

Addendum No. 1 Changes and Questions and Answers – RFP for Debris Monitoring Services

Date of Addendum - May 16, 2020

Proposals Due - May 28, 2020 10:00 am Central Time

CHANGES –

1. MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSER – Paragraph 5

Deleted is “5) The Proposer shall provide a letter from a surety licensed to do business in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana stating that, in the event Proposer is awarded a contract, the Proposer can obtain a payment and performance bond of at least five (5) million dollars which shall remain in effect for the full term of the subsequent contract. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570

Added is “5) The Proposer shall provide a letter from a surety licensed to do business in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana stating that, in the event Proposer is awarded a contract, the Proposer can obtain a payment and performance bond up to five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) which shall remain in effect for the full term of the subsequent contract. Sureties used for obtaining bonds must appear as acceptable on the U.S. Department of Treasury Circular 570

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS –

1. We are kindly requesting that the Parish waives the payment and performing bonding requirements as the Federal procurement regulations in 2 CFR §200.325 only recommends bonding requirements for construction or facility improvements contracts. 2 CFR 200.325 states the following:

*§ 200.325 Bonding requirements. For **construction or facility improvement contracts** or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or passthrough entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:*

- a. *A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor’s obligations under such contract.*
- b. *A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.*

Answer – The Parish is changing the bonding requirement to \$500,000. There will be a payment or performance bond negotiated after contracted is selected.

2. The cost form includes a column to provide quantities for each position. We recommend that the Parish please remove the proposed quantity/number column. Alternately, can the Parish please provide a specific scenario that includes amount of debris, number of days for the operation, number of trucks etc.? This will allow all vendors to base their pricing on the same information and aide the Parish in reviewing the pricing information submitted. **Answer – The Debris Monitoring costs are based on Hourly Labor Rates as evidenced on Pages 12 and 13.**

3. On page 10 of the RFP under the submission requirements, item #5 requests that vendors provide a “*Debris Monitoring Plan (Template) applicable for the scope of work*”. Does the Parish expect vendors to provide information about their methodology and scope of work, or something else? **Answer – On Page 5 are INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSERS – We anticipate that potential contractors will respond with how their company can fulfil the requests in the RFP.**
4. The evaluation criteria listed on page 12 includes a criterion for “*capability to perform SOW*”. However, we do not see a requirement to submit a scope of work under the submission requirements on page 10. Can you please confirm where this should be included? **Answer – The Scope of Work is identified on Page 7.**
5. I was wondering if you could share with me the reason behind it being so high an amount? I can understand that amount size being placed on the debris hauler, but a payment and performance bond is somewhat unusual for the monitoring firm, and certainly one of such a high amount. **Answer – The Parish is changing the bonding requirement to \$500,000. There will be a payment or performance bond negotiated after contracted is selected.**
6. In the interest of health and safety, will Ouachita Parish consider electronic submission (by e-mail) versus printed, packaged, and delivered proposals for this opportunity? **Answer - Interested firms must physically submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of their Proposals in an 8 ½" by 11" format to the Parish. No facsimile or email responses will be accepted. However, vendors/contractors have the option to submit their proposals and proposal bonds electronically. (only one copy will be required to be uploaded electronically) To view the general proposal information and receive proposal notices by email, your company will need to register with BidSync at www.bidsync.com prior to the proposal deadline. For questions related to the electronic proposal process, please call Periscope Holdings (BidSync) at 800-990-9339.**