

Request for Quotes: Master Plans & Designs – Liberty State Park & Greenway Questions & Answers

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General

Question: Will the RFQ deadline be extended?

Answer: Yes. New deadline for quotes is 11/14 at 11:59pm.

Question: Without knowing what the work orders or the schedule are at this time would it be acceptable to submit a core team now and add sub-consultants as the work progresses?

Answer: Yes. Bidders should provide estimates to the best of their ability based upon previous work/experience on similar engagements. All the work to be performed will be within the parameters found in Section 4, Scope of Work. Subcontractors can be added as the work progresses, however their time billed must align with one of the accepted Staffing Rates by Title on the Price Sheet.

Question: For both Liberty State Park and the Greenway, one scope item is stated as “Development of detailed Designs to implement the master plan.” Please clarify the intended scope and expectations for this item. For example, are these designs intended to be conceptual to further support the Master Plan, or is this a separate phase to develop designs for construction including site explorations and full multidisciplinary engineering? Can we assume that the quote requested is for Master planning for the two projects only; and that Design Documentation can be estimated at a later time based on the recommendations (new buildings, pavilions, park space, wetlands, etc.)? Please describe the level of desired detail intended for the scope item "development of detailed designs". Is this conceptual, design-development level documents, or full CDs for bidding? Is there an expectation around construction administration?

Answer: The focus of this solicitation is to identify and pre-qualify bidders to participate in mini-bid processes for specific Work Orders issued in accordance with the scope of work based primarily on their experience and qualifications. DEP is not seeking specific designs at this point.

Section 1 – Introduction and Summary of the Request for Proposals

Question: The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection is the using agency. The contract is issued through NJ Treasury, Division of Purchase and Property (NJSTART). Please confirm the contracting authority and the representative responsible to administer the contract for the State?

Answer: NJDEP is the contracting agency for this solicitation. Agency roles will be further defined once the contract has been awarded.

Question: Can you identify to the bidders who is evaluating the response to this RFQ on behalf of the State?

Answer: NJDEP will convene an internal review committee of experts experienced in procurement, planning and development projects.

Question: Do you anticipate a Technical Advisory panel or design review panel for review of project deliverables and who would be on that panel?

Answer: Yes. NJDEP will rely on its internal expertise to evaluate the sufficiency of any project deliverables provided by selected contractor(s) under the contract(s) awarded through this solicitation.

Question: Do proposals have to be made for both projects, or can proposals be made for either the Greenway or Liberty State Park?

Answer: Bidders may choose to pursue the Greenway, Liberty State Park, or both.

Section 1.1 – Purpose, Intent and Background

Question: Can you please clarify the language and intent of the phrase “one-or-more qualified Bidders”? If NJDEP decided to move forward with one or more qualified Bidders, would each Bidder be assigned to a specific project (i.e., Liberty State Park or The Greenway), or is the intent to have a bench of Bidders whereby services will be solicited as “Work Orders” as needs for either project arise?

Answer: As noted in Section 6.10 Post Award Distribution of Work, NJDEP will conduct a mini-bid process with all awarded contractors to distribute a Work Order with selected contractors provided the option to participate in any or all mini-bid processes.

Question: Please clarify the contradictory statement (last paragraph above 1.2 Order of Precedence of Contractual Terms) “The State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions (SSTC) included with the RFQ will apply to all Contracts made with the State. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFQ and should be read in conjunction with them unless the RFQ specifically indicates otherwise.” This statement suggests that the RFQ takes precedence over the terms and conditions of the SSTC, which are additional. Whereas the following section directly below this language in, ‘1.2 Order of Precedence of Contractual Terms’, indicates that the order of contractual precedence, should there be a contradiction of terms and conditions, holds that the SSTC ranks higher (2nd) in precedence to the RFQ (3rd). Kindly confirm and amend as needed to remove any ambiguity surrounding the determining authority.

Answer: The order of precedence as identified in Section 1.2 shall apply to this solicitation.

Section 3 – Quote Submission Requirements

Section 3.1 – Quote Submission

Question: Is there a limit on the size of files emailed to NJDEP? Are we allowed to prepare a digital link on dropbox that contains our response?

Answer: Email submissions are limited to 50MB per email. Submissions may be provided in multiple emails with indication of their order (i.e., 1 of X) to ensure complete submittal. Alternatively, bidders may submit quotes via shared link (dropbox, etc.) to greenway@dep.nj.gov, ensuring the files are accessible to anyone with the link.

Section 3.4 – Quote Content

Question: This section lists that the forms are required in the response attachments. Do the forms need to be included if they are filled out on NJ START?

Answer: All forms that can be completed in NJSTART should be completed in NJSTART and do not need to be submitted with the proposal. An active and current registration in NJSTART is a requirement to receive an award.

Section 3.5 – Forms, Registrations and Certifications to be Submitted with Quote

Question: Do the intended subcontractors need to submit the forms within this section? If so, will they need to submit them on NJ START?

Answer: No, subcontractors do not need to complete the vendor forms. All intended subcontractors must provide a valid Business Registration Certificate to the prime Contractor who will include with their proposal to NJDEP.

Question: If it is a nonprofit contractor, do they need to provide the same documentation as for-profit contractor?

Answer: Non-Profit organizations intending to submit a proposal in direct response to this solicitation must complete all forms and register on NJSTART. Non-Profit organizations are not required to provide a Business Registration Certificate. If a bidder intends to use a non-profit organization as a subcontractor, the non-profit organization does not need to complete the vendor forms, nor do they need to provide a Business Registration Certificate.

Question: If it is a nonprofit contractor, do they need to provide the same registration documentation as for-profit contractor?

Answer: Non-Profit organizations intending to submit a proposal in direct response to this solicitation must complete all forms and register on NJSTART. Non-Profit organizations are not required to provide a Business Registration Certificate. If a bidder intends to use a non-profit organization as a subcontractor, the non-profit organization does not need to complete the vendor forms, nor do they need to provide a Business Registration Certificate.

Section 3.6 – Technical Quote

Question: Please describe what is expected in “technical approach and plans”. Should this describe specific scope and deliverables or a higher level description of project phases, goals and general activities?

Answer: DEP is primarily focused on assessing qualifications and experience of bidders through this solicitation as a method to pre-qualify contractor(s) necessary to complete the variety of tasks identified in the solicitation. As such, high-level descriptions are appropriate and detailed plans are not necessary for a responsive bid.

Question: Are the firm references to be provided in section 3 (Organizational Experience) of the Technical Quote supposed to be the same as the project references provided in section 7 (Experience with Contracts of Similar Size and Scope)? If so, may we direct the reviewers to section 7 for our firm references?

Answer: References provided in response to either section is at the discretion of the bidder. Bidder should provide the level of detail they feel appropriate to demonstrate the capability to effectively manage this project.

Question: Will you be supplying what the State requirements for “personnel levels” are in effort to level labor categorization between bidders, or does this requirement fall upon how we individually measure our labor requirements within the company?

Answer: Bidders should use their individual staffing/personnel titles and provide levels of effort they feel will allow them to effectively manage any aspects of this project. DEP’s approach to pre-quality bidders to participate in a mini-bid process for discrete work orders is expected to provide various levels of work and complexity that will be suited to bidders of different sizes and staffing levels.

Question: Must all the contract/example projects highlighted in the resumes of subcontractors as well as primary contractor include a reference?

Answer: All projects that the bidder includes as demonstrating experience with contracts of similar size and scope must include a minimum of two (2) names and telephone numbers of individuals for the contracting party. Projects used to demonstrate subcontractor ability do not need to include reference information but must include all required information as required on the Subcontractor Utilization Plan.

Question: The RFP requires that offerors provide financial statement. Many privately held corporations do not publish annual reports as they do not meet the Securities and Exchange (SEC) Act of 1934 requirement to publicly file such financial statements with the SEC and various states and tangentially are not required to disclose creditor information. Rather than providing these reports/letter, would the Authority consider alternative paperwork confirming the privately held organization’s total gross revenues, shareholders' equity, comprehensive income, and working capital; last year’s tax return and affirming that our organization has sufficient financial assets to perform this contract?

Answer: A privately held corporation should submit certified financial statements, either audited or reviewed by an independent Certified Public Accountant or accounting firm. These financial statements should include, at a minimum, a balance sheet, profit and loss statement, statement of cash flows and all applicable notes. The submitted financial statements should be from the bidders most recent fiscal year.

Section 3.7 – State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions, As Supplemented

Question: Should our response to the State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions (Attachment 1), Waivered Contracts Supplement to the State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions (Attachment 2), and proof of insurance be included as the first sections of the Forms attachment, as an appendix to the Technical Quote, or as the ninth (9th) section of the Technical Quote?

Answer: NJDEP does not have a preference where in the proposal these forms are included.

Question: Although the Information Sheet and Checklist for Waivers and Delegated Purchasing Authority Transactions (Attachment 3) is referenced in this section, can we cross-reference the Forms attachment and include this checklist there to fulfill this requirement?

Answer: Yes. All potential bidders must register in NJSTART and complete the application forms.

Section 3.8 – State Price Sheet Instructions

Question: Please provide clarity on the definition of “single, all-inclusive hourly rate” as defined in the RFQ.

Answer: As defined in Section 7 Glossary, “All-Inclusive Hourly Rate” is an hourly rate comprised of all direct and indirect costs including, but not limited to: labor costs, overhead, fee or profit, clerical support, travel expenses, per diem, safety equipment, materials, supplies, managerial support and all documents, forms, and reproductions thereof. This rate also includes portal-to-portal expenses as well as per diem expenses such as food.

Question: Does the Price Line indicate the number of people on the proposed team holding the title?

Answer: The number of people working in each title does not need to be provided on the Price Sheet. This should be calculated as part of the estimated overall contribution percentage (%) for that title against the total work effort of the project across all titles. This information is intended to provide context for the proposed all-inclusive hourly rate.

Question: In the State Price Sheet, is the “(% of expected contribution)” supposed to refer to the overall contribution percentage (%) for that title against the total scope of the project?

Answer: Yes, that is correct.

Question: Should/can the State Price Sheet be split up into year one and year two?

Answer: It is at the bidder’s discretion as to how many Price Sheets they want to submit.

Question: The State Price Sheet furnished with the RFP on page 57 states, “Refer to Bid Solicitation Section 3.18 for Bidder Instructions.” There is no Section 3.18 in the RFQ. Please clarify if there is an additional section missing in the RFQ, or if this is meant to be Section 3.8.

Answer: This was meant to be Section 3.8.

Section 4.0 – Scope of Work

Question: Is all right-of-way secured for the entire Greenway corridor? Is NJDEP the owner/administrator for all land and structures in the corridor, or will the selected consultant need to assist with property acquisitions?

Answer: NJDEP acquired the 8.6 miles of the Greenway in August 2022. Selected consultant will work in collaboration with NJDOT and NJ Transit due to current and future projects impacting portions of the Greenway.

Question: What agency will be the ultimate owner/operator of Liberty State Park and the Greenway?

Answer: NJDEP owns and operates/will operate Liberty State Park and the Greenway.

Question: What is the status of environmental and regulatory permits and approvals at Liberty State Park and the Greenway?

Answer: All projects have their own requirements and associated permits depending on their nature and scope. NJDEP is unable to generalize at this time.

Question: Is there an existing Master Plan or Vision to guide the selected Design Team?

Answer: At present, documents intended to guide bidders are hosted at <https://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/thegreenway.html>.

Question: Is there visitor research data for Liberty State Park that will be provided to the successful bidder?

Answer: Basic Liberty State Park attendance data for the last several years is available and may be provided to the successful bidder.

Question: For LSP, are the Central Railroad Terminal Building and railways part of the scope, such as preservation and programming?

Answer: Yes.

Question: For LSP, is there a stakeholders list established?

Answer: Department staff will provide a foundation for a stakeholder list.

Question: Is there an estimated project budget for each of the two projects (LSP and EHG)?

Answer: There is no set budget for this project. NJDEP has identified several potential sources to fund this work and the budget will be driven by the individual Work Orders.

Question: Is there any timeline for both projects and any milestones or funding requirements related to project progress?

Answer: Specific timelines for completion will be guided, in part, by the work conducted by the selected contractor(s). The term of the contract(s) awarded under this solicitation will start on or about 1/1/23, with a base term of two years and two optional one-year extensions. Total contract length could be four years, end on 12/31/26.

Question: Is visitor journey mapping (how visitors use the Greenway and Liberty State Park together) an expected scope for this project?

Answer: Bidders are not expected to develop a visitor journey map for this RFQ.

Question: Are there specific climate projections (time horizon/scenario) that should be informing this work?

Answer: See NJDEP's Scientific Report on Climate Change (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/climatechange/docs/nj-scientific-report-2020.pdf>) and Sea-Level Rise Guidance for New Jersey (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/bcrp/resilientnj/docs/dep-guidance-on-sea-level-rise-2021.pdf>).

Question: The RFQ describes the scope of work as a *master plan for the Essex Hudson Greenway with a development of detailed designs to implement the master plan*. The EHG project property has numerous bridges. Are all bridge designs/rehabilitation expected to be taken to the level of detailed design?

Answer: No. NJDEP will work cooperatively with NJ Transit as to bridge rehabilitation. For master planning purposes quotes can assume connectivity of the entire 8.6-mile Greenway.

Question: The RFQ does not mention cost estimating services. Will this be included in the scope? What level of detail does NJDEP expect for the "funding needs and opportunities" part of the master plan development?

Answer: A general overview of funding needs and opportunities is anticipated at the master plan phase with detail set forth in specific Work Orders issued under the anticipated contract(s).

Question: The RFQ describes scope to facilitate a master plan for phased development of the Greenway. Please provide more information on what phasing means in this context.

Answer: NJDEP anticipates developing and opening the Greenway to the public in sections, as opposed to all 8.6 miles simultaneously. The end points of each segment are yet to be determined and will be guided, in part, by the work conducted out of this solicitation. Consultant(s) will need to take into consideration environmental constraints, bridge rehabilitation, and other State priority projects, and more, when developing the phased development.

Question: Will NJDEP develop a designated task force for each project to provide direction to chosen team in regard to design direction and community outreach approach?

Answer: Yes.

Section 4.1 – Master Plans & Designs

Question: Please describe how the work orders will relate to the proposed scope of services and technical approach detailed in the submission. Will the work orders be for phases of the proposed approach, or could they be outlined through a separate process by NJDOT?

Answer: DEP anticipates issuing Work Orders for discreet tasks outlined in the scope of services, most likely in a phased approach towards the ultimate development of comprehensive master plans for the selected properties.

Section 6 – Quote Evaluation and Award

Question: Given the complex, multi-faceted challenges to be addressed by this project, a multidisciplinary team is required to deliver the scope of work. The level of effort will vary during different phases of the project. A single all-inclusive hourly rate may not be commensurate with the level of effort required at different stages of the project, should separate Work Orders be issued. As such, it should be permitted to adjust the hourly rate used for mini-bids based on the final scope of the Work Order from NJDEP.

Answer: Bidders should provide on their Price Sheet all possible titles and all-inclusive hourly rates that could be used on this project. The proposals will be evaluated on this cost, among other factors. There will not be an opportunity later in the contract to amend these rates. If the bidder feels that costs may increase over time, they can submit Price Sheets for all years included in the term of the contract.

Question: Please provide further details on the contract format, specifically, will a firm or firms be retained to provide specific services in a phased approach?

Answer: Contractor(s) selected for this contract will be able to bid on future Work Orders as noted in Section 6.10 Post Award Distribution of Work. Please note that contractor(s) selected in response to this RFQ are not guaranteed any work; they are guaranteed the ability to bid on future Work Orders developed under the Scope of Work of this RFQ.

Attachment 1 – State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions (9/1/2022)

Question: Are all prime consultants proposing on this Project [MASTER PLANS & DESIGNS – Liberty Park and Greenway] required to sign the ‘Waivered Contracts Supplement’?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Can you please clarify what the NJDEP standard disadvantage business goal is and whether it applies to this project. If the standard goal does not apply, can you please provide the disadvantage business goal for this work?

Answer: NJDEP strives to contract with Small, Minority/Woman-Owned and Veteran/Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprises when possible. While there is no contractual set-aside goal for this particular project, the disadvantage business certification status of the bidder and/or their intended subcontractors will be included when evaluating the proposals and associated Price Sheets.

Question: Is there an SBE/MBE/WBE/SDVOB requirement %? Is there a set-aside goal for these projects? Or will this be determined on a Work Order basis?

Answer: NJDEP strives to contract with Small, Minority/Woman-Owned, and Veteran/Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprises when possible. While there is no contractual set-aside goal for this particular project, the disadvantage business certification status of the bidder and/or their intended subcontractors will be included when evaluating the proposals and associated Price Sheets.

Attachment 2 – Waivered Contracts Supplement to the State of New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions

II – Additions to the Standard Terms and Conditions for Waivered Contracts, as Applicable

Question: Is this Project [MASTER PLANS & DESIGNS – Liberty Park and Greenway] considered a ‘Waivered Contract’ OR should prime consultants omit Section II in its entirety or in part?

Answer: Yes, this contract will be awarded as a Waivered Contract.

Question: Will subcontractors need to provide any performance security or performance bonding for this project?

Answer: No.

Question: What % is the minimum requirement?

Answer: Retainage will not be applicable to this contract.

III – Additions to the Standard Terms and Conditions for Professional Service Contracts

Question: How should we present our proposed modifications to this section?

Answer: They can be prepared as a separate attachment included with the bidder’s proposal.

Requests to Change Terms and Conditions

Potential bidders made requests to change terms and conditions. NJDEP discussed all requests and will reject the following:

- In order to align with insurance cover, we would request to tie the indemnification obligation to proportionate fault, reimburse reasonable attorneys fees in accordance with proportionate fault and remove the duty to defend, and agree to a limited number of indemnified parties.
- Will you entertain revisions to key clauses in the contract? For example: (i) The indemnity is not negligence based and includes an unqualified duty to defend, (ii) there are performance guarantees, (iii) no limitation of liability or consequential damage waiver.
- As these Exhibits contain multiple terms that are not applicable to the professional engineering services proposed by subconsultant herein, and as such, any submission by consultant is for the limited purpose of confirming it will not violate the equal employment provisions applicable to consultant’s proposed services.
- If awarded the Project, the Prime Consultant and Subconsultant will provide a COI demonstrating the limits of insurance listed in this Section upon terms that are consistent with what is typical and customary for professional planning, architecture, and engineering firms performing the same or similar services in New Jersey. Is this acceptable? *Notwithstanding any provision, the Contractor shall provide all Services under this Agreement in accordance with the professional skill and care customarily exercised by properly qualified professional engineering consultants within its industry performing the same services, in the same locale and acting under similar conditions and circumstances (“Standard of Care”).*
- As these Exhibits contain multiple terms that are not applicable to the professional engineering services proposed by subconsultant herein, and as such, any submission by consultant is for the limited purpose of confirming it will not violate the equal employment provisions applicable to consultant’s proposed services.
- As a professional planner, architect, and/or engineer who does not perform any of the actual construction work, The Bidder requests this Paragraph be deleted in its entirety as inapplicable to the services proposed by The Bidder herein.
- Will these terms apply to only the prime consultant or also to the subconsultants on this project? If chosen, The Bidder will seek to negotiate a suitable limitation of liability so that its potential liability exposure is proportional to its scope of services and fee. The Bidder recommends the inclusion of a mutual waiver of consequential damages.
- To avoid insurability issues, consultant proposes services will be rendered without any guarantee and/or warranty, whether express or implied. Is this acceptable?
- The Bidder respectfully requests that the exclusion stated within Section 4.3, Sub-Paragraph A be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following: *A Third Party claim, demand, loss, damage or expense relating to bodily injury or the*

death of any person or damage to real property or tangible personal property arising from the services provided by Contractor herein.

- To avoid insurability issues, with regard to the amended Section 4.1, The Bidder typically does not provide indemnification obligations for acts not tied to its negligence (*i.e.*, breach, willful misconduct, or infringement) or for defense obligations, but can agree to reimburse for reasonable attorney's fees to the extent of its fault.
- If awarded the Project, and to avoid insurability issues that can arise from performance guarantees, The Bidder respectfully requests that the supplemental wording to Section 5.11, be delete in its entirety as inapplicable to the services proposed by The Bidder herein.
- If awarded the Project, The Bidder respectfully requests that the supplemental wording included in this Article be deleted in its entirety as inapplicable to the services proposed by The Bidder herein.
- If awarded the Project, The Bidder respectfully requests that the following provisions be added to any agreement governing the services proposed by The Bidder herein:
 - The Bidder *shall not have control or charge of, and shall not be responsible for, construction means, methods, techniques, sequences or procedures, for safety precautions and programs in connection with work or activities at the project site, for the acts or omissions of any contractor, subcontractors or any other persons performing any work or undertaking any activities at the project site, or for the failure of any of them to carry out any work or perform their activities in accordance with their contractual obligations, including, but not limited to, the requirements of any drawings, specifications or other documents prepared by The Bidder.*
 - The Bidder *shall have no responsibility for the discovery, presence, handling, removal or disposal of or exposure of persons to hazardous materials in any form at the Project site, including but not limited to asbestos, asbestos products, polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB), bacteria, mold, fungi, lead based paints or other similar materials or other toxic substances, infectious materials, or contaminants.*

Miscellaneous

Deadline for Submission

Question: Will the RFQ deadline be extended?

Answer: Yes. New deadline for quotes is 11/14 at 11:59pm.

Question: Will DEP consider a pre-proposal meeting?

Answer: The RFQ process does not provide for pre-proposal meetings.

Stakeholdering & Community Engagement

Question: Can you provide an estimated level of effort that the consultant would provide for the stakeholder engagement task?

Answer: NJDEP expects Consultant to engage in robust community stakeholder engagement, including, but not limited to, hosting public meetings, holding charrettes, and remaining transparent with the community on design and development decisions and timelines.

Question: What role will NJDEP play in the stakeholder process (*i.e.*, facilitator, host and/or participant?)

Answer: DEP will coordinate and participate with consultant on all stakeholder engagement.

Question: Is there an estimate of how much community engagement is envisioned for each project?

Answer: As much as is necessary to inform decision making.

Other / Uncategorized

Question: Will NJDEP be the lead client agency?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Do you anticipate selecting multiple firms for the contract?

Answer: NJDEP will make this determination after all proposals have been received and evaluated.

Question: Do you anticipate a Technical Advisory panel or design review panel for review of project deliverables and who would be on that panel?

Answer: Yes. Panel makeup is unknown at this time.

Question: The RFP states the bid will be posted to NJSTART, however, we have been unable to locate it within the procurement site. Is this something you could assist us with?

Answer: The RFQ is not available through NJSTART. Potential bidders should access NJSTART to ensure they are registered and current on all required vendor forms. All proposals should be submitted as indicated in the RFQ to greenway@dep.nj.gov.

Question: Is the phasing strategy for the greenway established, or would it come out of the master planning effort?

Answer: The phasing strategy is expected to be established through the master planning effort.

Question: Is there a preference for an engineering lead? Or a design lead?

Answer: No preference.

Question: Can a team choose to pursue only one of the two projects described in this RFP, or are both projects required to be pursued?

Answer: Bidders may choose to pursue the Greenway, Liberty State Park, or both.

Question: The Greenway will cross multiple jurisdictions, including two counties, NJDOT, and NJTA. Has there been a memorandum of understanding regarding which design standards will apply for the project?

Answer: No, but the master planning process will be anticipated to propose what design standard should apply.

Question: What is the anticipated NEPA environmental document required for the Greenway project?

Answer: Unknown.

Question: How many awards are envisioned for this RFQ?

Answer: DEP will determine the appropriate number of awards based on the responses received.

Question: Is there a construction budget for the Greenway project?

Answer: No, the master planning process is expected to inform future construction budgets.

Question: How does this project intersect with the Liberty State Park Natural Resource Restoration Project described on the NJDEP ONRR website (<https://www.nj.gov/dep/nrr/restoration/liberty-state-park.html>)?

Answer: The work conducted in accordance with this solicitation will be intended to harmonize with the LSP interior restoration project.

Question: The Request for Quotes references the interior restoration project (Pages 2 and 12). Can you clearly define this project area and project limits on a map?

Answer: The focus of this solicitation is to identify and pre-qualify bidders to participate in mini-bid processes for specific Work Orders issued in accordance with the scope of work based primarily on their experience and qualifications. DEP is not seeking specific designs at this point. Additional information, such as what is referenced here, will be provided farther in the process.

Question: Page 12 of the RFP mentions "Development of detailed Designs to implement the Master Plan" for both Liberty State Park and the Greenway. Can you elaborate on the level of design expected (i.e., conceptual, 30%, 60%, 90%, 100%) and if permitting / regulatory compliance would be required.

Answer: The focus of this solicitation is to identify and pre-qualify bidders to participate in mini-bid processes for specific Work Orders issued in accordance with the scope of work based primarily on their experience and qualifications. DEP is not seeking specific designs at this point. Additional information, such as what is referenced here, will be provided farther in the process.

Question: If 100% engineering and permitting is expected, it can be difficult to provide an exact price for design without having the Master Plan completed. Would it be acceptable to include costs with assumptions with an opportunity to amend the cost proposal once the Master Plan is completed? Alternatively, could rates be provided in lieu of a detailed cost proposal for this item?

Answer: This RFQ is seeking all-inclusive hourly rates for all titles that could potentially be used by a bidder. Actual time and effort quotes will only be required on Work Orders that will be issued for future work under this RFQ through the mini-bid process. Bidders should identify all assumptions that inform its all-inclusive hourly rate.

Question: The State Supplied Rate Sheet does not have any Labor Categories to price. Should the Bidders provide their own Labor Categories and rates for those?

Answer: Yes.

Question: Are the Required Forms needed from only the Prime Consultant or do sub-consultants need to complete any/all of the forms?

Answer: Only the prime contractor needs to complete the required vendor forms. Any/all subcontractors will need to provide a Business Registration Certificate to the prime contractor, if applicable.

Question: What will be the role of the Liberty State Park Design Task Force will be part of the Client Team?

Answer: The Liberty State Park Design Task Force will inform DEP efforts in conjunction with the selected contractor(s).

Question: Will there be a site visit?

Answer: A site visit is not provided for as part of this RFQ process.