



BELEN WATERSHED PLANNING DOCUMENTS EA/EIS REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES. DEADLINE 4/2/21

1. Is there a page limit for the proposal?

RESPONSE: 50 pages in total with all the required forms from RFP

2. The RFP, Attachment 2: Technical Specifications for Geologic and Geotechnical Investigations New Mexico, Section G describes requirements for written description of Geological Investigations, to be completed during Phase 1. The written description will include: number, location, and depth of borings, number and type of samples to be obtained, lab tests to be performed, etc. Given that alternatives will not be developed until Phase III, it will be difficult to identify sample locations during Phase I. What level of detail is expected in the proposal? Does the proposal need to include details such as planned drilling locations?

RESPONSE: The RFP outlines Subsidiary Items for each phase that could be done if needed.

3. The Description of Work, Phase II, refers to NRCS CPA-52. The discussion of deliverables for Phase IV (Plan Environmental Document) does not mention the CPA-52. The CPA-52 is usually completed early in the process to determine if a Categorical Exclusion can be used and whether an EA needs to be prepared. Should the deliverables include a completed CPA-52?

RESPONSE: The CPA-52 should be part of the environmental analysis. A preliminary one has been completed by NRCS, which will be provided to the awardee (successful contractor), nevertheless the awardee should plan on analyzing and updating the CPA-52 as they move through the process of developing the Watershed Plan-Environmental Document, specifically with regards to alternatives considered because the awardee will be inputting those alternatives analyzed onto a CPA-52 as part of their process in determining what further research and analysis needs to be done in that regard. The CPA-52 is not a one-time standalone deliverable for a project of this scope and size. The final

CPA-52 developed based on the final alternatives analyzed in detail should support the decision as to why this Watershed Plan – EA or EIS was developed.

4. Phase IV, item 7 includes “identify and list expected permits and likely compensatory mitigation”. We interpret this to mean that permits and approvals will be identified, but that the scope of work does not require, for example, preparing a Biological Assessment and completing formal ESA consultation with USFWS. Please confirm that the scope of work does not include obtaining permits and approvals.

RESPONSE: The scope of work does not include obtaining permits and approvals.

5. Can the existing Stormwater Management Plan, that was referenced on the pre-bid video conference, be provided to bidders?

RESPONSE: Yes, it will be available

6. Page 46 of the RFP seems to be a signature form but doesn't have any instructions on its usage. Is this something that needs to be returned with our response?

RESPONSE: Yes

7. On page 43 of the RFP section III. Response Format and Organization, D. Proposal Organization – Under the General Information section, one of the response requirements is for “Proposed approach to providing cost” – is there a word missing here? Or is this simply supposed to be our Proposed Approach?

RESPONSE: Yes, you can take it as just “Proposed approach”

8. Based on the RFP, Q&A and in the meeting notes that were provided. The proposal submittal is limited to 2 pages for the transmittal letter and 50 pages for the rest of the proposal, including resumes and required forms. For clarification, are the covers, tabs and table of contents also included in the 50 pages?

RESPONSE: Tabs denoting section breaks do not count towards the 50 pages.

9. On page 43 of the RFP, under “transmittal letter”, it states, “offeror, if awarded will comply with the contract terms and conditions set forth in the RFP”. However, we did not see anything related to the contract terms/conditions mentioned in the RFP or in any attachments. Will you please provide the contract terms & conditions information for our review?

RESPONSE: The contract terms and conditions will reflect standard and project specific business practices required by MRGCD and USDA-NRCS-New Mexico.

The deadline to submit Proposals for Belen Watershed Planning Documents EA/EIS is:

10:00 A.M. April 30th, 2021

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