## ADDENDUM TO RFQ DOCUMENTS



ADDENDUM #01

SCCD RFQ: #15-004

Project:

Solano Community College District Geotechnical Services Pool Request for Qualifications

Date: 08/22/14

All Addenda can be found at the District's Bond/Vendor website at:

www.solano.edu/measureq/vendor.php

Addendum # 01 – The following clarifications are provided based on questions received and must be added/considered when completing your submittal: Acknowledgement of receipt of this <u>ADDENDUM</u> is required on the Statement of Qualification cover letter of introduction. Please clearly note the addendum date and number.

## ITEM:

1. There are no modifications to the existing RFQ per this addendum

## **Answers to Submitted Questions:**

1. Will the Geotechnical Pool <u>prime</u> consultant be precluded from being a part of the design build team when specified projects of which the Geotech pool team worked on proceed to a design build delivery method?

Answer: Yes. If a Geotech firm, or their subconsultants, contracts with the District to perform Geotechnical Services on a specific project (i.e. Bio-Tech) then that firm will be precluded from contracting with the Design Build Entity for that specific project only.

2. Will the Geotechnical Pool's <u>subconsultants</u> be precluded from being a part of the design build team when specified projects of which the Geotech pool team worked on proceed to a design build delivery method?

Answer: See answer to #1 above.

3. Would either #1 or #2 apply if the project proceeds to design bid build as the project delivery method?

Answer: Yes, for both questions #1 and #2.

4. Regarding #1 and #2, if there is a preclusion, will it only be only for that <u>specified project</u> of which the Pool consultant (geotechnical engineer and team worked on) or is the Prime

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/Prime's team precluded from working on ANY and all design build project(s) set forth under Measure Q?

Answer: The preclusion will only apply to that specific project. If however, the Geotechnical firm is contracted to perform a campus wide investigation it would preclude that firm from contracting with any entity that has contracted with the District to perform construction activities on that campus.

5. Will the role of the Geotechnical Pool be carried into construction for oversight of the soils during construction, or will soils under construction be a part of another contracting vehicle TBD?

Answer: The Geotech firm's expertise may be requested on an as needed basis to perform further testing or provide recommendations for specific issues discovered during construction.

6. "Provide a list of geotechnical reports prepared by your team in the last seven (7) years on at least five (5) and no more than fifteen (15) public works projects, including at least two (2) projects on higher education campuses (preferably community colleges) undergoing renovation and/or new construction. Provide at least two (2) examples of modernization projects." By the phrase 'prepared by your team,' does the District/Kitchell want the proposer to show only projects of which the proposer's company per se has worked on (prime or sub), or can the proposer show such info from an employee's previous employ, where the individual geotechnical engineer was the one shown as geotech of record/i.e. his/her stamp on the report?

Answer: While we realize that teams may consist of members that bring varying levels of experience from previous employment or from subconsultants please understand that the intent of the RFQ is to establish the qualifications of the prime consultant firm submitting an SOQ for consideration.

7. The required cover letter statement on page 5 of the RFQ mentions two different standardized agreements. In Attachment A of the RFQ, I only see the "Independent Consultant Agreement for Professional Services" that is referenced. I cannot find the second agreement, "Agreement for Geotechnical Services." Can you please separate and/or clarify the two agreements that we are required to review and accept?

Answer: The "Independent Consultant Agreement for Professional Services" and the "Agreement for Geotechnical Services" are the same document.

8. When will the sign-in list from the pre-bid meeting be posted online?

Answer: The sign-in list is posted at: <a href="http://www.solano.edu/measureq/vendor.php">http://www.solano.edu/measureq/vendor.php</a>. Once you get to that page you will have to scroll down to the section for Geotechnical RFQ.

9. During the mandatory pre-proposal meeting, you had mentioned that the District typically does not allow changes to their agreement. We have some concerns regarding the

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Indemnification language that is included which may inhibit us from submitting our statement of qualifications if they are unwilling to alter.

Answer: The District generally does not allow changes to their agreement. The choice to submit an SOQ is solely at the discretion of the firm considering to be included in the pool.

10. Which firms have most recently been in your "pool", or have worked on your most recent projects?

Answer: Neil O. Anderson and Kleinfelder are two firms that have recently provided Statements of Qualifications or Proposals.

11. Will geohazard studies be included as part of the future scopes of work for individual projects, or are there recent studies for the different sites available?

Answer: That is unknown at this time. The purpose of this RFQ is to obtain Statements of Qualifications from firms interested in contracting with the District. If performing Geohazard studies is a part of your firm's experience then it can be included in your SOQ.

12. Will there be Project Labor Agreements in force during construction that could preclude firms with non-union staff from being involved with follow-on testing and observation?

Answer: A Project Labor Agreement has been established for the District to be used for construction contracts. The PLA will not affect testing and observation work being performed by geotech firms during construction.

13. Do we need to include the names of subcontractors, i.e. drillers, utility locators, etc.?

Answer: Subcontractors that you use to perform work in the field don't need to be included. What we are looking for in the SOQ is whether or not the professional services that are offered by the submitting firm will meet the needs of the District. If subconsultants are part of the team you will be submitting then yes, they should be included your Statement of Qualifications.

14. Are there any small/disadvantage/business requirements or preferences?

Answer: The scope of this RFQ is to determine the qualifications of the firm and team that are being submitted for consideration to perform Geotechnical services for the District.

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