



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS #010-007

DESIGN-BUILD FOR THE ARKENDALE-POWELLS CREEK (CHERRY HILL) THIRD TRACK PROJECT

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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Below are questions with responses that VRE has received concerning the subject solicitation. Whenever possible, questions are presented as originally asked. Otherwise, the question is presented to capture the main thrust or idea of the question or inquiry.

1. Do all members of the Design-Build Team (construction contractor and lead designer) need to complete the Pre-Qualification Application?

The Pre-Qualification Application must be completed by the Prime Offeror. However, if the Prime Offeror is a joint venture, each entity participating in the joint venture must complete the Pre-Qualification Application. Subconsultants and Subcontractors are not required to complete the Pre-Qualification Application.

2. During the pre-qualification meeting a statement was made that “all members of the Team” need to fill out Attachment C. However, the Team includes all subcontracted designers and contractors who will be under contract to the Offeror. Who is required to fill out Attachment C, the Pre-Qualification Application?

For clarification to the response made at the pre-qualification meeting, see the response to Question #1 above.

3. According to Section 10, a maximum of ten (10) relevant projects shall be identified. Does this limit apply to the entire team or does this apply to the Construction Contractor and Lead Designer independently?

This applies to the entire team. The most relevant projects should be selected.

4. Will CSXT have a review role in the project?

Yes.

5. Can VRE confirm that Section 2.1, Paragraph B.5 is intended to mean that VRE will acquire all right-of-way/easements shown in the plans?

Certain easements and right-of-way will be the responsibility of the Design-Build Contractor. Specific requirements will be provided in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

6. Is the Design-Build Contractor responsible for utility relocations (fiber optic, gas, railroad communication, overhead, etc.) or protection (concrete encasement, extension of sleeves, etc.)?

Certain utilities will be relocated by the Design-Build Contractor. Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

7. With respect to Section 2.1, Paragraph D, is the Design-Build Contractor responsible for design, relocation, and installation of rail signals and grade crossing protection signals? If this work will be performed by others, will this construction occur at the same time?

Signal work will be performed by others. Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

8. Is a copy of the Environmental Assessment (EA) referenced in Section 2.1, Paragraph E. available for review?

The EA is currently in draft form. It will be posted with the RFP.

9. Is a copy of the draft Joint Permit Application (JPA) referenced in Section 2.1, Paragraph G. available for review?

The JPA is being finalized. It will be posted with the RFP.

10. Is the Design-Build Contractor responsible for environmental mitigation requirements as referenced in Section 2.1, Paragraph I. under the following scenarios?
- a. Approval of reservation of credits in an approved mitigation bank; or
 - b. No agreement reached for reservation of credits in an approved mitigation bank (i.e. new mitigation site required necessitating design, property acquisition, agency approval, construction, long term monitoring, etc.).

Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

11. Can a Virginia PE license be pending for key personnel who hold licenses in other states?

The Offeror shall state in their SOQ package if a license is pending. Certification must be submitted prior to Contract award.

12. Are there any soil borings, laboratory tests, geotechnical reports or memoranda or any other subsurface information available?

Yes, the geotechnical report will be provided in the RFP.

13. The next ESCCC course conducted by VTCA is scheduled for September 2010. With this in mind, can the requirement for the Construction Manager to hold an ESCCC certification be modified to instead require the certification to be received by the time the Notice-to-Proceed is issued?

The Offeror shall state in their SOQ package if a certification is pending. Certification must be submitted prior to Contract award. See Addendum #2.

14. Can VRE clarify what is meant by "Railroad Safety Qualified"? What specific entity certification is required? Is WMATA training acceptable?

CSX Transportation roadway worker protection safety certification is required.

15. Can the SOQ package contain 11" x 17" pages, if folded in such a way to conform to the 8.5" x 11" format requirement? Items such as organizational charts and schedules would be typical documents represented this way.

Folded 11" x 17" pages shall only be charts, diagrams, etc. and must conform to the 8.5" x 11" format requirement. See Addendum #2.

16. The requirement for financial statements specifies that any entity participating in the SOQ must provide such information. Would this requirement apply to 2nd tier subconsultants/subcontractors?

Only the Prime Offeror is required to submit financial statements. It shall be the responsibility of the Prime Offeror to ensure that all subconsultants/subcontractors are financially responsible. However, if the Prime Offeror is a joint venture, each entity participating in a joint venture must submit financial statements.

See revision to SECTION 18.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Paragraph C. per Addendum #2.

17. With respect to Section 18, it appears that financial statements are required from the Prime Contractor or Joint Venture parties only. However, the checklist provided in Section 26 indicates that all firms or entities participating on the Offeror's team shall furnish complete financial statements. Which is correct?

See the response to Question #16 above and the revised checklist per Addendum #2.

18. Will the preliminary engineering documentation be provided in executable CADD format? If so, clarify in what CADD program/format the information will be provided.

Electronic CADD files will be provided to the short listed Offerors upon request.

19. Will the survey data be provided in electronic format and in what format and to what level of accuracy will the survey information be provided?

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20. Can the position of Quality Assurance Manager (QAM) be staffed by the design firm? This is the practice on some recent VDOT projects.

The QAM must be independent of the prime Construction and Design Contractors.

21. Will VRE extend the deadline for submittal of SOQ packages by one or two weeks? This extension will allow for better developed submittals to enhance the competition and achieve the best team for VRE.

The deadline for submittal of SOQ packages is extended to August 6, 2010. See the revision per Addendum #2.

22. Will VRE furnish, either directly or through provisions with CSX contributions, the following:

- a. Rail. If so, will it be CWR? Will it be delivered to the site?
- b. Ties. If so, what type (concrete or wood)?
- c. Special Trackwork. (Turnouts, Derails, etc.).
- d. Ballast. If so, will it be delivered by train (hopper car)?

Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

23. Can an Offeror submit its confidential financial statements directly to VRE under separate cover, referencing its SOQ accordingly? Is it acceptable to submit only one (1) copy?

Offerors shall submit financial statements as directed in the RFQ. Confidential information shall be identified in accordance to Section 23.3 TRADE SECRETS OR PROPRIETARY INFORMATION included in the RFQ.

24. Section 1, Paragraph F. of the Pre-Qualification Application requires that a proposed joint venture submit documentation evidencing its ability to do business in Virginia. Does Virginia certification of each respective firm satisfy this requirement at this phase?

Documentation shall be submitted as required by law.

25. The contents of the seventy-five (75) page limitation is not clear. Will VRE verify that this page limit does not include the tab pages, company financial statements, safety plans, DBE certification or Pre-Qualification Application?
- A. Only the information required to be submitted under TABS 3 through 10 as outlined in Section 22.3 count toward the seventy-five (75) page limit.
 - B. Page 1 shall be the first page of the Letter of Submittal (TAB 3). Page 75 shall be the last page of the Project Understanding and Approach (TAB 10).
 - C. The Safety Program and History, DBE Goal, Financial Statements and Pre-Qualification Application are excluded from the seventy-five (75) page limit.
 - D. Additionally, tab pages will not count toward the seventy-five (75) page limit.

See Addendum #2.

26. Will station/platform work be included in this Contract?

Yes, at Quantico Station. Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

27. Will system, communication, signal work be included in this Contract?

Signal work will be performed by others. Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

28. Have all the necessary permits been acquired and will they be available during the RFP process?

Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

29. Are there any specific requirements for utility relocations? Will any of this work be done by the owners?

Certain utilities will be relocated by the Design-Build Contractor. Specific requirements will be provided in the RFP.

30. Is it critical to identify subcontractors at this stage of the proposal? In other words, is it acceptable for a Prime Contractor to identify possible subcontractors for certain trades that it intends to request prices from in lieu of specifying only one subcontractor that the Prime Contractor has committed to?

Qualifications will be rated based on the Prime Contractor and major Subcontractors. The Prime Offeror is required to maintain the team structure throughout the Project.

31. Section 15, Paragraph B.3 requires the OSHA 300A Summary Form be provided for year 2002 to present. However, the RIR and LTIR are only five (5) years. Typical industry practice is to require three (3) to five (5) years of safety numbers. Will VRE modify this Section to require the lead Contractor to provide their OSHA 300A Summary Form for year 2005 to present?

Yes. See the revision per Addendum #2.