



Request for Qualifications

RFQ 2017-05

Dr. Mellichamp Drive Improvements

Engineering, Surveying & Related Services

Questions and Answers

August 5, 2016

Question #6: Page 5 of the RFQ states that the anticipated start date for construction is November, 2016. Is this correct?

Answer: No, the current schedule projects the start date to be December 27, 2016 depending on the timing of obtaining all regulatory approvals.

Question #7: How is this project being funded?

Answer: Local Hospitality Tax and Town of Bluffton Fund Balance

Question #8: Is Dr. Mellichamp Road an SCDOT roadway in its entirety or is only the intersection of Dr. Mellichamp with Bluffton Road considered to be under the jurisdiction of SCDOT?

Answer: Dr. Mellichamp Drive, Goethe Road and Bluffton Road are all SCDOT roads. As stated in the RFQ, the Town of Bluffton is currently negotiating with SCDOT to take over the ownership and maintenance of Dr. Mellichamp Road only.

Question #8: As stated on page 8 Section 1.7.2.8, is the Town going to award additional consideration to the firms that do not currently have work in the Town or is the ranking of the teams going to be strictly based on qualification of the teams?

Answer: The Town of Bluffton will not discriminate against any team whether working on current Town projects or not. Ranking will be based on team qualifications.

Question #9: On page 3 it states that survey information is to be provided for the outfall ditch west of the Promenade. Does the Town of Bluffton have any sort of hydrology/hydraulic study for this conveyance system from the outfall at the May River to the Promenade or is the Town anticipating that the survey information for this outfall extend all the way to the outfall at Bridge Street in order for a modeling effort to be completed as part of this project.

Answer: The Town of Bluffton does not currently have a hydrology /hydraulic study for this conveyance system, however, the Stormwater / Watershed Management Department will provide a study in conjunction with this project. The outfall has been determined to be the ditch west of the Promenade and the survey limits shall be as described in the proposed Scope of Services as 25' beyond the proposed limit work (i.e. approximately 25' beyond the end of the proposed outfall pipe).

Question #10: On page 13 Section 7 the team must identify whether the firm is MBE/WBE. Is additional consideration going to be given to teams that are MBE/WBE firms or is the ranking of the teams going to be based strictly on qualifications of the teams?

Answer: The Town of Bluffton will not discriminate against any team whether MBE/WBE or not. Ranking will be based on team qualifications.

Question #11: Is the contract that is going to eventually be awarded to the winning firm going to be a standard Town of Bluffton contract or is there a different form of contract the Town will be using for this project?

Answer: The contract will be a standard Town of Bluffton Contract with an attached scope of work and fee schedule.

Question #12: If Dr. Mellichamp Drive and/or Goethe Road are SCDOT roadways, are SCDOT design and construction standards to be observed?

Answer: SCDOT design and construction standards will be observed for work within Goethe and Bluffton Roads. Dr. Mellichamp Drive work must conform to the Town of Bluffton Standards.

Question #13: Landscape Architecture services are not specifically listed as a service to be provided. Do we include landscape architecture services or is the Town of Bluffton procuring this separately?

Answer: Landscape Architectural services will not be included in the Engineering Scope of Services and will be contracted separately with the Town.

Question #14: Will work outside the right-of-way be secured through easements of acquisition or additional right-of-way?

Answer: The Town of Bluffton will acquire easements for work outside of the ROW.

Questions #15: What oversight will be provided by Beaufort County as the property owner?

Answer: The Town of Bluffton Engineering Staff will coordinate review and approval of the design and construction documents with Beaufort County.

Question #16: Page 4 indicates that the survey is to include utilities. Does this include dry utilities and is surface location acceptable as opposed to GPR survey?

Answer: Surface level location of dry utilities is acceptable.

Question #17: Page 4 requests to provide identification and supporting documentation as required for recordable easements, rights of way, plats etc. Do these services include the preparation of deeds associated with easements or property transfer and the use of a right-of-way consultant or appraisal consultant?

Answer: No services for preparation of deeds, appraisals or the use of a right-of-way consultant are requested with this RFQ or as part of the potential Scope of Services. Plats will be required and included in the Scope of Services to assist with the Town obtaining final recordation and easement documents.

Question #17: Has the conceptual streetscape attachment for the referenced project been performed by Town of Bluffton staff or by another consulting firm?

Answer: The conceptual exhibit supplied with the RFQ was prepared and provided by the Town of Bluffton to show the proposed limits of work only. A local Landscape Architectural firm is currently preparing a conceptual layout and will provide that information to the selected Engineering firm in AutoCad format. The selected Engineering firm will be expected to update the conceptual plans as needed to prepare Final Site Development Plans and Construction.