

City of San Antonio

SUBJECT: Request for Competitive Sealed Proposal (RFCSP) for **River Barge Fabrication (RFCSP 6100007779, 016-095)**, Scheduled to Open: **September 29, 2016**; Date of Issue: **August 3, 2016**

FROM: Paul J. Calapa, Procurement Administrator

DATE: August 31, 2016

**THIS NOTICE SHALL SERVE AS ADDENDUM NO. I - TO THE ABOVE REFERENCED
REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED PROPOSAL**

**THE ABOVE MENTIONED REQUEST FOR COMPETITIVE SEALED BID IS HEREBY
AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **ADD: EXHIBIT 1**, Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) Presentation. Exhibit is posted as a separate document.
2. **ADD: EXHIBIT 2**, Redacted Sign-in Sheet from the Pre Solicitation Conference dated August 1, 2016 and Pre-submittal Conference dated, August 17, 2016. Exhibit is posted as a separate document.
3. **DELETE: ATTACHMENT F3. Attachment F4 is the new mentorship application form that should be utilized.**

**QUESTIONS SUBMITTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 003, PRE-SUBMITTAL
CONFERENCE**

On Wednesday, August 17, 2016, the City of San Antonio hosted a Pre-Submittal Conference to provide information and clarification for the River Barge Fabrication Request for Competitive Sealed Proposals. Below is a list of questions that were asked at the pre-submittal conference. The City's official response to questions asked is as follows.

Question 1: Will there be an option to change the design?

Response: City will issue an addendum outlining any design changes. Additional barge design changes may be made at City's discretion.

Question 2: Who would be liable if design fails?

Response: Respondent will not be held liable for design flaws.

Question 3: Can you clarify local presence and what is governing agency for determining SBE's and the max cap of business for the SBE?

Response: The City's Small Business Economic Development Advocacy (SBEDA) program is authorized under the SBEDA Ordinance 2016-05-19-0367 by the City Council to promote and incentivize small, minority and/or women-owned business enterprises in San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA).

The following counties are included in the SAMSA: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina, and Wilson.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certifications are based on size standards defined by the Small Business Administration (SBA). These size standards are based on the 2012 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) codes for different industries. The SBA assesses industry sizes using either average annual receipts or average employment of a firm (13 CFR § 121.104 and 13 CFR § 121.106). NAICS code lookups can be found at <http://www.census.gov/eos/www/naics/>. Tables for NAICS codes can be found at https://www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/files/Size_Standards_Table.pdf. For this particular River Barge Fabrication project, examples of NAICS codes include:

335912-Lithium batteries, primary, manufacturing: 1,000 Employees

332312-Boat sections, prefabricated metal, manufacturing: 500 Employees

Question 4: Would you accept delivery of vessels that become available prior to that date?

Response: City may accept delivery of vessels that become available prior to scheduled delivery date(s). The City will coordinate with fabricator on the proposed early delivery of vessels.

Question 5: Is a bidder required to bid on both, electric and CNG propelled barge options?

Response: This question will be addressed in a subsequent addendum.

Question 6: If you deviate from product and brand name, is there a process to submit for approval for alternate items?

Response: Substitutions to be made as per instructions included in bid documents.

Question 7: What is the city equipment to launch barges? Do you let us know how to offload?

Response: Selected fabricator will have access to a ramp and two options to launch boats: (A) Offload boats from Nueva Street Bridge with crane and then drive them into City-owned Nueva Street Marina. (B) Drive each boat down the ramp at Nueva Street Marina and launch into water. This must only be done with one boat at a time due to height restrictions along the ramp leading to boat launch.

Question 8: The RFCSP states that on water testing must be conducted in the presence of a City staffer. How will this work?

Response: City staff will travel to selected fabricator's manufacturing facility to observe water testing. Travel dates will be coordinated with contractor in advance.

Question 9: Was a Coast Guard architect employed to draft the design? Can you clarify coast guard requirements?

Response: A marine architect consulted on the design. The design is compliant with all applicable federal, state and local regulations for the manufacture of boats to be used with commercial passengers. All motorized boats in the State of Texas must be registered with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department. The U.S. Coast Guard has confirmed the waterway is not deemed to be navigable in line with regulatory requirements that would require a Coast Guard inspection on the vessels.

Question 10: Will the boat manufacturer be required to provide a warranty? How will warranty requirements be accounted for / evaluated?

Response: This question will be addressed in a subsequent addendum.

Question 11: With the understanding that the batteries that are specified are manufactured in Germany, what do you have in mind for batteries in terms of inventory and useful life? Can you describe the battery program?

Response: The fabricator will supply quantity of batteries for each barge as specified by City. Battery warranty information is described in Section 4.6 of RFCSP. Fabricators are required to submit a copy of the manufacturer's warranty with proposal. Additional information on batteries is described in Attachment H - Supplemental Documents.

Question 12: Will the City of San Antonio acquire molds & forms to build barges?

Response: No molds or forms were created to build the barge. Respondents should refer to drawing documents to determine most appropriate method of fabrication. Molds for custom seating will be made available to selected fabricator at no cost.

Question 13: Will city provide maintenance of boats once in the water?

Response: Maintenance requirements for Fabricator are outlined in Section 4.3 of the RFCSP. City will issue a separate Request for Proposals outlining ongoing barge maintenance requirements for a River Barge Operator at a later date.

Question 14: Are these boats fully ADA compliant?

Response: ADA design standards are only applicable for vessels that carry over 150 passengers. The design does accommodate ADA passengers.

Question 15: Is there a possibility of bench seating to transform to dinner seating?

Response: Seating configurations and methods of fabrication are outlined in Attachment G of the RFCSP document.

Question 16: Can a wheel chair go all the way to the front?

Response: Wheel chairs have full accessibility of the barge in various configurations (i.e. float, dining, etc.). In tour configuration, wheel chair seating and companion seating is limited to back of the barge if all bench seating and center seating is installed.

Question 17: Will there be a wheel chair lock down location to get ADA compliant?

Response: ADA design standards are only applicable for vessels that carry over 150 passengers. City will issue addendum to add recessed "D" rings to the design near the console for a tie down location.

Question 18: How long has this prototype been in service?

Response: Prototype has been in service in San Antonio since July 29, 2016.

Question 19: Are we allowed to look at the old boats?

Response: Yes.

Question 20: Can you show us the configuration of the chairs/benches with table?

Response: Barge configurations are outlined in Attachment G of the RFCSP document.

Question 21: Is there a ramp for the wheelchair? Where is it stored?

Response: Ramp detail and location is outlined in Attachment G of the RFCSP document.

Question 22: Is there an opportunity to have multiple exists/entrances?

Response: City will issue an addendum outlining any design changes. Additional barge design changes may be made at City's discretion.

Question 23: Does the design accommodate motorized wheelchairs?

Response: The design accommodates most motorized wheelchairs.

Question 24: Can the hull accommodate battery storage in excess of 16 batteries?

Response: Yes.

Question 25: Has COSA planned for adequate charging stations on the River Walk?

Response: City is currently working with an engineer to design and install charging stations for the barges.

Question 26: Can the design be adjusted to facilitate "quick-change" of seating configuration?

Response: Bolts provide a safe, stable and secure connection and have minimal wear over time. Barge design changes may be made at City's discretion.

Question 27: Will railings be fixed / rigid to provide firm perimeter?

Response: City will issue an addendum outlining any design changes.

Question 28: Will steering cables be redesigned or the propeller/motor changed to improve performance?

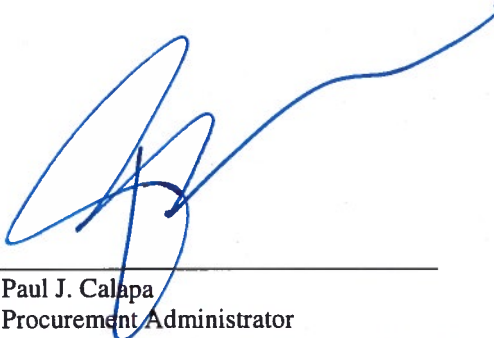
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Question 29: Are changes being made to provide more stability from weight shifts?

Response: City will issue an addendum outlining any design changes.

Question 30: Who can we contact for more information about becoming a Mentor?

Response: All 'qualified' prime respondents can choose to become a Mentor in City's Mentor Protégé program by submitting a Commitment form or completing a paper /online application at <https://besanantonio.com/> . Please note that to earn the five (5) mentorship points, BOTH steps need to be completed. For further information about the program and determine if your firm is qualified to be a mentor please contact Janice Wehrman, Program Manager, Alamo Colleges, email: jwehrman1@alamo.edu or call at (210) 486-5904.



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