

RFQ Question and Answer List

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Project Name OFCC Engineering, Surveying, Energy and Commissioning Services Consultant List – FY14-15 Project Number SFC-13E999
Project Location Various

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Below are the questions that have been received to date for the RFQ of the above-referenced project:

1. Is the lead firm required to provide BIM services?
 - A. Section G, "Evaluation Criteria for Selection," paragraph 2 states:

"Interested firms are required to address how they will implement Building Information Modeling ("BIM") on the project, experience and level of training of staff related to BIM, incorporation of team partners that have previous BIM experience, and an understanding of collaborative BIM processes, including but not limited to the State of Ohio BIM Protocol available at the OFCC website at <http://ofcc.ohio.gov>."
2. Will you consider a firm which provides only a specialty 'related' service?
 - A. For this Consultant List, we are soliciting forms that are licensed to practice Engineering or Surveying under Chapter 4733 of the Revised Code.
3. If you were on the list can you still bid on the construction end of the project, our firm does both.
 - A. The only limitation would be if you provided Design Services or Criteria Engineering of a project, you would not be eligible to bid or propose or provide Engineer of Record services on that project.
4. Are Environmental Engineering Firms included in above referenced RFQ or will that be a different RFQ?
 - A. The primary service is identified as "Engineering (all disciplines)". This would include Environmental Engineering. Please submit your qualifications.
5. Can you please tell me if environmental services are covered by this RFP?
 - A. Please see the answer to Question #5.
6. Item 2 in the selection criteria, points are given for smaller firms. Is that correct?
 - A. Our Consultant List is an opportunity for small firms to gain experience on small state contracts that they might not be able to compete for in a project-specific RFQ. We are providing more points to small firms.
7. In addition to identifying all the items listed in Section H (Submittal Instructions) in the RFQ, do we need to submit project examples on the resume pages (Section E, Block 23 of the 330) or are we just supposed to complete Blocks 16-22 on the resume pages?
 - A. Please fill out the F110-330 according to the instructions in the RFQ.
8. In the Statement of Qualifications Part II, Block 11 – Does work include only projects where we were the prime contracted with the Contracting Authority or other State Agency, or does this include projects where we were a sub-consultant to another firm?
 - A. It is acceptable to submit projects for which you were a sub-consultant provided you describe your role appropriately.

9. In Question 6b, is the scoring system correct. Instinctively, it seems inverted. Can you please advise?
- A. The scoring is correct. We are attempting to work with firms that have not had an opportunity in the current biennium.
10. In questions 5a and 5b, Building Information Modeling and LEED are not applicable for the project types we are submitting our qualifications for (Engineering) for purposes of this RFQ (and as engineering consulting firm, BIM is not applicable for our business type)> In the Consultant Selection Rating point system, do we get penalized for this?
- A. Pursuant to the State of Ohio BIM protocol, this information will be scored. We have revised the RFQ accordingly, see the revised RFQ posting. This does not mean that a firm that does not have BIM capability should not submit. However, they will only be considered for projects that will not require use of BIM.
11. Does OFCC suggest that firms create teams to meet all of the disciplines listed in the RFQ or only to respond with in-house staff?
- A. OFCC is interested in the range of services provided by individual firms. OFCC selects firms based upon the particular services they provide. Firms should respond with information that describes the full range of disciplines within the firm.
- The primary services are Engineering, Surveying and Energy and Commissioning Services. Firms that can provide a secondary service in-house, should include those qualifications on their Statement of Qualifications.