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## Solicitation Addendum

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Addendum No.:	2
Solicitation No.:	23-R082639LP
Project No.:	6087004
Solicitation Title:	Professional Engineering Services Fiber Network Loops Expansion
Addendum Date:	October 19, 2023
Procurement Contact:	Leslie Peer

**RFQ 23-R082639LP is amended as set forth herein. Responses to questions posed by prospective bidders are provided below. This Addendum is hereby incorporated in and made a part of RFQ 23-R082639LP.**

**The deadline to submit all inquiries concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information pertaining to this RFQ was October 13, 2023.**

### **CHANGE TO:**

#### **EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE**

This section identifies specific information which must be contained within the Proposal response and the order in which such information should be organized. The information each Proposer provides will be used to determine those Proposers with the background, experience and capacity to perform the scope of services as stated in this RFQ and which Proposer(s) best meets the overall needs of the County. For more information on the evaluation process, refer to Section C, Evaluation of Responses.

### **CHANGE TO:**

#### **EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE, TAB 2 MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT, ITEM 2**

Proposer must possess current, valid licenses and certifications required under Florida Statute to perform professional engineering services for a minimum period of ~~10~~ 5 years ~~prior to~~ since September 1, ~~2013~~ 2018.

**CHANGE TO:**

**EXHIBIT 2, PROPOSAL RESPONSE, TAB 2 MINIMUM QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENT, ITEM 3**

Proposer or its subcontractor has completed (which means that certificate of occupancy has been issued) a minimum of five (5) projects since September 1, ~~2020~~ 2013. Provide the following information for each qualifying project.

**QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES:**

- Q1. Under minimum qualification requirements, point 2, is the date listed a mistake, or does the initial issue date of the license actually need to be from 9/1/2003 or before?**
- R1. Refer to Change to Exhibit 2, Proposal Response Tab 2 Minimum Qualification Requirement, Item 2 issued in this Addendum No. 2
- Q2. If our PE license was dated after 9/1/2013, will we be excluded from participating, or will we only be docked points?**
- R2. See Section B, Evaluation of Responses B.01.
- Q3. Under the section Bonding Requirements, a bid bond is required, but the information to be submitted section does not mention providing pricing at this time, are we to submit our pricing proposal with this RFQ and is a bid bond required at this time?**
- R3. See Section D, Forms, Form 8 Insurance Statement, Bonding requirements sections are not checked, which implies they are not a requirement for this Request for Qualifications, nor will they be a requirement of the final agreement.
- Q4. Congruex has a family of wholly owned affiliate companies that perform both engineering and construction services across the US. Will participation in the engineering preclude us from participating in the construction phase of this project?**
- R4. The County does not allow the design firm to construct their design.
- Q5. Figure 1: Does SDMC refer to School District of Manatee County – similar to SBMC?**
- R5. Yes.
- Q6. Are there total lengths available by phase for each of the requested existing and new conduit and fiber expansions?**
- R6. This RFQ is requesting your qualifications to design the systems requested. Please refer to Section E, Exhibits, Exhibit 3 to guide your response.
- Q7. Have there been any additional studies prepared to determine routing of each loop? If so, are they available for review?**
- R7. Please refer to Section E, Exhibits, Exhibit 3 to guide your response.

- Q8. Will the County provide all the plat records / ROW details when requested or will each loop require ROW surveying?**  
R8. It is anticipated that the design will occur in County ROW. Survey is a component of the design.
- Q9. Will all ROW and Topo for just areas that “require new conduit and fiber” plan to survey or will surveys also be required for any of the existing fiber or conduit?**  
R9. It is anticipated that the design will occur in County ROW. Survey is a component of the design.
- Q10. Will they require a GPR (ground penetrating Radar) reading at each crossing?**  
R10. The designer should consider incorporating as-built data from public and private utilities as part of the design.
- Q11. Will they need manhole / handhole details of each location? This will mean we would need access at each location.**  
R11. The designer should consider incorporating as-built data from public and private utilities as part of the design.
- Q12. For existing conduit to place new fiber- will we be able to ROD each location to verify path and integrity of the conduit?**  
R12. The designer should consider incorporating as-built data from public and private utilities as part of the design.
- Q13. If there is a conduit failure along the way shall we create a new path or speak to Pm to verify next steps?**  
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- Q14. If the design near water, would the customer like to find a path on bridges, or should we plan to directional bore under water? Possibly create aerial path.**  
R14. Information of this nature may be relevant in the approach section of the RFQ.
- Q15. Will the city provide specific “vault” sizes we will need to design? Vault is a Handhole or Manhole in this case? Can we assume if its 1-2” conduit it should be a Handhole?**  
R15. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q16. Fiber cable, is it armored or not? If not, shall we make sure we add tonable mule tape?**  
R16. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q17. For all vaults, is there a guide for grounding? If the cable is armored, we need to ground at splice locations along the way.**  
R17. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q18. Distance between splices or coils? Will there be a directive on maintenance coil distances? If so, how many feet apart and how many feed coiled inside the vault?**  
R18. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.

- Q19. How many feet apart are we considering a bore pit in placing the 2” conduit? These bore pits will require MOT/TTCP plans to be designed.**  
R19. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q20. Are there current requirements for frequency of Geotech borings and at what distance – on a 5-mile, 10 mile or 15 mile basis?**  
R20. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q21. Will any of the existing network require reinforcement?**  
R21. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q22. Can we acquire the kmz or equivalent for more clearly evaluating the expansion network, i.e. environmental permit requirements, heritage permits, etc?**  
R22. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q23. A timeline is required with critical dates and an early completion date. What is the early date of completion favored by Manatee County?**  
R23. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q24. Will Manatee County accept alternate plans for network material for the expansion?**  
R24. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q25. Will the county permitting requirements be the same as for all network providers? Will a different method of permitting be utilized?**  
R25. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer. We are looking for an experienced design firm for this project.
- Q26. What is the Manatee County requirement for building entrances?**  
R26. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q27. What is Manatee County position on the use of public property?**  
R27. The County will provide specific details to the successful proposer.
- Q28. On PDF page 14 mentions permit fees to be paid for by the proposer. The statement is not specific to what permits. Will the county pay for Environmental, railroad and other fees necessary for the installation of the conduit, pull boxes, and fiber optic cable? This appears to be another requirement that is for a construction firm, not a professional services firm.**  
R28. Permit fees, if necessary, would be paid by the consultant and reimbursed by the County.
- Q29. The RFQ requires plans to be 24”x36” (PDF page 43). Typically, standard plans have been 11”x17”. Will there be an option for 11”x17” plans?**  
R29. Please provide your qualifications based on information supplied.
- Q30. In exhibit 1, Scope of Services, 1.02 Service Requirements (PDF page 44). There are services required during the construction phase typically deemed as “Post Design Services”. These include items 3.b,i. through ix. Will these items be required as part of this contract or will they be negotiated as part of a separate agreement? This**

language contradicts the language on page 56, first paragraph in the “introduction”, which states “this RFP is for engineering design and permitting only. Manatee County will prepare a separate RFP and solicit proposals for the Construction phase of the project.”

R30. We are requesting your qualifications to design and permit (if necessary) the project. Your ability to provide construction phase services should be covered as well. The successful Proposer will then meet to discuss the scope and fee for the project.

**Q31. If there is no conflict of interest, are we submitting form 4 in both Tabs 2 and 3?**

R31. Form only needs to be submitted in Tab 3.

**Q32. In tab 8 Organizational Structure and Capacity, it is requested to “provide details of Proposer’s capacity to bond the project. Include a letter of intent from Proposer’s bonding company which confirms Proposer’s bonding capacity.” This is not a construction project, is this project to be bonded by the consultant?**

R32. See Section D, Forms, Form 8 Insurance Statement, Bid Bond and Payment and Performance Bond is not checked therefore the Bonding Requirements does not apply.

**Q33. Are resumes included in the 30 double- sided page count?**

R33. Resumes should be limited to one page per staff member and do not count against the page limit.

**Q34. Are we able to print the Organizational Diagram on 11X17 paper? If yes does that count as 2 pages?**

R34. Yes, trifold as one page.

**Q35. As currently worded, Page 40 of the RFQ, Form 9, the indemnification is not negligent based, regarding errors or omissions, and is not in compliance with FL Statute 725.08. Would the County please consider rewording same to conform with the statute? Suggested language per FL Statutes 725.08: “The Successful Proposer shall indemnify and hold harmless the County, and its officers and employees, from liabilities, damages, losses, and costs, including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, to the extent caused by the negligence, recklessness, or intentionally wrongful conduct of the Successful Proposer and other persons employed or utilized by the Successful Proposer in the performance of the contract.”**

R35. The County Attorney’s office review’s our templates every 18 months. The County is not prepared to make any updates or revisions currently.

**Q36. Under Article 9 of the sample contract, page 72 of the RFQ, would the County please remove the language giving the County ownership of all “intellectual property”. Kimley-Horn has intellectual property that may be used under this Agreement and we respectfully object to giving up our ownership of this property.**

R36. Any contract modifications shall be discussed with the successful Proposer during the negotiation period.

**Q37. Under Article 25 – Professional Liability, of the sample contract, individuals performing the Services can be held personally liable for negligent acts or omissions. This does not conform to Florida Statute 558.0035 which states “EMPLOYEES OF**

**CONSULTANT MAY NOT BE HELD INDIVIDUALLY LIABLE FOR DAMAGES RESULTING FROM NEGLIGENCE UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.”  
Would the County please reword this Article to conform with the statute?**

R37. The County Attorney’s office review’s our templates every 18 months. The County is not prepared to make any updates or revisions currently.

**Q38. Can you provide the specifications the Future Path called out in the design?**

R38. Please provide your experience profile to design the project. Materials to construct the project will be shared with the successful proposer.

**Q39. Phase 2 – The Water Treatment Plant & Bourneside Extension – The overall design page shows new fiber in existing conduit from Lorain Rd to the ECL Camps, the Pase 2 design page shows this as existing fiber and cable and provides no description of the work. Is there any work required from ECL campus to Loraine Rd?**

R39. Please provide your experience profile to design the project. Materials to construct the project will be shared with the successful Proposer.

**NOTE:**

Deleted items will be ~~struck through~~, added or modified items will be underlined. All other terms and conditions remain as stated in the RFQ.

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

Receipt of this Addendum must be acknowledged as instructed in the solicitation document. Failure to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum may result in the response being deemed non-responsive.

**END OF ADDENDUM**

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