

ANSWERS TO SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

Q #	Questions	RFP Reference (Document & Page-Section-Item)	Answers
1	<p>Hello, we are a Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing engineering consulting firm and have a question about the additional services listed in the RFP. Some of the services seem to require an Architect (3.3.1.), Code Analysis Engineer (3.3.4), Structural engineer (page 5) and Cost Estimator (3.3.8). Please confirm if we should put a team together with the Architect as Prime or if we can submit our proposal for just Mechanical and Plumbing Engineering?</p>	<p>3.3 Additional Services</p>	<p>For the purposes of this submission, Mechanical and Plumbing Engineering Consulting firms should only provide submittal for Mechanical and Plumbing engineers. However, after selection and during the execution of the task order, if the need arises for any of the additional services, the Mechanical and Plumbing engineer would provide those additional services as part of the task order.</p>
2	<p>Please confirm that "public works" is defined as project experience with federal, state, municipal, or city government agencies.</p>	<p>RFP Synopsis, page 10, Item 6.1.5.1</p>	<p>Please refer to the specific language of each section.</p> <p>For RFP Ex. D Pass/Fail Question #2 and Firm's Project References, "California public works" projects are specified.</p> <p>For RFP § 6.1.5, Consultants are to "describe each of the key personnel's experience with public works projects" which is not limited to <i>California</i> public entities' public works projects. Similarly, RFP § 8.2 provides that the Proposal Evaluations will consider "Key personnel's demonstrated experience with public works projects," not specifically <i>California</i> public works.</p> <p>Without taking an official position, work on projects for "federal, state, municipal, or city government agencies" is typically considered to be public works. Note, however, that Labor Code section 1720 et seq. has a specific definition for "public works," as used therein as well in other certain circumstances, and work for private schools or Federal agencies may not classify as a <i>California</i> public works under the Labor Code.</p>

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3	Please confirm that "public works" project experience can include work for government agencies outside of California.	RFP Synopsis, page 10, Item 6.1.5.1	<p>Please refer to the specific language of each section.</p> <p>For RFP Ex. D Pass/Fail Question #2 and Firm's Project References, "California public works" projects are specified.</p> <p>For RFP § 6.1.5, Consultants are to "describe each of the key personnel's experience with public works projects" which is not limited to <i>California</i> public entities' public works projects. Similarly, RFP § 8.2 provides that the Proposal Evaluations will consider "Key personnel's demonstrated experience with public works projects," not specifically <i>California</i> public works.</p> <p>Without taking an official position, work on projects for "government agencies outside of California" is typically considered to be public works. Note, however, that Labor Code section 1720 et seq. has a specific definition for "public works," as used therein as well in other certain circumstances, and work for private schools or Federal agencies may not classify as a <i>California</i> public works under the Labor Code.</p>
4	Attachment O (California Air Resources Board) is not available for download as part of the required forms. Please provide a copy or confirm that Attachment O is no longer required.	RFP Synopsis, page 6, Item 3.6.3; and page 13, Item 6.1.17.8.	Attachment O is Required, and has been added to the solicitation posting. It can be viewed here: https://www.courts.ca.gov/76375.htm

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5	Please clarify what is mean by "contract value" - does this refer to our design fee, or to construction value?	Attach D, Page 6	<p>Firm's Project References are to include a list of projects the Consultant has participated in as the engineer during the past five (5) years with a <i>consultant contract value</i> of more than \$300,000. This refers to the firm's design fee.</p> <p>Consultants may limit their responses to the ten (10) most recently completed projects, but Consultant must include at least the five (5) most recent California public works projects with a <i>contract value</i> of more than \$5,000,000. This refers to the construction value. For Attachment D, the final contract value is the "construction value" of the project.</p>
6	The CARB Attachment O was not included as an attachment.	RFP, Section 6.1.17.8	Attachment O is Required, and has been added to the solicitation posting. It can be viewed here: https://www.courts.ca.gov/76375.htm
7	The word document is not allowing a signature to be added, is typed signature acceptable, we are aware the form must be turned in as a Word document.	Attachment N - Rates	Attachment N is required. To add a signature please print out the document, sign, and upload.
8	Is travel required for the Scope of Services?	3. Page 4.	Yes, consultant will have to travel to project site as required. This could include but not limited to, perform assessments, field verifications, punchlist and, issue resolutions. The travel costs are governed by article 23.4 of the attachment C - Master Agreement.

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9	Is all licenses required at the time of RFP submission or can they be in process?	3. Page 4.	Yes, Consultants must have all required licenses "when submitting a Proposal as well as at the commencement of and all times throughout the duration of their performance of any work" (RFP § 3.1).
10	Has this type of IDIQ been awarded in the past? If so, what was the approximated contract value for that period of performance?	2.3 Page 2.	This type of IDIQ has been in use for many years. Each contract assignment can be different in time, cost and scope dependent upon the unique requirements of the project.
11	Is it mandatory for a consultant firm to have worked on a prior California Public Work Project, as referenced in Attachment D?	6.1.7 Page 10.	Yes, RFP Ex. D Pass/Fail Question #2 asks whether Consultant has contracted for and completed certain California public works projects, as described therein, and a "No" response will mean the Consultant cannot qualify for the work.
12	Can we determine which region we are able to service, excluding our firm from projects of those we are not able to service?	Attachment B, Map of Service Regions	This is a solicitation for statewide services (RFP § 2.2). Consultants are to specifically identify in their Proposal "any Services or work which are not provided by the Consultant or which the Consultant is excluding from its Statement of Services and Proposal" (RFP § 6.1.6); provided, however, that limitations on a Consultant's services areas is considered in the Proposal evaluation (RFP § 8).
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