



RFQ 17-002/SV172

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Questions and Answers:

- 1) Q: This RFQ covers a time span of up to seven years. As an A&E firm, would you like us to define a full team (civil, structural, MEP, landscape) that may change over the course of time, or just list sub consultants we have experience working with and would like to consider for our team?
A: Provide a list of sub consultants the responding firm proposes to consider for their team. It is not a requirement that a proposed sub consultant team be unchanged for the time span of seven years.
- 2) Q: Should the responding firm provide fees as rates or proposed fees for each phase?
A: Responding firms should provide fees as rates.
- 3) Q: Do you want to see hourly rates for potential consultants as well, such as structural and MEP or just the architectural rates?
A: Please provide rates for the architectural firm. Firms are encouraged to provide a description of any consultants they contemplate using as a way to better describe your approach and capacity to deliver any of the contemplated projects. Fee rates are not required to be provided for consultants.
- 4) Q: Is "housing" assumed to be multi-family vertical units?
A: Yes. References to housing are to be assumed multi-family vertical units.
- 5) Q: Is there a particular density that the partners are seeking?
A: Each phase should consider maximizing the respective zoning for the site.
- 6) Q: Can we get a higher resolution of the site plan?
A: Yes. A link will be provided on the SVED website when available.
- 7) Q: Is there a detailed description of major utility infrastructure to be designed by others?
A: No. A comprehensive district utility infrastructure plan will be finalized in coming months with the express goal to minimize the responsibility of each site for all infrastructure requirements. The program looks to take traditional site specific requirements and shift the maximum amount possible to the responsibility of separate district systems.
- 8) Q: What is the process for coordination between/across phase lines?
A: A district systems program will be provided for the entire district that will inform the requirements of each phase site. This will be provided in more detail at the time subsequent requests are issued.
- 9) Q: Should all firms listed on the team (MEP, structural, civil, etc) submit three projects under the experience section, or only for the prime (architect)?
A: No. Project examples are requested from the architect. It is encouraged that the architect include examples of progressive sustainability efforts on past projects that may help display their enthusiasm or competency with initiatives that are in-line with the creation of an ecodistrict. The description of these examples can include innovations from consultant scopes.



10) Q: What would the ideal Section 3 scenario be for SVED on the architectural side?

A: Section 3 is not a technical scoring requirement at this qualifications stage of response. However, as part of their approach, responding firms are encouraged to describe how they are open to thoughtful hiring practices, partnerships, mentorships or other creative forms of collaboration that positively impact members of the community or provide opportunities for growth.

11) Q: Will a copy of responses to any questions received be made available?

A: Yes – through this document.