

RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

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QUESTION 1: The RFP mentions using existing mapping for utilities and infrastructure but does not include a requirement for surveying. Is the exclusion of surveying intentional, or would you be open to considering site surveying if necessary?

ANSWER 1: Under “2.0 - Scope of Services”, the RFQ does list the activity labeled “Survey and Base Map” which includes to: “Provide survey staff to complete a survey and prepare a base map, including: Electronic data collection”. This task will be supplemented with “Milwaukee County GIS lot lines and aerial photography and Utility location and layout including information provided by Digger’s Hotline and utility plans provided by Port Milwaukee”

The Construction Management activity will also include initial staking for all plan locations in coordination with the Contractor.

QUESTION 2: Will private utility lines be located by the Port?

ANSWER 2: Port Milwaukee will provide pdf copies of the plans for Port owned utility lines for design purposes.

QUESTION 3: What is the anticipated timeline for construction to begin?

ANSWER 3: The Port anticipates a six-month design phase with bidding to begin in October 2025 and construction to follow.

QUESTION 4: Is the Homeland Security report available for review?

ANSWER 4: No, the US Department of Homeland Security Report is part of the Protected Critical Infrastructure Information (PCII) Program. The report does not list specific locations of deficiencies but makes a broad recommendation to “update the lighting system to ensure illumination uniformity, so that security personnel can see ahead and to the sides with an absence of dark areas caused by shadows. Lighting should be brightest in secure areas, with the light gradually less in areas adjacent to high illumination areas.”

The Port will provide maps to the selected consultant outlining the locations where we intend to update and enhance the lighting with the installation of 24 new light poles and floodlights and 50 upgraded existing lights.

QUESTION 5: Are there any geotechnical or environmental reports from previous projects that could be shared?

ANSWER 5: Following notification of the selected firm, any available reports will be provided.

QUESTION 6: Could you provide further details regarding the scope of work for the CCTV?

A6: The Port will provide maps to the selected consultant outlining the 19 locations where existing cameras will be upgraded using existing infrastructure and the 3 locations where new cameras will be installed with new infrastructure for their mounting and power and transmission.

QUESTION 7: We request that you allow up to two additional pages in the Firm Background, Qualifications, and Experience section to introduce the A/E team, including sub-consultants, and demonstrate our ability to meet SBE requirements.

ANSWER 7: An additional 2 pages in the Firm Background, Qualifications and Experience is acceptable for a total of 4 pages.

QUESTION 8: The RFP does not request a work plan/approach or include space for value-added services. Would you like us to include these in the additional documents or attachments?

ANSWER 8: We do not need a work plan / approach at this time. The work plan will be requested after we have selected a consultant and provided the selected consultant with maps of the enhanced lighting and camera locations. The selected consultant will then provide the Port with a work plan by March 17, 2025.

QUESTION 9: Our PM's may also serve as the lead technical staff for an activity. Is this acceptable?

- a. Should we add them under the key staff as well?
- b. Or indicate on their resume or somewhere else they will serve as technical lead?

ANSWER 9: It's fine if the PM also serves as lead technical staff person. There's no need to list any staff persons twice or in two separate sections. Simply note that this person will fill two different roles and discuss their credentials once.

QUESTION 10: Would you consider a response focused solely on electrical engineering services, or are you seeking a full-service team for this project?

ANSWER 10: We are seeking a full-service team to coordinate and accomplish all the activities listed in the scope of services.

QUESTION 11: Can you confirm whether field surveying is required?

ANSWER 11: Under "2.0 - Scope of Services", the RFQ does list the activity labeled "Survey and Base Map" which includes to: "Provide survey staff to complete a survey and prepare a base map, including:

Electronic data collection”. This task will be supplemented with “Milwaukee County GIS lot lines and aerial photography and Utility location and layout including information provided by Digger’s Hotline and utility plans provided by Port Milwaukee”

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QUESTION 12: Is full-time construction inspection required, or would periodic inspection services be sufficient?

ANSWER 12: Construction inspection services will be needed to monitor electrical installations on a periodic basis, not a full-time basis. This task includes technical support to review equipment submittals from the contractor and technical support during construction to address inquiries regarding design intent, reviewing construction change requests, and staking for all plan locations in coordination with the Contractor.

QUESTION 13: Does Port Milwaukee currently have an engineering partner for this type of work? If so, could you share their role in past or ongoing projects?

ANSWER 13: The Port does not have an engineering partner for this type of work.

QUESTION 14: Given the request for environmental considerations, are there known soil condition challenges at the site?

ANSWER 14: The Port is not aware of any known contamination or reports for the work sites. But Jones Island is built on mostly filled in land, so it will be necessary to conduct the requested soil sampling and laboratory testing services.

QUESTION 15: Could you provide a more detailed scope for the security portion under electrical design? Specifically, are you seeking camera surveillance, card access control, or other security measures?

ANSWER 15: The Port will provide maps to the selected consultant outlining the 19 locations where existing cameras will be upgraded using existing infrastructure and the 3 locations where new cameras will be installed with new infrastructure for their mounting and power and transmission. That is the full extent of the security measures being addressed with this project.

QUESTION 16: The RFQ states only 4 staff members can be listed. Would the Port allow more than 4 staff members to be listed with an organizational chart showing the roles, with supporting short bios?

ANSWER 16: An organizational chart is acceptable showing more than 4 staff members. An additional 2 pages in the Firm Background, Qualifications and Experience is acceptable for a total of 4 pages.

QUESTION 17: It does not appear that a project understanding or project approach was requested. Can we submit this if we feel it will be advantageous?

ANSWER 17: We do not need a work plan / approach at this time. The work plan will be requested after we have selected a consultant and provided the selected consultant with maps of the enhanced lighting and camera locations. The selected consultant will then provide the Port with a work plan by March 17, 2025.

QUESTION 18: Note: The scope of services discusses security cameras, but security cameras are not listed under "ELECTRICAL" services for the numbered scope items.

ANSWER 18: Security cameras will be a part of the electrical services activities. The Port will provide maps to the selected consultant outlining the 19 locations where existing cameras will be upgraded using existing infrastructure and the 3 locations where new cameras will be installed with new infrastructure for their mounting and power and transmission.

QUESTION 19: Does the Port have a preferred camera vendor already identified?

ANSWER 19: The Port does not have a preferred camera vendor. All requirements under the Port Security Grant Program including the Build America, Buy America Act (BABAA) will need to be taken into consideration.