



DESIGN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT RFP

Questions and Answers

After reading through the above referenced RFP I was unable to determine how the PBA intended to handle the management of the preparation of the various environmental permits that will be needed or the oversight of the cultural resource investigations that will have to take place. Are these activities considered to be overseen by the Consultant Manager or will these environmental type activities be administered by a different contractual method.

The Consultant Manager will assist the Authority in the preparation of all requisite permits in both the United States and Canada.

Regarding the attached RFP, can you please tell me if there are any M/WBE requirements?

The Consultant Manger will cooperate with the State in meeting its commitments and goals with regard to maximum utilization of disadvantaged business enterprises. The State is currently operating under a DBE goal of 18%.

In looking at possible teaming arrangements, I was wondering if it would be possible to get a list of people who have retrieved the RFP and registered on the PBA website?

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Section B on Page 4 of the RFP states that the "purpose of this agreement is to procure Project Management Consultant Services [i.e. owners representatives] for the next phases of the project, consisting of Right of Way acquisition, Final Design and Construction." Detailed scope of services leading up to construction is included under Section 3.000 - Constructability Review, page18. However, the scope of services required during construction is not mentioned anywhere else in the RFP. Is it the intent of the Authority for the Program Management Consultant to oversee the project through completion of the construction phase(s) of the project, including contractor advertisement, contractor selection, community involvement, environmental compliance monitoring, etc...?

The Consultant Manager will oversee the project from design through construction competition including start-up and commissioning.

Will any US or Canadian Consultants be subject to salary rate and/or overhead caps imposed by the Authority?

Salary rates must fall within reasonable limits as determined by the Authority. There are certain exclusions for overhead categorically as determined by the federal guidelines. However, there are no overhead rate limitations imposed.

Will any Consultants be subject to salary rate and/or overhead caps imposed by NYSDOT?

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Will Canadian Consultants working as a subconsultant to a US Program Management firm, be subject to salary rate and/or overhead caps imposed by NYSDOT? (It should be noted that Canadian firms do not track or calculate overhead or direct non-salary costs in the same way US firms do. Hence it is virtually impossible for Canadian firms to provide rationale for billing rates using NYSDOT requirements. Salary rate structures in Canada are also quite different from those in the US.)

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We recognize that we do not have the experience or resources to prime this project. We do feel that we can be a meaningful contributor acting in a sub consulting role similar to our role on the Land Port of Entry at Massena, NY and our previous work on Peace Bridge projects. Will the PBA be establishing a list of interested vendors which prime firms can access or can you share the firms that responded as intending to submit?

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Article 8 - 8.3.3 In line fourteen, can the word "sole" be removed? We believe the Consultant should not be responsible for the concurrent negligence of the client.

No.

Article 8 - 8.3.3 Insurance maximums. Can the insurance maximums be reduced to from \$5,000,000 to \$3,000,000 in the occurrence and \$3,000,000 in the Aggregate? We believe this to be more in line with the scope for Project Management.

No.

Will the project allow for Project Specific Insurance if neither of the above issues can be addressed?

Yes.