



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS - AMENDMENT 1

Questions & Answers:

1. Please clarify whether the RFQ / RFP process intent is
 - a. to rank consultants based on the RFQ process and negotiate with the highest ranked FIRM, or
 - b. to rank consultants based on the RFQ process and solicit pricing from the top three qualified firms. In this case, what are the selection criteria between the three qualified firms?

Answer - the intent is to rank consultants and then solicit pricing from the top three based on the draft scope (the RFP Process) which will be released in coming weeks to the highest ranked firms. The selection process between the highest ranked firms will be described in the RFP process.

2. Can ACSPI share a sample consulting contract for review?

Answer – ACSPI does not have a sample or typical boilerplate for this type of work available for distribution. Typically, the tribe will work with any consultants to use their own or their preferred subcontract for design services. In the past these types of arrangements have had very simple or basic terms and conditions.

3. RFQ Part VI – SAFETY lists specific requirements related to insurance claims and lawsuits that must be met in order for the FIRM to be 'qualified.' Please clarify the following:
 - a. First sentence "...including no record of errors and omissions claims..." Would any errors and omissions claims throughout the firm's history prevent it from being considered 'qualified?' Assuming that is not the standard, please clarify if the intent is to exclude a FIRM that may exhibit a pattern of E&O claims for this type of work?
 - b. Similarly, would any single judgement or settlement that imparts any liability on the FIRM for 'similar design services' disqualify the FIRM?
 - c. Third sentence "By submitting a response to this RFQ, the respondent certifies that there are no outstanding, pending, or past claims or judgements." This statement is very broad. Please clarify the intent of this underlined clause. Does any past claim or judgement disqualify the FIRM?

Answer – It is the intent of this solicitation to obtain all information that can be used to score qualified firms for the intended work. It is also understood that firms that have been in business for some time will come across claims, disputes or conflicts that arise and do not necessarily mean that the firm in question did anything wrong. It is also understood that many details of judgements or disputes are confidential. Please provide a brief (2-3 sentence) summary of any and all errors and omissions claims, disputes, or judgements that have occurred at or to the offices or named referenced staff for similar or related work to the project in question. Listed incidents will not necessarily be used to eliminate firms from qualification.

4. Will ACSPI be preparing the CatEx for NEPA or is the contractor expected to prepare the CatEx?

Answer - As part of the permitting scope, it is possible that – depending on the required NEPA required document (EA, Documented CatEx, or CatEx) - that the tribe will need the awarded design firm to complete some or all the NEPA documents. It is currently the intent of the tribe to complete and submit the NEPA work, but the awarded firm will likely be needed to assist, along with performing work for all other permitting, including FAA and Alaska State and local permitting.

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