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Addendum No. 1 RFQ 19-0065

Date: June 3, 2019

To: All Interested Parties

From: Elton D. Brock, MBA, CTPM, CTCM, CPSM, C.P.M.

Re: Questions Received and Answers Provided for **RFQ 19-0055** – Professional Construction

Management and Inspection Services for the Rehabilitation of Bear Branch Gravity Main

Project

The following additions, deletions, changes or clarifications to <u>RFQ 19-0055</u> are hereby made a part of the originally issued documents for the above referenced project as fully and as completely as though the same were included therein.

QUESTIONS / CLARIFICATIONS

1. Who is the Design Consultant for the Project?

Answer: AARK Engineering

2. The assigned DBE percentage for women owned business requirement is too high for this part of the project.

<u>Answer:</u> The Minority-Women Owned Business requirements for this project are mandated by the goals established by the Texas Water Development Board. There a multiple means of meeting these goals, including subcontracting with MWBE firms.

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3. Regarding the MWBE Goal, if the firm is an authorized MWBE firm, will that firm receive the maximum points for that criteria of the RFQ scoring? Please clarify if the MWBE firm is submitting as a Prime Consultant, then further participation from other MBE or WBE firms as a subconsultant is not required, and will not be penalized 20 points in the selection criteria?

<u>Answer:</u> All firms that submit the paperwork indicating that they intend to "meet" the stated MWBE goals shall receive maximum points, for that criterion of the RFQ. This is true whether the Respondent is responding at the Prime Consultant and is currently an authorized MWBE firm itself, or if the Respondent is responding as the Prime Consultant, and intends to meet the goals by utilization of authorized MWBE subconsultants.

4. Listed within the RFQ, the pre-submittal conference states, "a mandatory pre-submittal conference" will be available to interested consultants. Attendance at the pre-submittal conference is strongly encouraged prior to submission of a response. Please advise if the attendance by the firm representative was mandatory as a precondition for consideration of the RFQ award?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes, SJRA specified that the pre-submittal meeting was mandatory, and any submissions received from those firms not in attendance (or represented by individuals) will not receive consideration.

5. Does SJRA anticipate a full time project manager, and will this individual be allowed to office at the SJRA Woodlands location?

Answer: Yes, SJRA does have a "preference" for full-time project manager, for a project of this magnitude. Office space will be made available for the project manager either at the main Woodlands office location or at Plant #2 Building. Respondents shall address this aspect of the project, in their "approach".

6. What firm will provide Construction Materials Inspection (CMI) Services?

Answer: That has not been determined as of today.





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7. Does the submittal of the RFQ Qualifications statements and related information have to be sent to the Conroe location?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes, All qualification-based submission shall be sent as directed within the RFQ document. The Conroe location is the "main business location" for SJRA.

8. What is the estimated duration of the Construction?

<u>Answer:</u> 450 days for Substantial Completion. The specifications also include Final Completion within thirty (30) calendar days after final completion.

If there are any additional questions, or I can assist you further, please contact me as listed below.

Sincerely,

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