Dated: 10/23/2019
RE: ADDENDUM NO. 2 TO REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) PACKAGE

RFP 20018
RPS Inventory and Assessment

EMAIL TO: All RFP recipients on record.

The RFP Package is hereby clarified or changed as follows:

1. Proposal submittal deadline has been changed to 2:00 pm November 6, 2019.

Questions and Answers

Question

1. In Attachment 6, Inventory Assessment form, it indicates the Contractor is to inspect items that may be behind covers or panels and may be energized or scorching hot. Please clarify the intent of the inspections.

Answer

The overall intent of the Inventory and Assessment project is for the Contractor to conduct a visual inspection. During the visual inspection, the Contractor may be exposed to noisy, rotating, and hot equipment that at a minimum requires personal protection equipment (PPE) such as hearing protection and safety glasses. The Contractor is not required to schedule shut downs or expose energized or rotating equipment. The Contractor may choose to indicate “not accessible” on the Inventory and Assessment form (Attachment 6). It is the Contractor’s discretion on how they conduct the visual inspection.

If the Contractor chooses to remove covers and expose potentially energized rotating or hot equipment they must have the skills, training, and knowledge to understand all hazards involved and wear the appropriate PPE.

Question

2. In Attachment 6, Inventory and Assessment form, it indicates inspection of the intermediate fuel tank. What if there is a pipeline instead of a local intermediate tank? Is the Contractor to calibrate gauges?

Answer

If there is no intermediate tank adjacent to the power plant, the Contractor shall visually inspect the pipeline section near the power plant. The Contractor is not required to enter the upstream bulk fuel storage facility. The Contractor is not required to calibrate gauges, only to note if the gauges appear to be NOT operable, or note the information that the local power plant operator provides regarding the gauges.
Question

3. Is the Contractor required to take measurements for example voltage, amperage, pressure, or temperature?

Answer

The overall intent of the Inventory and Assessment project is for the Contractor to conduct a visual inspection. The information requested should be available on the gauges or equipment nameplates. If the requested information is not readily available, not accessible, or the Contractor does not have the skills, experience, training, PPE and budget to gather the information, then they may choose to indicate the requested information is “not accessible” or “not available”.

Question

4. The price proposal scoring criteria treats each “Priority Group” of communities as a separate entity. In order to price the work in a manner the bidder must assume that the communities listed in each “Priority Group” are to be treated as a stand-alone grouping, ignoring the geographical proximity of communities in other priority groups. This increases costs substantially due to the loss of geographic efficiencies (visiting multiple communities during a single trip, etc.). This approach is not fully consistent with AEA’s answer to Addendum 1 Question 3, which states that the contractor should choose the order of communities visited in order to take advantage of hub communities, etc. for efficiencies. Please confirm that lump sum pricing for each “Priority Group” should treat each group as a stand-alone effort as shown on the price proposal scoring sheet.

Answer

For purposes of pricing, the Proposer shall plan and allocate their costs, presuming all 183 communities will be awarded. The Contractor is directed to Attachment 1, Cost Proposal narrative, on page 36, line 7.

Question

5. Section 3.05 of the RFP requires the proposer to list all of their current and anticipated future projects during the period of performance. Is the intent to list projects that involve proposed project staff members, or do you want a cumulative list of all projects that the company is involved with?

Answer

The proposer should include projects their proposed team is working on. They should discuss their proposed staff/teams percentage of availability and how they could adjust this if needed to keep to the proposed schedule. The intent of the question is to evaluate that the Offeror has the staff capacity to complete the project on schedule.

Question

6. Section 3.07 requires an itemized list of all costs associated with the project, etc. Is this requirement above and beyond completing the Cost Proposal form included in the RFP? If so, is the additional information only required for Column A costs? Note that the evaluation criteria (Section 4.05) only discusses calculation of points based on costs shown in Column A. It does not mention evaluation of any of the other items listed under 3.07. Please clarify what is required under section 3.07 (just fill out the Cost Proposal Form or something additional).

Answer

Section 3.07 will now read “Cost proposals must include all direct and indirect costs associated with the performance of the contract, including, but not limited to, direct expenses, payroll, supplies, overhead assigned to each person working on the project, and profit.”

Question

7. Section 2.02 Scope of Work, tasks: Please clarify the intent of: Item 2, Working with the Authority on the finalized format of the digital Inventory and Assessment; and Item 5 make at least one pilot site visit to a village.....?
Answer

The Contractor, Authority representative, and the Authority’s database contractor shall work together using the Inventory & Assessment form (Attachment #6) included in the RFP and the Contractors proposal to create a final draft Inventory and Assessment form and procedures. The Contractor shall work with the Authority representative and select a single or several villages to conduct an initial pilot, using the latest form and procedures. After the pilot is completed, the Inventory and Assessment form will be reviewed and edited by the same parties to establish a final Inventory and Assessment form and procedures.

Question

8. Can or will the selected Contractor be excluded from future work using or resulting from the Inventory and Assessment deliverables because of an unfair advantage?

Answer

The intent is to make the Inventory and Assessment deliverables public information. This should negate any possible unfair advantage the selected Inventory and Assessment Contractor may have on any potential future design or construction projects managed by the Authority.

All other terms and conditions remain the same.

END OF ADDENDUM

We appreciate your participation in this solicitation.

Sincerely,

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