



ADDENDUM # 1 SOLICITATION RFP # 2021-15

Calhoun & Boundary Streetscape – Engineering Services

This addendum is being issued to announce, revise, clarify and address questions or certain issues that have occurred since the solicitation was originally issued.

All contents of this addendum shall be incorporated into the solicitation documents and the ensuing contract with the awarded Contractor. It is the Contractor's responsibility to ensure their receipt of all addenda, and to clearly acknowledge all addenda within their initial bid response. Acknowledgement may be confirmed by noting the total number of addenda on the Signatory Sheet (e.g. Addenda 1 of 1). Failure of a Contractor to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the bid from being considered for award and deem the Contractor as non-responsive.

Q & A

Question 1: Testing: Preconstruction Inspection and testing requirements to be coordinated by the selected engineering consultant and performed by a third-party testing agency. For this item, will the Town contract with a third-party testing agency independent of this RFQ submittal and we would coordinate the items needed to perform the design for the project? Or should we include a team member to perform this task?

Response: The Town will contract with a third-party testing agency independent of this RFQ. The selected engineering consultant will coordinate the testing items as needed to perform the design.

Question 2: Is testing only geotechnical investigations including HAZMAT and vibration monitoring (i.e. protection for Town as well as adjacent historic structures)? Does it involve any other items?

Response: The Town has already engaged a Geotechnical Consultant to provide asphalt cores for each block of Calhoun Street. This report will be provided to the selected consultant. Additional soil testing, HAZMAT and vibration monitoring will be provided by a third-party testing agency based on the recommendations of the selected engineering consultant.

Question 3: Could a team member perform design services and geotechnical investigations, HAZMAT, and vibration monitoring as they provide these services in-house; or if performing design services, then another consultant would be required to perform the geotechnical, HAZMAT, and vibration monitoring?

Response: If the responding engineering consultant has in-house, pre-design testing capabilities, then the ability to provide these services internally should be noted in their submittal response. However, this is not likely to be a determining factor in the selection process. Any testing during construction will be required to be performed by a third party.

Question 4: Is all funding local with no federal funding?

Response: Currently there are no grant applications pending with state or federal agencies for this project. SCDHEC 319 grants may be considered for partial funding to accommodate stormwater best management practices.

Question 5: Is there a max page limit for the submittal?

Response: No, but please do not provide voluminous submittal information not specifically requested by the RFQ.

Question 6: Can full resumes be included in the appendix?

Response: Yes

Question 7: Is a business license only required once selected not during this pursuit phase, correct?

Response: Yes

Question 8: Is Boundary Street a DOT owned street? It is the only one that is not clear to us.

Response: Boundary Street is a SCDOT maintained road and Calhoun Street is a Town of Bluffton Road.

All prospective Respondents are reminded and hereby instructed not to contact any member of the Town of Bluffton Council, Town Manager or Town of Bluffton staff members, other than the noted contact person OR the Town's Purchasing Administrator regarding this solicitation or their response at any time during the solicitation and award process. Any such contact may be cause for rejection of your submittal.