

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Habitat Restoration Program

2023 – 2028 "On-Call" Engineering and Design Services and/or Construction Management Services

Questions & Responses – January 4, 2023

Question: "Is the Estuary Partnership interested in receiving RFQ submittals from teams of small firms capable of providing a wider array of services and skills, or should submittals only be for single firms?"

Response: A firm submitting a SOQ is allowed to propose a team of firms that could provide the range of technical services required for large scale habitat restoration projects. Any firm that is not the lead applicant, i.e., a specialty subconsultant, may participate in multiple teams.

Question: "Page 10 of the RFP, D. Resumes, third bullet requests that proposers identify the Owner's Project Representative(s) on resumes. Does that mean the name of the client entity (for example, Estuary Partnership) or the name of the person who managed the project on behalf of the client entity?"

Response: This bullet requires applicants to identify the individual(s) proposed to serve as an OPR on future Estuary Partnership projects.

Question: "The submittal format on Pages 9-10 of the RFQ requests rates in Section F; however, rates are *also* requested as part of the information in statement #3, C. Qualifications. Since C. Qualifications is limited to six pages, is it possible to exclude rate information in Section C and only provide in Section F?"

Response: Yes, rates are only required to be included in Section F.

Question: "Does a firm need to be on the on-call list to act as a subcontractor to a firm selected to provide Engineering and Design and/or Construction Management services?"

Response: No, firms selected for the on-call list will be able to work/team with subcontractors not identified in their SOQ.

Question: "Page 7 of the RFP specifies there is a 30-page limit per proposal, while the format requirements on page 10 indicate pages limits per section, which when added up, is below with the 30-page limit. Can you please clarify if we are permitted additional pages from those currently stated for Section C, D, and E?"

Or

"Can you clarify the page count limit for the SOQ response? The RFQ states no longer than 30 pages, but the page limits in the SOQ Submittal Format do not add up to 30 pages."

Response: Applicants shall disregard the reference to the page limits located at the bottom of Page 7 and adhere to the page limits provided in the table below:

Table: Page Limits per Section

	Service Category		
	Engineering and	Construction	
Section	Design	Management	Both
Cover Letter	1	1	1
Section A & B	1	1	1
Section C	6	6	8
Section D	12	8	20
Section E	2	2	2
Section F	2	2	2
Conflict of Interest & Signature	1	1	1
Maximum Total Pages	25	20	35

Question: "Would a selected construction management service provider also be the CM/GC for a project/projects? Or is the construction management service provider solely and independently separate from the construction contractor?"

Response: The construction management firm (also referred to in the RFQ as the Owner's Project Representative) will contract directly with the Estuary Partnership and is completely independent of (i.e., has no contractual relationship with) the construction contractor.

Question: "If a selected construction management service provider is also a contractor, would the construction managers company be allowed to bid on, and or participate on a project(s) that the construction manager is performing on?"

Response: No. The Estuary Partnership does not allow the construction management firm and contractor to have a contractual relationship or any other conflict of interest.