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**Solicitation Information
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ADDENDUM # 1

RFP# 7458192

TITLE: Valley Falls Fish Passage, Central Falls and Cumberland, Rhode Island.

Submission Deadline: November 27, 11 AM (EST)

Notice to Vendors:

SEE ATTACHED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

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Questions for RFP #7458192 Valley Falls Fish Passage

Q1) Do the existing maps provided to bidders show the entire limit of bathymetric survey that is available or is there more information available?

Response: The extent of the bathymetric and topographic surveying that is available is shown on drawing C-2.

Q2) Is there a feasibility study for the proposed fish ladder?

Response: DEM does not have a feasibility study.

Q3) Does FEMA compliance have to be addressed as part of this project?

Response: Yes, FEMA compliance as it relates to flood elevation changes due to construction of the upstream and downstream passages does need to be addressed as part of this project and should be considered under the Permitting- Environmental section of the RFP. Permit fees for FEMA only will be considered a reimbursable expense (other environmental permit fees will be the responsibility of DEM as stated in the RFP).

Q4) Are there any geotechnical reports available for purposes of sizing foundations?

Response: There are not any geotechnical reports available for purposes of sizing foundations.

Q5) While geotechnical assessment is not specifically requested in the RFP, is it DEM's intention that this will be included in the design tasks?

Response: Geotechnical design is requested in the Request for Proposals.

Q6) US Department of Agriculture, Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) review – Since NRCS is a project partner, will the design have to conform to NRCS guidelines and standards?

Response: NRCS is a project funding partner and therefore the project needs to conform to NRCS guidelines and standards for the purpose of the project.

Q7) In addition to the Project Manual and As-built Drawings requested in the RFP, will the engineering consultant have to prepare preliminary and detail design reports, and a construction completion report to conform to NRCS requirements for engineering and design of their projects?

Response: The engineering consultant have to prepare preliminary and detail design reports, and a construction completion report to conform to NRCS requirements for engineering and design of their projects.

Q8) Who will be reviewing the Project Documents on behalf of US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and NRCS?

Response: The project will be reviewed by US Fish and Wildlife Service Fish Passage Engineers from the Region 5 Office in Hadley, Massachusetts. NRCS review will be completed by the NRCS Rhode Island State Office.

Q9) Has USFWS or NRCS completed an assessment of the Blackstone Canal flow rates needed to maintain the existing habitat?

Response: Neither USFWS nor NRCS has completed an assessment of the Blackstone Canal flow rates needed to maintain the existing habitat.

Q10) Has any soil testing been done on the Central Falls Department of Public Works property at the end of River Street adjacent to the hydroplant tailrace confluence with the river?

Response: DEM does not have any soil testing in this area. Any required soil evaluation shall be included in the Technical Memorandum required in the "Review of Existing 30% Design."