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ADDENDUM #1

RFP # 7548806

TITLE: TECHNICAL REVISION TO RIDOT STANDARD SPECIFICATIONS FOR ROAD AND BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 7/16/14 – 11:30 A.M.

Prospective bidders and all concerned are hereby advised of the attached changes/modifications for the above referenced RFQ and are hereby requested to change their copies accordingly.

1. QUESTIONS FROM PRE-BID CONFERENCE HELD ON 6/24/14 AND ANSWERS ARE ATTACHED.
2. ATTENDANCE SHEET FROM PRE-BID CONFERENCE HELD ON 6/24/14 IS ATTACHED.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lisa Hill".

Lisa Hill
Chief Buyer

Bidders must include a signed copy of this addendum with their proposal submission as acknowledgement.

Company Name (print)

Signature of Authorized Representative

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
RIDOT Addendum Notification

**7548806 – PROFESSIONAL CONSULTANT SERVICES: To Provide
Technical, Procedural and Administrative Services to RIDOT Standard
Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction, 2004 ED,
Parts 200-900, T,L,M**

Per the issuance of Department of Transportation ADDENDUM # 7548806A1 the following changes are noted:

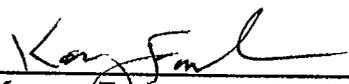
- CLARIFICATION

Attached responses 1 through 3 will clarify questions and comments discussed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting held on June 24, 2014.

- ATTENDANCE SHEET

Courtesy copy of Attendance Sheet from Pre-Proposal Meeting held on June 24, 2014.

APPROVED: _____


Kazem Farhoumand, P.E.
Chief Engineer

6/26/14
DATE

ADDENDUM # 7548806A1
RI Department of Transportation
June 26, 2014

TO ALL RESPONDENTS:

RIDOT is seeking to establish a **performance based** contract with a qualified Consultant with an **expertise in technical writing** to assist RIDOT in revising their current Standard Specifications (A.K.A. the "BLUE BOOK"). There is much ambiguity in the interpretation of the present RIDOT specifications "as written". RIDOT is looking for a "re-write" of these specifications to clearly define their practicable intent and purpose providing a clear and concise reference for use on all RIDOT projects. With this in mind RIDOT is specifically looking for an experienced specification writer familiar with engineering rather than an engineer capable of writing a specification. The goal is to provide clear and concise language of the current specifications and not to revise or change the engineering or technical content.

Respondents are instructed to submit a TECHNICAL PROPOSAL (Original plus 6 COPIES) along with a **separately sealed COST PROPOSAL (3 HARD COPIES ONLY)** to the Department of Administration Office of Purchases by **FRIDAY, JULY 16, 2014 no later than 11:30 AM.** Submission package shall be delivered directly to the RIDOA/ Division of Purchases and should be clearly labeled as to **Bid # and Project Description.**

Respondents must have a minimum of **5 YEARS technical writing experience** and shall provide any applicable certifications or registrations pertinent to the project services requested. Respondents shall provide at least 2 PROJECTS similar to the scope proposed; **total sample pages of previous work shall not exceed 10 PAGES.** These "sample" pages may be included as an exhibit in the proposal – labeled and tabbed accordingly.

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL MUST be "spiral" bound in a single volume and limited to **25 PAGES** in length; Technical narrative should focus on the technical selection criteria identified on PAGE 7 of the RFP. Technical Proposal pages must be numbered in consecutive order and must contain a Table of Contents that cross references each requirement with specific pages in the submission. Technical Proposal submission only must be submitted in hard copy form and on CD ROM- clearly labeled and included on the inside cover of each TECHNICAL Proposal submitted.

Technical and Cost Proposals will be evaluated separately. Cost Proposals will remain sealed at DOA until such time as technical scoring has been completed. Only firms receiving qualifying technical scores of 60 POINTS or more will advance to the cost evaluation phase. Firms who do not qualify will be disqualified from any further consideration.

Detailed Cost Proposals will be capped at \$150,000.00 for total contract costs. The total contract term shall not exceed a total of 12 MONTHS based on the specific milestones and deliverables defined in the RFP.

RIVIP BIDDER CERTIFICATION COVER FORM must be signed, completed and submitted along with TECHNICAL PROPOSAL submission. "ORIGINAL" RIVIP FORM should be clearly presented for Purchases review and a "COPY" of RIVIP FORM should be included in **EACH** TECHNICAL Proposal submission.

Besides the RIVIP Form, RIDOT requires that all Respondents complete and include in **each TECHNICAL SUBMISSION** the following forms:

- DEBARMENT
- LOBBYING
- CONFLICTS DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
- TITLE VI

W-9 FORM is also required but should be submitted "**unbound**" for DOA review and acceptance. Copies of W-9 FORM need **NOT** be included in each Proposal Submission.

Any pertinent questions subsequent to today's Pre-Proposal Meeting may be posted at the RIDOT website @ www.dot.ri.gov through steps outlined in the RFP. Responses to questions will be posted under the same questions menu. A determination will be made by RIDOT, in coordination with the Division of Purchases, whether an addendum will be required. The Q& A Forum will disable 7 **FULL CALENDAR DAYS** prior to the due date for this project. ***Therefore, questions will not be accepted after NOON on JULY 8, 2014.***

1. Q – Are the BLUE BOOK Compilations to be made part of the rewrite also?

A – YES. The Compilations (or BLUE BOOK Addenda) will also be reviewed by the selected Consultant and rewritten as needed. RIDOT is simultaneously rewriting SECTION 100 of the BLUE BOOK which along with the Compilations will all be incorporated into the final specifications document. Respondents shall be aware of the cross-references within Section 100 affecting other spec issues within the rest of the BLUE BOOK.

2. Q – Will there be any new specification items "added" to the new BLUE BOOK? Namely adopting any job specific specifications from past projects??

A –RIDOT has set up an in-house technical committee to review this issue and to decide which, if any, new specs will be added. However, most of the engineering and construction specifications are AASHTO guided and added by regulation.

At this time the focus of this project is to rewrite the current specifications and to eliminate any ambiguities represented. The selected firm will also be responsible to set up or update any electronic links referenced in the BLUE BOOK in line with the current RIDOT website access.

3. Q – Will the language in the BLUE BOOK be presented in active voice?

A- YES. The current BLUE BOOK is in passive voice and RIDOT may want to convert some of this language to active voice in the new edition. RIDOT will rely on the selected CONSULTANT to make these recommendations with regard to specific BLUE BOOK specs. The final determination will be at RIDOT'S discretion.

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