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Addendum Number 2
Request for Proposals No. 24-49-212287
Historic District Identification & Evaluation

This Addendum is being issued to provide information as follows:

1. The Proposal Due Date is changed to 3:00 pm, October 14, 2024, Alaska Time.

Questions & Answers

2. Q: Is SOI qualified for Architectural History required for all field personnel?
A: No. Contractor must have at least one SOI Qualified personnel for the project.

3. Q: Proposed Price: Is the proposed price intended to be a lump sum, T&E not to exceed, or? Request that some criteria be applied to the cost estimate so the ARRC has an apples-to-apples comparison between bidders. A fairly significant portion of the costs could be field work and the amount won't be known until the early desktop work is done. Consequently, each bidder will assume some level that is different from others.

A: Contractor shall provide a T&E cost proposal for the first two tasks. Cost shall be broken out by task. Cost for the remaining tasks will be negotiated and added later. Future tasks may be negotiated as FP or T&E.

For establishing the contract, Contractor will be required to provide a cost range for each function that will work on the contract. This range will be fixed for the duration of the project. ARRC may audit rates annually to verify rates paid are actual rates.

Example Rate Schedule:

Contract Management - \$185-\$250/hr

Lead Archeology (SOI Certified) - \$175 - \$225/hr

Archeology - \$125-\$175/hr

4. Q: ARRC notes in the Scope of Work (SOW) that it anticipates identification of and Determinations of Eligibility (DOEs) for approximately 170 bridges. Does ARRC anticipate that all 170 bridges will be accessible? If not, how many are anticipated to be accessible?

A: ARRC will provide hi-rail where required.

5. Q: Will ARRC provide a high rail vehicle with driver to access bridges not reachable via car/truck?
A: Yes, please refer to question #4.
6. Q: Item 2.1 of the SOW identifies 2 ports for identification and DOEs, as well as 50 buildings. Do the port buildings count as part of that 50, or will the ports be treated as one individual property with multiple resources?
A: Expect 2 individual port elements to be evaluated, but the remainder of port elements will have to be considered as part of any potential historic district.
7. Q: Will ARRC make GIS or shapefiles available (particularly for the bridges) prior to the proposal submittal in order to assist with field logistics and scoping?
A: GIS files for a majority of the bridges can be downloaded from the following Dropbox link.
<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/tt4ufww8o31kdvoojc96s/ABMie7WY8H--thv31HYYONw?rlkey=77rmoj2rvmpnvtjfsuuviwn2e&st=wwq06tej&dl=0>.

Questions from Pre-Proposal Conference

8. Q: What is the level of communication with FRA & FTA?
A: They are aware ARRC is going down this road.
9. Q: Some of the 176 bridges have DOE in or pending already. How many?
A: Approximately 25 of the 176 bridges.
10. Q: Has there been SHPO communications:
A: Yes, ARRC has monthly meetings with SHPO.
11. Q: Task 1 – using GIS data, will that be provided?
A: Refer to question #7
12. Q: Are all buildings accessible by road, are other photos needed?
A: All buildings are accessible by road. Additional pictures may be required at your discretion.
13. Q: Field work will be accessed by hi-rail. Will ARRC drop off personnel or stay with personnel?
A: Depends upon traffic and how long each field visit will take.
14. Q: Is subsurface not included?
A: Subsurface is not included.

15.Q: Have historic documents been digitized?

A: Anticipate 95% of relevant records have been scanned.

16.Q: What are the two ports? What is to be evaluated?

A: Two facilities in Whittier and Seward Facility.

17.Q: Port of Whittier and Port of Seward are they contributing elements?

A: That is what will need to be determined.

18.Q: How should the cost proposal be submitted? Do you want fees broken down by task?

A: Refer to Question #3.

All other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

Acknowledge receipt of this and all addenda in your firm's Service Bid Form (Form 395-0129).

Sincerely,



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Senior Contract Administrator