REBID RFP 25-07 Design Services for Seasonal Frost Test Facility

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Questions & Answers

- 1. What is the proposed scope of work for the required Environmental Engineer ("Important REBID Information" RFP p.5, item 4.)? An environmental engineer may be required to develop a containment plan if the glycol reservoirs develop a leak and contaminate the surrounding soil.
- 2. The Rebid RFP states "The University intends to award and contract through Construction Documentation" ("Important REBID Information", RFP p.5, item 5). Based on the Pricing table in the RFP, this work includes:
 - Feasibility/Schematic Design,
 - Design Development,
 - Construction Documentation.

Can you confirm that the contract will also include work under the Permitting phase, as agency review and incorporation of their comments is generally required to complete the Construction Documents? Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety. The original contract will be issued up to Construction Documentation with the remaining phases included as ASR.

- 3. Please confirm that Rowan U. still wants pricing for remaining phases in the RFP pricing table based on the scope of work in the RFP, even though these phases have been eliminated from the contract to be awarded ("Important REBID Information" RFP p.5, item 5). Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety.
- 4. What are the Environmental services being requested? I would assume LSRP services, but the statement regarding similar experience would not be relevant to LSRP services so I am questioning the scope. Can you please clarify? An environmental engineer may be required to develop a containment plan if the glycol reservoirs develop a leak and contaminate the surrounding soil.
- 5. You stated you wanted to award through Construction Documentation. Permitting is listed as it's own item after Construction Documents, but all civil permits will be required prior to the CD phase. Please clarify. Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety.
- 6. Are we including a price for all the phases listed on page 23 or just for SD, DD and CD? Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety.
- 7. The previously-distributed Q/A document included the following exchange in Q/A 21: Q. "Since we're providing PH 1 &2 fee's, can we assume Ph 2 fee's can be adjusted depending on the outcome of the pricing of Ph 1 SD's?" A. "Yes, it is possible to adjust the fees." Can Rowan U. confirm that fees may still be adjusted after the outcome of pricing at the Feasibility/Schematic Design Phase? Yes, fees may be adjusted.
- 8. What are the Environmental services that are being requested? Does the scope include LSRP services? An environmental engineer may be required to develop a containment plan if the glycol reservoirs develop a leak and contaminate the surrounding soil.
- 9. Permitting is listed as a phase following Construction Documents, but civil permits will be required prior to conclusion of the CD phase. Should a Civil permitting fee be included in the design phase? Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety.
- 10. Are we required to complete the Required Procurement Documents & Bidder's Checklist again or is it acceptable to re-submit the completed checklist and forms from our original submission? Please complete and submit a new bid package with all new paperwork.

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- 11. Does site/ civil scope include reinforcing right of way roads to accommodate heavy construction equipment? The University has determined the roads and proposed roads of the West End have or will be built to withstand heavy loads of construction material and machinery required for the facility. The existing civil drawings will be shared with the awarded design team if required.
- 12. Can you please provide all previous documents from the original bid including the Questions and Answers, the PowerPoint presentation, and the recording of the pre-bid meeting. We have checked the procurement website and no new information for this bid has been shared. This information has been posted.
- 13. Is the environmental engineer responsible for the building interior conditions or site conditions? Typically, environmental engineers specialize in pollution and/or contamination issues while building enclosure specialists specialize on interior building conditions. Please clarify. Site conditions only, specifically concerning the glycol reservoirs.
- 14. Confirm CA and Closeout proposal scope and if we need to change how we are showing it in the proposal. CA and close out scope can be found on page 13 of the RFP. Please fill out the Pricing Section in its entirety.
- 15. Can the West Campus Master Plan roadway layout be updated to allow the ease of access for construction and paving equipment required for the testing process? This may be possible depending on schedules of multiple projects but for now TBD.
- 16. Will the adjacent stormwater basin be available for use on this project? Yes
- 17. Will the design and permitting documents related to the adjacent stormwater basin be available? If the information can be located, yes a copy will be made available to the awarded vendor.
- 18. Is the facility to be designed for short vs. long term use (ie 1-3 years or longer term 5+ years)? Long term use
- 19. Are there any geotechnical reports available from recent adjacent construction to act as a baseline? Will The University share geotechnical boring documents as part of the RFP? The geotechnical report and any soil borings will be the responsibility of the geotechnical engineer as requested in the rebid information. No soil borings have been taken on the proposed site to date.
- 20. Any need for truck loading aprons around the building for service vehicles, etc.? This would be a good idea
- 21. Will there be a slab beneath the gravel layer in the test strips? Is the gravel layer removed and replaced when the test strips are reconstructed? This slab should be included to provide a barrier against the natural soil below. Gravel will not be replaced as part of normal section construction
- 22. What type of loads does the HVS exert on the test strip, and would the HVS ever be in operation on one test strip while the other test strip is being reconstructed? The HVS weighs about 150,000 lbs, and exerts a max test load of 42,000 lbs. Yes we would like to be able to have one strip under construction while another is being tested by the HVS
- 23. Should the building air temperature match the permafrost requirements? Yes
- 24. What are the humidity requirements for each space in the building? No specific humidity requirements
- 25. Please confirm the provided floor plan on Page 8 does not match the dimensional requirements in the narrative. Page 8 contains a partial elevation view and a section view. No plan.
- 26. Does any other lab equipment require dedicated exhaust or makeup air? Only the pyroclean requires dedicated exhaust. The other ovens can be connected to a common exhaust.
- 27. Is the Cyber Breach/Privacy Liability Insurance required for this project? This is not required
- 28. As indicated in the rebid materials, an environmental engineer is requested on the project. Can the university provide additional details on the scope of anticipated/required environmental engineering services? An environmental engineer may be required to develop a containment plan if the glycol reservoirs develop a leak and contaminate the surrounding soil.

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29. Will reviewers be looking at all proposals onscreen or in a printed format? Proposals will be viewed on screen.