



January 12, 2024

ADDENDUM #2

RP003-24, Provision of Engineering Design Services and Construction Document Development for the I-985 and Thompson Mill Road Interchange

****If your questions are not answered below, they will be addressed in the next addendum.****

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS:

1. In the addendum, it states that the experience section should be no more than four pages. Is the four pages including the GDOT Notice of Professional Qualification for both us and our subconsultants (as required in the RFP). Please clarify. **The four-page limitation for the experience section is prime and subconsultants and does not apply to the GDOT Notice of Professional Consultant Qualification form.**
2. In the addendum, it states that sub references are required. Please clarify the number of references required per subconsultant (in the RFP it's unclear if you're asking for three references ALTOGETHER or three references from us, in addition to 3 references per sub). **The County is requesting three references altogether.**
3. Can the 5-year limit be waived on project experience since interchange projects are uncommon and not completed as frequently? **The 5-year limited will not be waived. However, experience should include interchange and/or roadway projects similar to size and scope including but not limited to Georgia.**
4. Given the release of this solicitation over the holidays, would the County consider extending the deadline by two weeks? **No**
5. What is the DBE requirement for this project? **DBE requirements are found in Exhibit B (Federal Clauses).**
6. Is this project in GDOT's short range or long range plans? **This project is in GDOT's short range plans.**
7. Does this project have a GDOT PI#? **Yes**
8. Will concept and other docs have to be approved by GDOT? **Yes**
9. Does the consultants experience on federally funded projects need to be firm experience, individual experience or team experience? **A combination is acceptable for federally funded project experience. However, projects submitted on the Reference Sheet must be for projects completed by the proposing firm.**
10. Is there a protected right of way purchase on plans? **No**
11. Did the IJR address maintaining the bridge or replacing the bridge? **The IJR recommends replacing the existing bridge.**
12. Please consider modifying the fee proposal requirement to cover hours and rates through Concept approval. **The proposing firm must submit the estimated cost for the project from concept to final plans using the fee proposal in the RFP. The County will pay for the actual work performed. Please see 4. Price in the Sample Contract.**
13. Will the County confirm that 11" x 17" is an acceptable page size for use on organizational charts and schedules only, and no other displays?? **Confirmed. The organizational chart and the schedule are the only documents that may be submitted on 11x17 paper.**

14. Is the Proposal Fee Schedule, both Rates and Hours, contractually binding, or will there be room for negotiations once the project is awarded and the scope is established and confirmed? **Per the RFP; Upon completion of the qualifications-based evaluation and ranking of proposals, the County will initiate negotiations with the most highly qualified consultant to arrive at a fair and reasonable compensation for the solicited services which considers the scope, complexity, professional nature and estimated value of the services to be rendered.**
15. Are there any specific software requirements for CADD and Design? **Use whatever GDOT accepts for software design.**
16. Is right of way staking part of proposed Manhour/Rate Estimate? **Yes**
17. Is logical termini will be same as per concept in the Interchnage Justification (IJR)? **No**
18. Will signalization of N. Bogan Road be part of the new Interchnage project? **No**
19. Is the GDOT PI# for the proposed new interchange 0019637? **Yes**
20. Please confirm that the "No Bid" form is required even though a response is being submitted. **The No Bid form should only be submitted if a firm is not submitting a response to this RFP.**
21. Is Exhibit A – Certification and Restrictions on Lobbying required to be submitted with the proposal, or is it part of the contracting phase? **This form should be submitted with the proposal by the prime consultant.**
22. Are any forms required by the subconsultants? If so, please confirm which ones specifically. **Subconsultants are required to submit GDOT's Notice of Professional Consultant Qualification form.**
23. When would the County provide plans and/or as-builts for projects near the limits of this project defined in the IJR? **Final Plans for the proposed North Bogan at Thompson Mill Road roundabout are available to share. We can coordinate with local entities to gain as-builts of all other projects active nearby with the selected firm.**
24. The RFP states; "Consultant shall prepare traffic engineering studies and traffic projections following GDOT's requirements." This is a very critical part of the design. Is the expectation that with an approved IJR, the traffic engineering study for this project cover just I-985 and Thompson Mill Road from SR 13 to North Bogan Road? Or since the IJR is dated March 2021, is a review and update of the projections, etc. to be conducted as part of the concept development for this project? **Yes**
25. Under the Concept Development & Database section, it is noted that the survey shall include location of all trees 12" and over at DBH. Please confirm if this requirement is to be enforced, and if so, please clarify how this information is to be presented on the plans, as there are likely hundreds of such trees within the survey footprint of this project. **This requirement won't be enforced unless determined necessary by GDOT.**
26. The RFP states copies of the Drainage Report and/or Hydraulic Study must be submitted to the County. Are these reports to be reviewed/subject to approval by Gwinnett County? Or will these items be copied to Gwinnett for information only, and submitted for review and approval solely with GDOT per the PDP? **These reports will be reviewed by the County prior to submittal to GDOT for their review and approval.**
27. Will Gwinnett County be requiring or enforcing any Water Quality or Detention requirements on this project, above and/or separate from what is typically required by GDOT Drainage Manual and the PDP process for a GDOT project? **Yes**
28. The RFP mentions preparing detailed cost estimates using the GDOT CES tool. It is our understanding that GDOT has moved away from CES Tool to AASHTOWARE – please confirm which requirement will be enforced. **GDOT most current cost estimate tool must be used.**
29. The RFP states; "The consultant is expected to develop cost estimates that will enable the County to determine those elements that can be accomplished within the budget established for this project." It then states that it may be necessary "to use these estimates to redefine the elements

- of the project in order to remain within the established budget". Please clarify the established budget referenced here in the RFP. **This project is in the Atlanta Regional Commission Transportation Improvement Plan which shows the funding allocated by phase and year.**
30. Three of the four quadrants at the proposed interchange site appear to be within the city limits of Buford. Are there any Agreements or obligations, Memorandum of Understanding, etc., with the City of Buford regarding the proposed project? **Yes**
 31. Has the City of Buford, Gwinnett County, or GDOT made any advance acquisitions of R/W or Easements, Limits of Access, placed any lots or developments on hold, etc., related to this project? **No advance acquisitions have been completed.**
 32. Are R/W acquisitions by GCDOT OR GDOT? **GCDOT**
 33. Are the Rates in the fee schedule fixed for the duration of the project? **Yes**
 34. Does the County want full interchange lighting? **This would include lighting the ramps, Thompson Mill, and I-985 through the interchange per GDOT guidelines.**
 35. Does the County want partial interchange lighting? This would entail lighting the ramps and Thompson Mill at the intersections of the ramps and between the intersections. **No lighting will be placed on I-985.**
 36. Per Addendum 1, can the County clarify if the resumes of key personnel should be limited to a maximum of two pages each? **Resumes of key personnel must be a maximum of two (2) pages.**
 37. Will there be a shortlist? If yes, what would be determining factor(s) amongst the shortlisted firms? **Per the RFP; *The proposals will be evaluated in order to select the firms or teams which rate highest according to the criteria elaborated in above items. The selection committee then, at its discretion, may short list the highest scoring firms. Should the County choose to short list the firms, those making the list may be invited to participate in an oral presentation at the discretion of Gwinnett County. The full cost of the proposal preparation and all costs incurred to participate in the oral presentation/interview/demonstration are to be borne by the proposing firm.***
 38. Is it possible to add the following rate categories under the Proposal Fee Schedule? **No.**
 - a. Geotechnical Principal
 - b. Certified Photogrammetrist
 - c. Photogrammetrist
 39. Will we only need to submit one (1) printed copy of the Proposal Fee Schedule, in a separate sealed envelope? **Yes, only one copy of the fee proposal is required.**
 40. Please reconfirm that all required forms must be completed by the Prime firm only and none are required for the subconsultants. **All subconsultants must submit the Notice of Professional Consultant Qualification form.**
 41. Section II, Scope of Work, states "It is expected that a Public Information Open House (PIOH) and a Public Hearing Open House (PHOH) will be required. The consultant shall provide appropriate project related displays, handouts and other necessary documents required by GCDOT and GDOT for the PIOH and PHOH meetings." GDOT Prequalification Area Class 1.07 Attitude, Opinion, and Community Value Studies (Public Involvement) is not listed in the RFP as a required area class. Will the County confirm the consultant design team is not required to hold a prequalification for Area Class 1.07? **Area Class 1.07 will be required. The updated list is included below. Therefore, the consultant and/or sub-consultants must be pre-qualified by GDOT for the REVISED Area Classes listed below.**
 - 1.06a NEPA Documentation
 - 1.06b History
 - 1.06c Air Studies
 - 1.06d Noise Studies
 - 1.06e Ecology
 - 1.06f Archaeology
 - 1.06g Freshwater Aquatic Surveys

- 1.06h Bat Surveys
- **1.07 Attitude, Opinion, and Community Value Studies (Public Involvement)**
- 1.10 Traffic Studies
- 3.02 Two-Lane or Multi-Lane Urban Roadway Design
- 3.04 Multi-Lane Rural Interstate Limited Access Design
- 3.06 Traffic Operations Studies
- 3.07 Traffic Operations Design
- 3.08 Landscape Architecture
- 3.09 Traffic Control Systems Analysis, Design, and Implementation
- 3.10 Utility Coordination
- 3.12 Hydraulic and Hydrological Studies (Roadway)
- 3.13 Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians
- 3.15 Highway Lighting
- 4.02 Major Bridge Design
- 4.04 Hydraulic and Hydrological Studies (Bridges)
- 5.01 Land Surveying
- 5.02 Engineering Surveying
- 5.04 Aerial Photography
- 5.05 Photogrammetry
- 5.08 Overhead/Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)
- 6.01(a) Soil Survey Studies
- 6.02 Bridge Foundation Studies
- **6.05 Hazardous Waste Site Assessment Studies**
- 9.01 Erosion, Sedimentation and Pollution Control Plan

42. The introduction states that federal funds are being used for this project. Typically, with right-of-way acquisition on federally funded projects, Environmental Site Assessments are required. However, GDOT Area Class 6.05 Hazardous Waste Site Assessment Studies is not listed in the RFP as a required area class. Will the County confirm the consultant design team is not required to hold a prequalification for Hazardous Waste Site Assessment Studies Area Class 6.05? **Area Class 6.05 will be required. Please see the updated list in the Question 41.**

43. The Proposal Fee Schedule lists Billing Categories appropriate for billable rate roles, however, there are not categories that some of our subs would require for fixed, direct costs. For example, our geotechnical partners require equipment and/or vendor services for drilling, clearing/dozing, traffic control, traffic counts, etc. Attempting to include these fixed costs on a rate basis could potentially inflate those roles' rates. Should the consultant design team try to best fit within the categories provided or can they add categories for specific direct costs that they have used on other Gwinnett contracts? **All fees have to be within the billable rates of the fee schedule.**

44. Within the Understanding & Approach section, for 8.5" x 11" sheets, is the proposer allowed to submit the sheet in a "landscape" format (as opposed to a "portrait" format)? **Portrait and landscape are acceptable formats.**

This addendum should be acknowledged in the space provided in the proposal documents. Failure to do so may result in your proposal being deemed non-responsive.

Thank you,
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