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DATE: July 26, 2022

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR AS-NEEDED AIR QUALITY SERVICES

Pursuant to the Request for Proposals (RFP), all proposers were to submit any questions regarding this RFP by no later than Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Questions were to be submitted in writing, and all questions and responses were to be posted on [the Department's website](#) and www.rampla.org.

Below is a list of questions received from proposers, and the Department's response:

1. Q: What firms are the current contractors for the Port for these as-needed air quality services?

A: The current firms are Starcrest Consulting Group; Tetra Tech, Inc.; Ramboll US Corporation; and Ensafe, Inc.

2. Q: Roughly what is the expected annual total budget/spend by the Port for these services? How is this spend split among the current contractors?

A: The current three-year agreements, not to exceed amounts, are as follows:

Starcrest Consulting Group	\$2,500,000;
Tetra Tech, Inc.	\$2,000,000
Ramboll US Corporation	\$1,000,000
Ensafe, Inc.	\$1,000,000

3. Q: The last sentence on Page 5 of the RFP states, "Proposers must be able and willing to provide all of these services for their proposals to be considered." Whereas the third bullet on the top of Page 11 of the RFP states, "Please state if there are any services described herein that your firm cannot or will not provide." Can you clarify if proposers need to be able to provide all services or if they can still bid on the RFP if there are one or more items in the requested scope of work that they cannot provide services for.

A: Proposers need to assemble a team that can provide all services in order to submit a responsive bid.

4. Q: Can you please provide the number of contracts that will be awarded?

A: It is expected that 4 to 5 contracts will be awarded. It is dependent on the number of successful proposals received.

5. Q: Can pricing and cost information be included in an appendix, therefore not counting towards the 15 page limit?

A: Pricing and cost information can be included in an appendix.

6. Q: Does the consultant need to submit qualifications regarding all 12 categories identified in the RFP for consideration? Or can they propose on just a subset of those categories?

A: Proposers need to assemble a team that can submit qualifications on all categories identified in the RFP.

7. Q: Does a commitment to meeting or exceeding the 25% SBE and 3% VSBE business enterprise goals along with committed subconsultants to fulfill it suffice for meeting the goals, or does a Good Faith Effort also need to be demonstrated?

A: Please see Section 3.3.7 of the RFP. The completed Consultant Description Form should list all subconsultant.

8. Q: If the Good Faith Effort is required, is it required to be RAMP Business Inclusion Program outreach only, or will our own record (emails, call logs, etc.) suffice?

A: This does not apply to Harbor Department agreements. Please see Section 3.3.7 of the RFP.

9. Q: Would the Port consider amendments to the indemnification requirements?

A: If your firm cannot agree to the requirements exactly as set forth in this RFP, please do not submit a proposal.

10. Q: Would the Port be willing to reconsider provisions regarding insurance requirements?

A: If your firm cannot agree to the requirements exactly as set forth in this RFP, please do not submit a proposal.

11. Q: What is the extent of off port activities that need to be evaluated? For example, emissions from power plants to supply lower emission electric vehicles, extent of corridors used for off port distribution, off-port distribution centers, etc.

A: The majority of the scope under these agreements will be the implementation of the San Pedro Bay Ports' Clean Air Action Plan available here <https://cleanairactionplan.org/>.

12. Q: How have past environmental contractors been evaluated? Is that evaluation a matter of public record?

A: Written proposals are evaluated and proposers may be invited to be interviewed. The written proposals and interview will be scored. Scoring criteria is identified in the RFP. The last As-needed Air Quality Services Agreement selection was approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners in March 2020. Here is a link to the Board Report that details the evaluation process and selection:
<https://www.portoflosangeles.org/commission/agenda-archive-and-videos/agendas/2020/03052020-special-agenda>

13. Q: Is it possible for AECOM to utilize the attached recently negotiated contract between the Port of Los Angeles and AECOM, which was signed by Eugene Seroka on with July 6, 2021?

A: No.