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**Addendum #2**

**LOI # B01457**

**Title: On-Call Shop Inspection & Testing Services for Structural Steel Material**

**Submission Deadline: 8 Oct 02 @ 1:40 PM**

**The following questions were submitted in accordance with the terms of the solicitation:**

1. The "Organization and Staffing" section requires that "resumes of proposed key personnel to be available to RIDOT". Are "Key" personnel considered to be management staff or inspectors who actually perform the work? THE INSPECTORS WHO ACTUALLY PERFORM THE WORK
2. In this same paragraph what do you mean by resumes of key personnel to be "available"? AVAILABLE TO ACTUALLY DO THE WORK AND RESPOND TO THE ASSIGNMENT(S) WHEN RIDOT CALLS
3. This contract states that we will be compensated for the "productive hours actually worked for the various proposed classes of inspection". Is travel time considered to be part of this? ie is it billable? TRAVEL TIME IS NOT CONSIDERED PRODUCTIVE TIME; IT IS THEREFORE, NOT BILLABLE.
4. The "Background and Previous Experience" section (page 4) requires "proof of professional certifications". Similarly, the "organization and staffing" (page 5) requires "copies of the required certifications". In which section should we include copies of these documents? EITHER SECTION IS ACCEPTABLE
5. On page 4, "RIDOT reserves the right to request the services for any individual staff member as deemed appropriate". What if that particular inspector is not available at the time RIDOT makes the request? Can we offer qualified alternatives? THROUGH THIS SOLICITATION RIDOT WILL EXAMINE THE POOL OF TALENT OFFERED. RIDOT ASSUMES THAT THE INSPECTORS OFFERED ARE AVAILABLE. ONCE RESPONSES TO THIS LOI ARE THOROUGHLY REVIEWED AND THE PRICE AGREEMENT IS ESTABLISHED, RIDOT WILL NECESSARILY AND RESPONSIBLY EXERCISE JUDGEMENT BASED ON THE POOL OF INSPECTORS IN FACT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME EACH ASSIGNMENT NEEDS TO BE COMPLETED.

RESPONDENTS CAN REASONABLY ASSUME THAT RIDOT MIGHT OPT TO CONSIDER QUALIFIED ALTERNATIVES SHOULD THAT BE THE MOST PRUDENT MEANS OF SATISFACTORILY COMPLETING ANY SPECIFIC ASSIGNMENT THROUGH THE DURATION OF THE PRICE AGREEMENT.

6. Once the contracts are in place, will the work assignments be distributed to the lowest price company who can provide a qualified inspector at a given location? RIDOT WILL NECESSARILY AND RESPONSIBLY EXERCISE JUDGMENT AND DISCRETION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PRICE AGREEMENT TO DETERMINE WHICH FIRM(S) TO CONTACT TO COMPLETE WHICH ASSIGNMENTS.

RESPONDENTS CAN REASONABLY ASSUME QUALIFICATIONS OF INSPECTORS, PRICE AND LOCATION WILL BE AMONG THOSE VARIABLES CONSIDERED AS EACH ASSIGNMENT IS MADE.

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