

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT
HSR09-09
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Question 1 on Overall Bid

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ANSWER 1

A PDF has been created at www.bizsync.com.

Question 2 on Overall Bid

Just to let you know the "Good Faith Effort" requirement is obsolete effective 7/28/09 and should not be part of this RFQ. (Submitted: Sep 21, 2009 7:44:44 PM PDT)

ANSWER 2

The Department of General Services forms have not been revised to eliminate the Good Faith Effort (GFE) information and these forms are protected from changes being made to them. If a DVBE vendor is chosen the areas on the form pertaining to GFE does not need to be completed.

Question 3 on Overall Bid

Can the small business preference only be fulfilled by the prime contractor? Since the contract is for \$8 million over two years, it seems unlikely that the winning prime bidder would be a small business. Also if the preference is limited to \$50,000 for an \$8 million contract, it seems unlikely that the prime contractor would have an incentive to seek small business participation. (Submitted: Sep 22, 2009 12:18:15 AM PDT)

ANSWER 3

No. See Page 19 #L. Notice to all Proposers. A five percent preference is given to proposers who qualify as a small business.

Question 4

Is there a pre-bidder's list or interested vendor-type list?

ANSWER 4

All interested parties can be found on www.bidsync.com.

Question 5

Please verify that the eight prime Environmental and Engineering consultants with contracts for specific geographic corridors, reference on page 2 of the RFQ, are precluded and are the sub consultants on those teams also precluded from the Program Management Oversight contract.

ANSWER 5

Yes. That would be considered a conflict of interest. See page 8 under Conflict of Interest.

Question 6

The RFQ does not indicate the participation goals for SBE/MBE/DBE firms, even though the project is Federally funded, with matching funds. Even Public Contract Code required MBE participation goal of 23%.

ANSWER 6

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is funded through Proposition 1A Bond funds. See Page 13 #10 of the RFQ.

Question 7

The RFQ Conflict of Interest section would seem to not restrict a firm to pursue a HSR construction management opportunity in the future.

ANSWER 7

Any firm under contract with the Authority would not be able to pursue any additional contract as that would be considered a conflict of interest. That firm could sever their contract with the Authority and bid on other contracts that were solicited.

Question 8

Will there be opportunities in the future for construction management services?

ANSWER 8

This RFQ is for **oversight** of construction management services. No other solicitation for these services are anticipated at this time.

Question 9

Why is the authority re-soliciting qualifications for this scope of services?

ANSWER 9

A company already under contract with the Authority purchased Lim and Nascimento Engineering voiding the contract.

Question 10

Why was no contract for these services entered into as a result of RFQ HSR08-12?

ANSWER 10

See answer #9.

Question 11

Why was no contract for these services entered into with LAN, or Lim and Nascimento firm we understand scored highest under RFQ NO. HSR08-12?

ANSWER 11

See answer #9.

Question 12

Why did the Authority not contact with one of the other firms shortlisted, that is, one of the shortlisted firms other than LAN, under RFQ No. HSR08-12?

ANSWER 12

The Executive Director has the authority to make the decision to re-solicit.

Question 13

Is the interview date October 22 or October 26?

ANSWER 13

October 26.

Question 14

Can you confirm that cost is listed as an evaluation criteria in both the Technical Evaluation and the total evaluation which already includes the Technical Evaluation.

ANSWER 14

See page 8, B. The cost proposal is part of the scoring, see Attachment C & D.

Question 15

Please clarify in detail who must be licensed as such and who may not be required to be licensed for each area of work and/or if a firm may be licensed in any particular area of work?

ANSWER 15

See page 7 "Resumes of all Proposed Personnel" which provides the criteria.

Question 16

Can you please provide any further clarification on listing current clients who may have a financial interest in the outcome of the contract?

If you are doing work or teaming with the existing program manager, is that a conflict?

If you are doing work or teaming with a prospective builder or PPP firm in the corridor, is that or will that be a conflict?

ANSWER 16

Any Prim or Sub currently under contract with the Authority cannot bid on this RFQ. The Authority is the only entity to have a financial interest in this contract.

Question 17

Can you please clarify the RFQ section "Resumes of all Proposed Personnel" specifically as it relates to construction project management services?

ANSWER 17

See page 7 "Resumes of all Proposed Personnel" which provides the criteria.

Question 18

Does the estimated budget for this contract cover the construction phase services?

ANSWER 18

Page 22 G provides the parameters on Phase II, Phase III and Phase IV **oversight**.

Question 19

May we inspect the submittals and evaluation and scoring sheets pertaining to RFQ No. HSR08-12, since the contract was previously executed?

ANSWER 19

The contract was voided due to a conflict of interest. See ANSWER 9. There is no legal requirement to retain any documents from that solicitation.