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### Pre-Proposal Questions and Answers RFP# 05RFPPROVPRK-B Providence Park Remediation Project – Phase I

1. In Section 10 of the RFP, Specification Section 01 010 - Summary of Work indicates that EPD has reviewed the CSR and approved soil excavation and groundwater monitoring/delineation tasks. The CSR did not include recommendations for either soil excavation or groundwater delineation. Was additional correspondence sent to EPD requesting these activities? If so, is this correspondence available for review?

**No. Additional correspondence was not sent to EPD see EPD Comments on the CSR posted in Addendum No. 2.**

2. Aside from the CSR, are there any other documents currently available to bidders for review which are available to the incumbent contractor?

**There are no other documents available to bidders for review. See Addendum No. 2 for EPD Comments on the CSR.**

3. The bid form in Section 3.5 includes sampling of 18 wells under Item 2. The CSR identifies 20 wells at the site. Is the bidder only responsible for sampling 18 of the wells? If so, which 18 wells?

**It has been confirmed with EPD that all wells should be sampled including newly installed wells. Please provide pricing for sampling all existing and additional monitoring wells in Item No. 2 in the Remediation Tasks pricing table. Note this change in your proposal.**

4. In the RFP, Section 3.3 (Scope of Work), Item 3 (Installation of Additional Groundwater Monitoring Wells), does not specifically indicate that the newly installed wells are required to be sampled. Is sampling of the new wells required? If so, what line item should the sampling be covered under?

**See response to Question 3 above.**

5. The scope of work for the soil and groundwater investigations indicates that analysis for RCRA metals, VOC, SVOCs, PCBs, pesticides and herbicides is required. Aside from RCRA metals, the specific lists of constituents required for the other analyses are not provided. Is it acceptable to only provide analysis for the specific constituents of concern identified in the CSR (Pages 3/4) or should a specified list be used for these analyses (e.g. Target Compound List)?

**Analysis of samples for soil and groundwater should be those specified in RFP Section 3.3 – Scope of Work Nos. 5, 7f. and 7g.**

6. Will Fulton County establish a conversion rate for Transportation and Disposal of contaminated soil (i.e. 1 CY = 1.3 Tons)?

**No.**

7. For Bid Item No. 1 under "Tree Removal"- Remove Dead (Fallen and standing) Trees, can the contractor bid the 19 Acres as a mass removal or will the clearing and grubbing be in several multiple areas and completed at different times (resulting in multiple mobilizations) at the discretion of the Fulton County Parks Department?

**The pricing should be as a mass removal for this item.**

8. Work hours are defined in the Request for Proposal (RFP) specifications Section 01 010, paragraph 6.A. as Monday through Friday. Will Saturday hours be allowed providing they coincide with the hour restrictions (i.e. 6:30 AM to 6:30 PM)?

**As stated in Summary of Work, Contractor may request an adjustment to work other than the stated hours, which will start no earlier than 6:30 am and/or conclude no later than 6:30 pm Monday through Friday. Contractor shall submit its intended work schedule five working days in advance, for approval. The County reserves the right to direct Contractor to return to the standard working hours at any time during the execution of the project.**

9. During the pre-proposal meeting, it was stated that personnel or sub-contractors that are involved in the removal of dead trees would not be required to have the OSHA 1910.120 40-hour OSHA HAZWOPER training specified in Section 3 of the RFP. Can this exception be expanded to other personnel that have will have limited exposure risk (e.g. laboratory personnel, surveyors, administrative, etc.)?

**As long as the applicable personnel are not performing work in the areas of contamination, then this exception can be made.**

10. Does the County consider this project a "construction activity" as defined by the Georgia EPD Regulations or in the various General Storm Water Permits for Construction Activities? In the Stand Alone Permit (number GAR100001) *"Construction Activity" means the disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, excavating, filling of land, or other similar activities which may result in soil erosion. Construction activity does not include agricultural and silvicultural practices.* Since this project is neither agricultural nor silvicultural in nature it appears to fall under the construction permitting requirements, unless less than one acre total area is disturbed.

**Yes.**

11. Are all subs required to attend the project Kick-off Meeting as stated in the specifications Section 01 200 paragraph 2.A.?

**Yes**

12. May well purge waters be discharged on-site to the sanitary sewers or must they be managed off-site?

**If well purge waters exhibit contamination, they must be managed off-site.**

13. The site had several barrels of what appeared to be investigation derived wastes. Are these materials to be included in the off site disposal of excavated materials?

**Yes.**

14. Project specification section 01 800 paragraph 4.7, states that the contractor “shall maintain a competent person at the construction site at all times with an OSHA 10-hour certification”. Does this include nights and weekends when no work is being completed? Does this mean that 10-hour certification is all that’s required instead of the OSHA 40-hour training?

**No one is required to be onsite when work is not being performed; however, site should remain secure. The 40-Hour OSHA training is required as stated in the Scope of Work.**

15. When will the electronic copies of the CSR be posted?

**The CSR is currently posted on Fulton County’s website.**

16. Where is the borrow site being provided by the County?

**9750 Spruill Road, Alpharetta, Georgia 30022**

17. Are there any restrictions on haul routes to and from the project site?

**Hauling must be conducted in accordance with all applicable state and local regulations.**

18. On Page 3-12 of the RFP it states that a “contingency allowance in the amount of 20% of the total contract cost will be withheld until 95% substantial completion”. At the pre-bid meeting it was explained that this referred to the Remediation Contingency and Tree Removal Contingency line items of Section 3.5 in the RFP. Please clarify this phase in writing.

**The tree removal contingency and remediation contingency are separate from the 20% total contract contingency allowance to be withheld. Bidders are to include within their perspective bids the amounts indicated under items A(11) and B(2) in Section 3.5 of the RFP, and these funds will not be utilized unless specifically authorized by Fulton County.**

19. Will there be any retainage withheld from invoices?

**The only withholding will be the contingency allowance in the amount of 20% of the total contract cost, which will be withheld until 95% substantial completion, and this is done per invoice.**

20. Are there any jurisdictional wetlands or jurisdictional streams in the planned work area?

**Please visit the Fulton County GIS Department webpage for this information. There is a stream on the property, it is suspected to be a branch of Sandy Creek.**

21. The RFP, in section 01 040-2 3D states that all existing roads damaged by construction must be repaired. Visual inspection indicates that the park entrance road will not withstand the truck traffic associated with this project. Must this road be repaired at the end of the project? If so, what is the cross-section detail associated with the repair?

**Contractor is not responsible for road repair.**

22. Are there any underground utilities in the planned work area?

**There are no known underground utilities in the planned work area. The Contractor should follow normal construction practices for utilities location.**

23. Does the requirement to provide security mean that all work areas must be surrounded by a fence? If so, must the lakefront portion of the site also be fenced?

**All reasonable efforts to restrict access to the site while the remediation activities are ongoing should be utilized.**

24. The RFP requires that the 18 existing wells be sampled and analyzed for certain constituents. Are these wells to be sampled before or after soil removal activities are conducted? If any wells will be removed as part of the soil excavation, must they be sampled after they are replaced?

**All existing groundwater monitoring wells are to be sampled. Samples are to be collected prior to and after soil excavation. Any newly installed replacement wells must also be sampled. See response to Question 3 above.**

25. If any wells will be removed as part of the soil excavation, must they be plugged and abandoned before soil excavation occurs?

**Yes.**

26. Must the three new groundwater wells to be installed be sampled? For the same constituents as the existing wells?

**Yes. See response to Question 3 above.**

27. Will stump removal be required if stumps are cut off at ground level?

**No. Contractor should grind stumps and leave in place.**

28. RFP Section 02 210-2, Paragraph 3.E indicates that if excavation is not complete to design excavation limits (of RRS), the contractor will continue excavation and post-excavation surveys until the design excavation is complete, and this additional work will be at contractor's expense. If we excavate to apparent design limits and collect excavation samples and secure the area until lab results are received, and then excavate additional material to reach RRS and collect additional confirmatory samples, will we be paid for additional soil excavation and confirmatory sampling required?

**No. Contractor's work shall not be deemed complete until the RRS are achieved.**

29. EPD comments that, following excavation, confirmation samples will be collected from the base and side walls of each excavated area to verify that the RRS have been met; yet your RFP requests only samples in the bottom of the excavation. Which is correct?

**Confirmation samples must be collected from the base and side walls of each excavated area.**

30. EPD comments that soil has not been delineated completely horizontally and vertically to background concentrations, and goes on to say that select areas will require complete delineation. This sounds like soil delineation in those areas cited will be required to background concentrations, not just RRS concentrations. Is this correct?

**Areas specified in section 3.3 (Scope of Work) of the RFP for additional soil delineation must be delineated both horizontally and vertically to background concentrations as specified in 391-3-19-.06(3)(b)(2) of the Georgia EPD Rules for Hazardous Site Response.**

31. Will contractor be paid for all confirmatory samples collected and analyzed that are required by EPD regulations, EPD guidelines, and/or requested by EPD?

**Contractor should include within their bid package, costs for all required sampling and analysis in this RFP.**

32. The EPD letter dated March 10, 2005, indicates in Corrective Action Item 4 that prior to and after excavation, Fulton County will collect groundwater samples from all monitoring wells for analyses stated; however the RFP cost proposal form only requests sampling and analysis of 18 wells. Will a change order be paid for additional round of sampling of the 18 existing wells and the additional wells?

**Per EPD, all wells should be sampled including newly installed wells. Please provide pricing for sampling all existing and additional monitoring wells in Item No. 2 in the Remediation Tasks pricing table. Note this change in your proposal.**

33. The March 10, 2005, fax from the EPD to Fulton County indicates comments to the CSR. Have the comments been addressed, and are the responses available?

**Fulton County's response to EPD's comments on the CSR has not been finalized, and is not available for review.**

34. What should we do if we encounter drums. Will handling and testing drum contents be reimbursable as a change order and paid for on a time and materials basis?

**If encountered, all drums should be removed and properly disposed. Handling and testing drum contents will not be reimbursable as a change order and paid for on a time and materials basis.**

35. Which forms are required of subcontractors; and are these forms required of all subcontractors regardless of their anticipated percentage of or scope of work?

**All forms, along with instructions, are included in Section 5 of the RFP.**

36. Which types of subcontractors is the non-collusion affidavit required of?

**The non-collusion affidavit is required of the Prime Contractor.**

37. Is Bonding required only of the selected winning contractor and not from all the bidders?

**A bid bond is not required for this project. However, a Performance Bond is required of the successful bidder.**

38. Will all work be done during the same mobilization?

**Both the Contractor's professional judgment and project approach will determine the number of mobilizations.**

39. Will any water collected in excavation have to be containerized and disposed of?

**Yes, contractor shall implement decontamination of equipment and haul vehicles.**

40. Will any water collected during equipment and vehicle decontamination have to be containerized and disposed of off site?

**Yes, Contractor shall implement decontamination of equipment of haul vehicles.**

41. Is there any compaction specs?

**Refer to Section 02220 – Backfill and Grade Fill Placement of the Specifications.**

42. Can backfill be staged on site prior to backfilling?

**Yes, as approved by the County.**

43. Can soil boring drill cuttings be staged onsite prior to completion of excavation, for subsequent excavation and removal; or must it be containerized for disposal?

**Yes, until disposal.**

44. Will excavation stop when rock or the groundwater table is encountered?

**Yes. Excavation should stop in order to address these conditions.**

45. Will contractor be responsible for repairing rutting or damage to grass caused while working on excavation or tree removal?

**Yes. Contractors should exercise caution to prevent extensive damage.**

46. Who determines when excavation is complete and by what criteria?

**Excavation activities will be considered complete when soils are delineated to Type II Risk Reduction Standards established by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.**

47. Are we required to split spoon sample, or collect soil samples for lab analysis from the monitoring well borings?

**Yes, split spoon sampling is required for each monitoring well construction installation along with general soil classification and blow count.**

48. How close will excavation be to wells? Is contractor responsible for any damages?

**Professional judgment and analytical results should be used to determine proximity of excavation to any monitoring well. Yes, the contractor will incur any repair/construction cost associated with any damage to any previously constructed monitoring wells.**

49. Will a determination of hazardous classification for soil disposal by sample analysis be grounds for a contract change order?

**No. Bidder shall include within their cost proposal, costs for disposal as non-hazardous and hazardous.**