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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS

This Response to Questions is issued to the Request for Qualifications for Architectural, Engineering and Related Services: New Antioch Area Courthouse for the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa that was posted on June 27, 2005.

The following questions were received by the July 18, 2005 due date:

1. *Q: Is the due date for this project July 25 or July 27? The advertisement for this project shows the first date, but the actual document shows the latter.*

The due date for the SOQ submittal had been amended in Addendum #1.

2. *Q: Regarding Section 8.2, does a firm need to be "registered" in order to be eligible for consideration on this RFQ? Is it possible to obtain a list of "registered" firms?*

Registration of prospective Consultants is not required. Therefore, the AOC cannot provide a list of registered firms. Section 8.2 will be revised accordingly in Addendum #2.

A list of Consultants selected on the shortlist will be posted to the website.

3. *In preparing our response to the above-noted project, I have a question regarding the one page limit for key staff members' resumes. Does a double-sided page count as one page? I'm having difficulties fitting everyone's experience onto one single sheet and would be very grateful for your reply!*

Yes, a double-sided page counts as two pages. As noted in Section 4.4, responsive SOQs should be straightforward and concise. A one-page resume is preferred. However, a second single-sided page may be added to a resume that does not exceed five Relevant Projects in Fed Form 330, Part E, #19.

4. *Q: Regarding the RFQ for the Antioch Area Courthouse RFQ, does a Disabled Veteran Business Entity need to be identified for the proposal stage of the project? As a small part of the consultant fee, is it possible to finalize the DVBE team member once a firm is selected for the project and in consultation with the OCCM?. Can the proposal state a commitment to meeting this requirement in consultation with the OCCM?*

Section 11.0 of Attachment B states that the requirement for identifying DVBE compliance occurs after a Consultant is selected for the project.

5. *Q: Has a site or potential sites been identified yet?*

Specific sites have not been identified, however, the AOC Office of Court Construction and Management has started the site search process.

6. *Q: In Section 3.2 –“site acquisition consultation,” should the prospective Consultant address Phase I Environmental Site Assessment services as part of the scope?*

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment services would not be the responsibility of the selected Consultant.

7. *Q: As I understand the RFQ, the Administrative Office of the Courts and Office of Court Construction and Management are seeking to identify qualified firms that wish to be members of the architectural and engineering... team. I assume this includes environmental consulting firms that may provide services such as asbestos and lead inspections, indoor air quality surveys, or other health and safety related services. Is this correct?*

This RFQ submission requires the prospective Consultant to provide information about their key sub-consultants as noted in Section 4.3.1. Only the selected Consultant shall provide a list of other sub-consultants for AOC approval as noted in Section 6.2

Indoor-environmental services would not be the responsibility of the selected Consultant.

8. *Q: Is it correct that ‘Wind Engineering’, noted in Section 3.6, is part of the project team responsibilities?*

This RFQ submission requires the prospective Consultant to provide information about their key sub-consultants as noted in Section 4.3.1. Only the selected Consultant shall provide a list of other sub-consultants for AOC approval as noted in Section 6.2.

Depending on the site location and building configuration, wind engineering services may be required (such as: pedestrian level wind analysis and air quality analysis at HVAC intakes.)

9. *Q: Is Geotechnical Engineering a service that the Prime architect will contract for directly with a “geotech engineering” firm?*

Yes, the selected Consultant shall provide Geotechnical Engineering services in accordance with Section A.5 of the Standard Agreement.

* * * End of Response to Questions * * *