part of the scope of work for this project, but the RFQ makes no mention of ITS. Will this project include design and construction of ITS features?

Intelligent Transportation Systems are a part of the scope of work for this project. An upcoming addendum to the RFQ will be issued to include Intelligent Transportation Systems in the scope of work.

7. For Items listed in the SOQ checklist which are not included within the 15-page limit, is it acceptable to include these items in an Appendix? If so, is it acceptable to include tabs for these items for efficient access? If not, then the order in which the documents are listed in the SOQ checklist is the way to organize the submittal?

The organizational structure for the SOQ is presented in Section 5.2.3 of the RFQ. The supporting documentation to be included as appendices is listed in the descending order that the documents are to be included in the SOQ. Tabs and/or page separators that do not include any information, excluding logos or pictures, are permissible and do not count against the page limit.

8. On Page 10 of the RFQ, Section 3.2.10.4 asks for the DPOR licensing for non-APELSIDLA licenses. Does VDOT want each team to identify any person on the team providing these services, whether a Key Personnel or not? No reference to Key Personnel is made; however, the previous section (3.2.10.3) does reference just Key Personnel. We just want to make sure we are consistent with VDOT's needs.

Whereas an Offeror identifies a team entity that offers to perform a profession and/or occupation that is regulated by the Board, that entity should be DPOR compliant. Offerors should provide the DPOR licensing information for each individual on the team practicing or offering to practice professional services in Virginia.