

MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACT MANAGEMENT
CONSULTANT SERVICES DIVISION
707 NORTH CALVERT STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

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Contract No.: BCS 2014-02
Description: Geotechnical Exploration
and Field Testing Services, Statewide

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST ADDENDUM No. 1

To All Consultant Candidates:

Please be advised that the Expression of Interest **submittal deadline for Contract BCS 2014-02 is due by 12 PM (NOON) on May 14, 2015.** Expression of Interests received after the deadline will not be accepted no matter how transmitted and will be returned unopened to the Consultant.

This addendum is being issued on the Advertisement for BCS 2014-02. All prospective Consultants must acknowledge the clarifications, revisions, additions and/or deletions listed below for this Expression of Interest Addendum No. 1 by signing, dating and attaching this addendum in the front of their Expression of Interest submittal. Failure to attach this signed and dated Addendum No. 1 in the Expression of Interest submittal (as a PDF on the CD and in the bound Expression of Interest copies) may result in rejection.

CONSULTANT QUESTIONS

- Q1: "In regards to solicitation BCS 2014-02 Geotechnical Exploration, is a firm allowed to submit as a sub-consultant on one team and also submit as a Prime for another?"
- A1: No. Please refer to Page one and two of the Advertisement.**
- Q2: "For Key Staff no. 2, are you asking for a geophysicist or an engineering geologist who is familiar with geophysics, how to apply it, geophysics methods, interpretation, etc.?"
- A2: The Key staff will be an Engineering Geologist with expertise in providing geophysical studies, exploration services for highway projects with a minimum of five (5) years of experience.**
- Q3: "For Key Staff no. 2, there is no Maryland PG registration (unless they enacted something fairly recently)."
- A3: Professional Registration in the State of Maryland will not be required as Maryland does not license Professional Geologist.**
- Q4: "Please clarify the requirement for Key Staff #2 with regard to the Professional Geologist requirement. To our knowledge, Maryland does not license geologists."
- A4: Professional Geologist Registration in the State of Maryland will not be required as Maryland does not license Professional Geologist. The Key Staff individual shall be an Engineering Geologist with expertise in providing geophysical studies, exploration services for highway projects with a minimum of five (5) years of experience.**

Q5. “If Key Staff 1 has already completed the required training more than one year prior to Notice to Proceed, will that be considered to have met the requirements?”

A5: Yes, the requirement will be considered met. Key staff also have up to one (1) year from NTP date to meet this requirement.

Q6. “Please confirm that costs associated with drilling and laboratory services will be based on unit prices and not labor and OH.”

A6: Costs associated with drilling and laboratory services will be based on unit prices.

Q7. “Please confirm the drillers will or will not be required to complete the NHI Drilling Subsurface Investigation Qualifications Course.”

A7: Drillers will be required to complete the NHI Subsurface Investigation Qualification Course. Successful completion of both the NHI Subsurface Investigation Qualifications Course and the SHA Qualification Class may be prior to NTP date or within one (1) year from the Notice to Proceed (NTP) date.

Q8: “Page 6, iii. Item #7, Key Staff 2: States a Professional Geologist (PG) registered in the State of Maryland with expertise in providing geophysical studies exploration services for highway projects with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in engineering geology, employed by the Prime/JV who will serve also as the Secondary Liaison. According to the State of Maryland Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation website Maryland does not have a Professional Licensing Board or Program for Professional Geologists (PG). Please clarify the requirements of a Professional Geologist in the State of Maryland.”

A8: Please see answer A4.

Q9: “On page 6 of the notice the requirements for Key Staff 2 is a Professional Geologist (PG) registered in the State of Maryland, however the MD DLLR does not provide registration for a professional geologist. Can the requirements for Key Staff 2 be a Professional Engineer (PE) registered in the State of Maryland with a with a minimum of a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in engineering geology as well as the remainder of the requirements?”

A9: Please see answer A4.

Q10: “Per Section 4.c.iii of the RFP, Key Staff 1 is required to be a Professional Engineer (PE) registered in the State of Maryland. Is it acceptable for Key Staff 1 to possess a PE in another State at the time of submission of the Letter of Interest as long as Key Staff 1 possesses a PE in the State of Maryland prior to the Contract’s Notice to Proceed?”

A10: No. Key Staff 1 must possess a valid Maryland PE license at time of EOI submittal.

Q11. “Per Section 4.c.iii of the RFP, Key Staff 2 is required to be a Professional Geologist (PG) registered in the State of Maryland. Maryland does not issue a professional registration for geologists. Please clarify the type of registration required for this key staff position.”

A11 Please see answer A4.

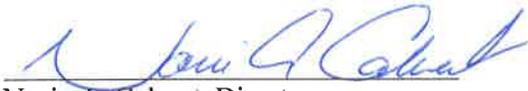
Q12: “Recent advertisements for professional architectural engineering services with the Office of Procurement and Contract Management have eliminated Items 9 and 10 from the SF 255 portion of the Expression of Interest. Should consultants be submitting a signed blank Item 10 or should the Item 9s and 10s not be included at all?”

A12: The requirements for Items #9 and 10 are subject to change for each Advertisement. Items #9 and 10 must be signed and included in all SF 255 submittals, signed, if required in the Advertisement or blank without a signature if not required in the Advertisement.

Q13: “Should consultants submit an original, signed SF 254, which are generally produced once a year, or is an electronic signature for this standard form acceptable?”

A13: The original SF 254, SF 255, and Expression of Interest must contain original signatures.

General questions relating to this Addendum No. 1 may be directed to opcm@sha.state.md.us. No additional questions will be accepted one (1) week before the due date and time.



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SHA’s Office of Procurement and
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4/27/15

Date

Acknowledgement of Receipt of Addendum No.: 1 for BCS 2014-02

(Company)

(Signature-Authorized Official)

Title

Date