

BRICKLINE GREENWAY: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, PERMITTING, CONSTRUCTION ASSURANCE AND FEDERAL AID ADMINISTRATION.

Questions & Answers

January 20, 2022

Q) Is there a significant need to address real and perceived safety/security (vs traffic safety) as part of the current efforts? We are a sub providing unique expertise in this area.

A) Safety means different things to different people. Both traffic calming measures and crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) strategies for the project are welcome.

Q) Will there be an opportunity to submit as a sub and prime?

A) Yes, firms may submit qualifications with various teams as both as prime consultants and subcontractors.

Q) Is cost estimating part of the required services?

A) Yes.

Q) Does the 30 pages include all affidavits and E-Verify forms?

A) Affidavits and E-verify documentation are not required for the submission. These forms are provided as reference and only the selected prime consultant will provide those forms as part of the final contract.

Q) Will any of the monies received from the RAISE grant be expended on any of the professional services outlined in the RFQ or is all of the RAISE grant money for construction implementation of the Brickline Greenway?

A) No RAISE grant or other federal funds will be expended for professional services.

Q) Will the RAISE grant be typical disbursement through MoDOT?

A) No, GRG will be the direct grant recipient and MoDOT's involvement will be minimal.

Q) Is there going to be NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) work associated with the project or has that piece already been contracted out?

A) GRG has an independent contract to provide NEPA services across the entire Brickline Greenway.

Q) Although you already have a consultant for NEPA requirements, would you consider it beneficial for the Prime firm to have those capabilities in-house as well for collaboration between consultants? Is there opportunity there for collaboration?

A) The selected consultants will collaborate with GRG's NEPA consultant. NEPA expertise on the consultant team is considered relevant experience, especially as it relates to federal aid requirements.

Q) Will all survey and initial utility coordination be completed through the existing contract or will there be scope items needed as part of this RFQ?

A) Some additional survey collection is anticipated, but the expectation is the existing contract will supply the majority of the project's survey and topographic data needs.

Q) To what extent do you anticipate the scope will include improving connectivity and access to and from the greenway (city sidewalks)?

A) Project improvements will be primarily confined to the greenway alignment with adjustments to adjacent city sidewalks made only when required.

Q) With the grant only used for construction, what aspects of the grant will the design team be responsible for?

A) The design team must follow Local Public Agency (LPA) policy in all aspects of their work. Responsibilities for federal aid compliance may include but are not limited to the preparation of conceptual plans, preliminary plans, right of way plans, right of way acquisition and negotiations, preparing and submitting necessary permits, preparation of pre-final and final plans, specifications and estimates, assisting with the bidding process and construction assurance and administration.

Q) Will a sign in sheet be available from both sessions?

A) Yes. <https://greatriversgreenway.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Brickline-Greenway-Mixer-Registrants-January-2022-v2.pdf>

Q) Will a PDF of this presentation be available to attendees?

A) Yes. <https://greatriversgreenway.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022-01-12-FINAL-RFQ-Mixer-Presentation.pdf>

Q) Are any firms or teams NOT eligible to work on this portion of the project due to their involvement on other portions of the greenway?

A) No. All firms may apply.

Q) Are economic development services already contracted for by GRG and will not be required as part of this team?

A) Economic development services are not required.

Q) The RFP and presentation noted that some concept design work was already underway. Can you speak more to that?

A) The concept design phase will conclude in late February or early March. The concept design team has been working with the project's Stakeholder Working Group and resident-led Citizen Advisory Committee to explore greenway design and amenities. GRG, the Stakeholder Working Group and resident-led Citizen Advisory Committee will collaborate with the selected team to continue to advance the project design.

Q) Will right of way / property negotiations be part of this Scope of Work?

A) Yes. Negotiations will follow the Uniform Act and the selected team will coordinate activities with GRG's independent contractor for real estate acquisition and relocation services.

Q) What is the construction scope that will be a part of the consultant team?

A) The selected team will provide construction assurance which may include but not be limited to attendance at construction meetings, review and approval of submittals and shop drawings, provide responses to requests for information, coordination on utility relocations, site reviews and reports of observations, assistance with change requests, review of quality control and material testing reports, preparation of a project punch list, and preparation of record drawings.

Q) Would you be able to provide me with a list of the Primes that expressed interest at the mixers? I would like to contact them to pursue positioning our firm with their teams. Thank you.

A) The attendee list is provided. <https://greatriversgreenway.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Brickline-Greenway-Mixer-Registrants-January-2022-v2.pdf>

Q) Hello, I work for a civil engineering consulting firm which is registered as a DBE with Missouri DOT. Would you consider this qualification sufficient to count our participation on a project team toward your 25% MBE goal? Or do we need to be a registered MBE with the City of St. Louis to qualify?

A) Certifications from the State of Missouri: Missouri Division of Purchasing and Materials Management or City of St. Louis: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and/or St. Louis Minority Business Council are acceptable.

Q) Will divider pages count towards the page count?

A) Yes. The PDF submission of qualifications should not exceed 30 pages in total.

Q) Our firm is a nationally certified LGBTBE SBE - does this count towards diversity and inclusion goals included in the RFQ?

A) No. Only certifications from the State of Missouri: Missouri Division of Purchasing and Materials Management or City of St. Louis: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program and/or St. Louis Minority Business Council are acceptable.

Q) Would you like the RFQ to include hourly rates for all consultant firms?

A) Yes. Statement of current hourly rates or any other information related to fees and anticipated reimbursable expenses are to be included.

Q) In Exhibit E, we are asked to provide project examples that should include "work samples of federal aid administration". Can you clarify what these work samples of federal aid administration should consist of?

A) Of the three to five projects provided to demonstrate relevant experience, specify those which utilized federal aid (projects received a federal grant award) and describe your team's roles and responsibilities to achieve federal aid compliance.