

RECORD OF "QUESTION & ANSWER" & CLARIFICATIONS

March 8, 2016

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL LINKAGES STUDY IN CLAY AND JACKSON COUNTIES, MISSOURI AND WYANDOTTE COUNTY, KANSAS.

Additional Information / Clarification Provided at February 29, 2016

Pre-Proposal Workshop

- Interviews with shortlisted firms will be on Friday, April 15, between 8am-2pm.
- Interviews with shortlisted firms will not include presentations by the firm(s). Interviews will start directly with Questions & Answer (Q&A) session.
- RFP Response Package to include 5 hard copies and one (Digital Copy), may be CD-ROM, USB Thumb Drive, or other method (including downloadable file).
- Send in additional responses in writing only to mrivarola@marc.org by Close of Business on Friday, March 4th. MARC will provide responses to all questions by Friday, March 11th.

Question and Answers

Q 1: What are expectations for land use planning and area of influence given the recently completed ULI-Kansas City Technical Assistance Panel recommendations for the North Loop area, and the articles describing this process that were recently published in the Kansas City Business Journal?

Answer:

- As transportation strategies are developed, we will look at land use impacts associated with any proposed strategies associated with study.
- As part of ULI's Technical Assistance Panels, ULI-Kansas City provided the City of Kansas City (MO) with an analysis of I-70 "north loop" should it not exist in the future. That work was done by an independent panel, not under the direction or guidance of the City. The panel, independent real estate and development experts convened by ULI, worked under the premise that infrastructure in this area is old and natural questions come up. For example, is the I-70 "north loop" still needed through this area? If it is determined that it is not needed or traffic can be rerouted through alternate corridors, what are potential redevelopment options within the current ROW? What are some financing packages and potential revenues that could materialize if this area were to redevelop? Additionally, as development continues north of the Missouri River, additional traffic problems can be expected at connection to downtown. The only way to mitigate traffic congestion is to improve the interchange at I-70. In the PEL study, sponsors will not looking for anything specific regarding land use planning, but will be evaluating options and impacts as strategies are developed. Ultimately whatever gets implemented will depend on availability of funding.

Q 2: What are issues to consider around access to Port of Kansas City/Harlem/ downtown airport?

Answer:

- Ongoing access to all of these facilities or areas should be considered as part of the study. Kansas City Aviation Department is financially contributing to the PEL Study. Airport interests want to ensure access into and out of the airport and air traffic are considered as options get developed.

Q 3: The RFP mentions a desire for a "diverse workforce" in the section for scoring and team selection. Is this mention for the prime consultant or for the study team in its entirety, and is this in addition to the DBE Goal of 20%?

Answer:

- Statement about need for a “diverse workforce” and DBE goals are not the same matter. Project partners would like to see an effort to deliver a diverse workforce for the entire team, although there’s not necessarily a measure for this goal. We would like to see what is the consultant’s approach in this area.

Q 4: Can graphics be exempt from 12-point font size restriction?

Answer:

- Maximum 12-point font restriction applies to text and narrative of document. Text (legends and descriptions) within graphics (maps, photos, exhibits, etc.) should be legible and should be included at consultant’s discretion.

Q 5: Is there a limit on the number of people that can attend the interview, if shortlisted?

Answer:

- The consultant interview team will consist of a maximum of eight persons, at a minimum we require the participation of the project principal, project manager and project leads for public participation, technical planning and modeling.

Q 6: The RFP indicates that Missouri Regional Certification Committee (MRCC) certification is required for DBE/MBE firms. Are any other certifications accepted (e.g., KDOT, Kansas Statewide, City of KCMO, etc.) to meet the overall project DBE requirement?

- The Project will accept non MRCC DBE certification on a case by case bases – contact Darryl Fields, MARC’s DBE Liaison for further clarification.

Q 7: Is the project funded exclusively by Missouri STP? If so, has MoDOT assigned it a project number?

- The project is funded exclusively by Missouri STP and local match from City of Kansas City. MoDOT has assigned project number STP 3453(403) to this study.

Q 8: Please clarify the format for the interview if a team is shortlisted:

- Please clarify the rules with regard to bringing in and using outside materials (i.e. boards, graphics, handouts, leave behinds, etc.) during the interview.
 - No outside material shall be permitted; the interview will be based of the submitted proposals.

- Will there be time for introductions or a short verbal presentation on behalf of the interviewing team prior to Q&A?

The agenda for the interviews shall be as follows:

- A brief self-introduction by the interview panel
 - A brief consultant self-introduction - affiliation and project role
 - The panel will ask questions of the consultant team based on the submitted proposals.
- Are there any limitations on the number of staff from each team that will be allowed to participate in the interview?
 - Please see response to Q 5.

Q 9: Will aerial imagery and/or other mapping be made available during interview Q&A?

- MARC will provide a projected image of the project area as represented in the RFP.

Q 10: At the pre-proposal meeting, it was announced that the Aviation Department had funds in the project. Will the Aviation Department have a voting role on the selection panel?

- No, the City of Kansas City, Missouri, will represent the Aviation Department.

Q 11: Will KDOT and Unified Government of Wyandotte County be part of the selection panel?

- The selection panel will comprise of representatives from the City of Kansas City, Missouri; Missouri Department of Transportation and the Mid-America Regional Council, each having a single vote.

Q 12: May we use tabs and if so will they count towards the 10-page limit?

- Binder tabs that allow organization do not count towards the 10-page limit.

Q 13: Will you allow 9 (or 10) point font for graphics, photo captions and tables?

- Please see response to Q 4.

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