

ADDENDUM #1: April 7, 2021

Unless explicitly noted herein, all requirements will remain as originally prepared. Any variations or claims of equality or superiority must be demonstrated, proven and tested to the satisfaction of ABI. A signed copy of the Receipt of Addendum (Exhibit C.8) within the RFQ must be submitted with your proposal as confirmation of your receipt.

## **Questions/Answers:**

- 1. QUESTION: Is ABI's intention for one firm to provide all services procured in this solicitation or can a prime respond just to the services they are qualified to provide? If latter, do the page limits apply to the entirety of the submittal or per service category?

  ANSWER: For each of the four technical service categories (engineering & design, environmental consulting services, construction materials testing, and pre-construction services), a team may respond to any service that they are qualified to provide. They can respond to more than one service category as applicable. The page limit applies to all submissions.
- **2. QUESTION:** If a firm is a sub to a prime, can that sub also submit one individual service separately?

<u>ANSWER:</u> Yes. For example, an environmental consultant might be a subconsultant to a prime for the design & engineering category, but can also apply as a prime for the environmental consulting category.

- **ANSWER:** If a prime consultant can provide turn-key services for any of the technical service categories (engineering & design, environmental consulting services, construction materials testing, and pre-construction services), they may submit a qualifications package without including subconsultants, or may submit as a team and include subconsultants.
- 4. QUESTION: If a firm provides more than one of the desired services, does ABI want all services in one submission, or one submission for each service area?
  ANSWER: Firms providing one or multiple disciplines shall include them in a single SOQ, not multiple SOQs.



- **5. QUESTION:** How many firms will ABI select for each service area? **ANSWER:** ABI may retain one or multiple firms for each specified discipline listed in the RFQ (engineering & design, environmental consulting services, construction materials testing, and pre-construction services).
- 6. QUESTION: Can you share the presentation used in the pre- submittal meeting today?
  ANSWER: The presentation was only shown at the pre-submittal meeting. The RFQ has all of the information required to submit for the RFQ submissions.
- **7. QUESTION:** In the evaluation process, would one team be evaluated higher if they can provide more services versus just one? e.g., a firm that provide qualifications for both engineering and design and environmental consulting services would earn more points than the firm only provide engineering and design or, is each of the service being scored and considered separately?

**ANSWER:** The evaluation is based on the evaluation criteria listed in the RFQ.

**8. QUESTION:** Is 30% DBE goal a mandatory requirement for a team to be considered or is it encouraged goal for the team to meet?

**ANSWER:** The 30% DBE is a goal. Please review the DBE goals section within the RFQ.

- 9. QUESTION: Are there any lawn care needs for this RFQ? ANSWER: No, there are not any lawn care needs. The solicitation is for: engineering & design, environmental consulting services, construction materials testing, and preconstruction services.
- 10. QUESTION: Is there a list of attendees from the pre-proposal meeting?
  ANSWER: Yes. Please see the pre submittal meeting attendee listing in the Vendor Registry at <a href="https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/8bdf6893-4865-45da-bf62-c1551991534b">https://vrapp.vendorregistry.com/Bids/View/Bid/8bdf6893-4865-45da-bf62-c1551991534b</a>
- **11. QUESTION:** In regard to the Professional Liability Insurance Coverage requirements, DBE firms will find it challenging to meet the \$2M/\$4M limits. Would ABI consider reducing those limits depending on which of the four categories a bid is submitted? **ANSWER:** Procurement does not have the authority to define or adjust the amount of



insurance required for each project/solicitation or to determine the risks associated with each project. Please continue with your submittal.

**12. QUESTON:** Does the cover letter count toward the 20-page limit? Do you prefer a one-page or multi-page cover letter? 2. Do you know if the scope of work in Task b: Environmental Consulting Services will cover the contractor work needed for Beltline and Invest Atlanta's recently awarded FY2020 EPA Cleanup grant, or will that be issued under a separate RFQ?

**ANSWER:** The cover letter does not count towards the 20-page limit. Environmental Consulting Services is projected to be issued under a separate RFQ.

**13. QUESTON:** In the RFQ, Page 11, Section 4, #2 - Can we assume that knowledge of the GDOT PDP process is not pertinent to the Environmental Consulting Services component of the RFQ?

**ANSWER:** Yes, the consultant should have knowledge of the PDP process.

**14. QUESTON:** Who will be on the panel for selecting the winning firm and will more than one firm for each section (a, b, c, d) be awarded the contract?

<u>ANSWER:</u> ABI will have a selection panel consisting of members on the Design & Construction team including civil engineers and landscape architects. Depending on the responses submitted, more than one firm may be selected for each section.

**15. QUESTION:** If the firm is a prime and DBE team, do the prime and DBE both need to demonstrate GDOT PDP experience?

**ANSWER:** A member of the proposing team should have GDOT PDP experience. All members of the team are not required to have GDOT PDP experience.

**16. QUESTION:** Does Atlanta BeltLine anticipate acquiring additional property for completion?

**ANSWER:** Yes, additional parcels will be required to complete the BeltLine loop and connecting trails.

**17. QUESTION:** Who is currently holding the contract for each discipline? **ANSWER:** This is a new program for ABI. There are currently no existing contracts.



**18. QUESTION:** Will work on the Atlanta Beltline preclude us from working on adjacent properties?

**ANSWER:** Working on the Atlanta Beltline will not preclude a consultant from working on adjacent properties. The consultant will be expected to maintain confidentiality for all work undertaken on behalf of the BeltLine.

**19. QUESTION:** Please explain the insurance requirement for Incidental Medical Malpractice. What would its equivalent be?

<u>ANSWER:</u> Please strike the requirement for Incidental Medical Malpractice for this specific project. Please note that elimination of this requirement is not a Procurement determination and does not apply to all Atlanta BeltLine projects.

**20. QUESTION:** Do the Insurance Requirements apply to all firms, even if they are seeking work in only a single discipline?

<u>ANSWER:</u> Yes. The insurance requirements apply to all awarded contracts, single and multiple discipline awards.

**21. QUESTIONS:** Is ABI looking for multiple firms (different firms) for each task or one firm that can team to provide all services?

**ANSWER:** See answer #4.

**22. QUESTION:** Can resumes be provided in an appendix and not count towards the 20-page limit?

**ANSWER:** Each page shall be numbered, in a format of Respondent's choice, from page one to page 20. Cover pages, tabs, Response Forms and Exhibit materials will not count toward the page limit.

By signing the Receipt of Addendum (Exhibit C.8) within the RFQ, the recipient acknowledges receipt of Addendum #1 and agrees to submit Exhibit C.8 along with any SOQ presented to ABI in response to the above-referenced RFQ.