DATE: September 24, 2021

TO: All Contractors

FROM: Angela R. Young  
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FCS Capital Program Contracts

RE: RFP 406-22, Geotechnical, Environmental, Site Selection, and Construction Inspection Services

Please find Addendum No. 1 to the subject solicitation attached.
A. The following changes have been made to the above-referenced solicitation:

**Delete: Pages 21 and 22 add: Revised 9/24/21 pages 21 and 22**

B. The following are questions received and Fulton County Schools (FCS) responses for the above-referenced solicitation:

1. RFQ 406-22 appears to be a re-issue of RFQ 418-21, and the Scope of Work for Geotechnical Services (Item No. 4 on pages 20 and 21 of RFQ 406-22) appears to be similar to that required for Geotechnical Services in RFQ 418-21, with the exception of the following requirements, which have been omitted from RFQ 406-22:
   a. Site reconnaissance to visually examine and record the site conditions and designate the test locations if requested.
   b. Provide the number of soil test borings to a maximum depth of the number of feet or auger refusal in order to investigate the subsurface soil conditions and obtain the necessary information for providing engineering recommendations (up to the number of LF of drilling).
   c. Develop and provide an engineering report including design and construction recommendations.

   Please confirm that these services are outside the intended contract scope of work.

   **Response: Revised Page 21 and 22 have been included with this addendum.**

2. Many of the services described in the Scope of Work require laboratory testing of samples, but Exhibit B – Fee and Payment Schedule does not include line items for the laboratory testing of samples. How should the Offeror represent the cost for in-house laboratory services?

   **Response: There is no need to quantify lab costs. If you are selected for this contract, there would be an hourly wage that you would need to agree to, based on an average of all those firms that were selected. When we do a task order for the specific Geotech service, the lab costs would be a line item in your proposal, as would be many other items, that we don’t ask you the price for in this RFQ.**

3. On RFQ page 24, under Section A, Item No. 3 states that "the Offeror's submittal shall be limited to 30 pages." If one firm is submitting on only one service offering, whereas another firm is submitting on multiple service offerings, this means that the firm submitting on only one service has 3 times as much room to discuss their experience and references. We respectfully request that the page limit be expanded according to the number of service offerings in each response to accommodate responses that include more than one service.

   **Response: - The page limit has been increased to forty (40) pages for this requirement.**

4. We respectfully request that the following pages be exempt from the page count:

   • Cover Sheet
   • Section Cover Sheets
   • Table of Contents
   • Signed Addenda
• Forms:
  o Request for Sealed Submittal / Commitment to Perform as Proposed
  o Offeror’s Checklist
  o Georgia Immigration and Security Forms
  o Contractor Affidavit and Agreement
  o Subcontractor Affidavit and Agreement
  o Sub-Subcontractor Affidavit and Agreement
  o Offeror's Exceptions Form
  o Offeror's Modifications Form
  o Copies of relevant company certifications

Response: -The above items are exempt from the total page count

5. On RFQ page 26, under Section III-Business Stability, Item No. 4 states "Indicate the names and addresses and degree of utilization of any and all Subcontractors which would be used in the performance of this contract." Since the amount of work performed by subcontractors can vary according to the type of work being performed, please clarify how Fulton County Schools would prefer to see "degree of utilization" illustrated.

Response: The primary intent of this paragraph is to determine if a particular firm uses subcontractors on a regular basis for specific functions or uses them only sporadically, such as when the workload is extremely high. If a firm does use a subcontractor for a specific function, such as a lab for testing or a subcontractor to do borings, we would like that testing and boring subcontracting firm listed. In addition, if you use subcontractors for other specific functions, please list them too. There is no need to list firms for other functions that you may only use from time-to-time. At the same time, we realize many firms do all of this functions in-house and in that case, you would simply say we self-perform all of the tasks associated with the scope.

C. All other terms and conditions remain the same.
5. GEOTECHNICAL EXPLORATION

a. WATER AND STORMWATER TESTING

1. Water testing and surveys.

2. Microbiology water and soils sampling and testing.

3. Litigation support, as necessary, specifically defined as deposition/trial/arbitration preparation and testimony, and expert report preparation.

b. Site reconnaissance to visually examine and record the site conditions and designate the test locations if requested.

c. Provide the agreed-upon number of soil test borings to a specified maximum depth (or auger refusal) in order to investigate the subsurface soil conditions and obtain the necessary information for providing engineering recommendations.

d. Develop and provide an engineering report including design and construction recommendations.

e. ACCESS MACHINE CLEARING

As required, provide machine to clear a wooded site for geotechnical work to be performed.

f. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

a. CODE COMPLIANCE

Provide inspection services of building structures and systems as required by FCS before, during, and after construction to determine compliance with all applicable building codes and ordinances relevant in the local jurisdictions within Georgia, state and/or federal law. Inspection services shall be provided for the following system and areas:

i. Compliance with Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

ii. Building Envelope (including roofing, exterior cladding, glass and glazing)

iii. Energy

iv. Energy Conservation

v. Lab Classrooms

vi. Structural

vii. Accessibility

viii. Existing Building Conditions
b. MATERIAL TESTING

1. Provide special construction materials inspection services include, but not limited, to the following services. All inspections and testing shall include reports.
   i. IBC required verification and inspection of steel construction.
   ii. IBC required verification and inspection of concrete construction.
   iii. IBC required verification and inspection of masonry construction.
   iv. Civil testing (including asphalt, concrete pavements, and drainage systems)

2. A committee will determine whether a firm is qualified to perform work for FCS by reviewing the firm’s qualifications as defined in this RFQ. On an annual basis, each firm will be evaluated to determine whether that firm will remain as a qualified service provider or ineligible for future FCS assignments.

3. Projects will consist of, but not limited to: new facilities, roofing projects, athletic venues, irrigation system upgrades, storm detention, paving and site improvements.

4. The purpose of this process is to select qualified firms of various disciplines to which current and future Capital Program Projects will be assigned. Additional staff extension of services may also be requested by FCS for various tasks.

C. COMPENSATION

Compensation for task orders where requested by FCS will be based on rates as defined in Appendix IV Exhibit B of this solicitation. Where applicable Offerors shall provide a proposed rate for these classifications in conjunction with their sealed qualifications. If the Offeror elects not to pursue consideration for a particular service offering, the Offeror may mark N/A for rate(s) associated with that classification. The proposed rate which will be developed from the information provided by Offerors participating in this RFQ.

D. EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The services being sought under this RFQ are considered to be professional in nature.