

RFQ 2017-211 Addendum 2: Responses to Questions

1. Q: We believe that the value of service to FMPA can be maximized by having a single Team or Consortium respond to more than one area (and possibly all four areas). The Team will have a lead company that will be responsible for coordinating within the Team to maximize value to FMPA. Consistent with the RFP, the Team will submit a separate and distinct response for each area. Specifically:

Is such a structure acceptable to FMPA?

Would FMPA consider the Team separately for each area?

Could a Team such as the one described above be awarded more than one area?

A: If by Team or Consortium you mean separate Firms with one firm as lead that would ultimately result in some form of subcontracting between the firms, the answer is No. As stated in the RFQ subcontracting arrangements are not acceptable to FMPA for the purposes of the RFQ. FMPA wishes to evaluate each responding firm on the merits of that firm's own qualifications, and does not wish to tie a firm's selection of a subcontracting "partner firm" to any such evaluation. It is not FMPA's intent to search only for firms that can offer all services / a comprehensive set of services. Rather, FMPA is seeking to assess the most qualified firms to perform work in each Service Area. FMPA is seeking qualifications from Firms who we can select from to work on future assignments, even if that Firm's qualifications relate to a subset, or even one of the specific services outlined within a Service Area, or all Service Areas. This does not preclude a qualified Firm's use of subcontractors or subcontract arrangement on future assignments as reviewed and approved by FMPA at that time.

2. Q (related to/built off of Question 1): If a Team bids a certain Area in its entirety, can FMPA make an award to the Team (or a Team member) because it would like to use the special skills that one of the Team members brings

A: See answer to Question 1 Above. Since the "Team" in question is a subcontracting arrangement, FMPA would not wish to receive a response in this format. Instead, each potential team member (firm) should provide its own qualifications to perform a subset of services, and that firm will be evaluated on the specific subset it provided responses to. FMPA will determine how many different lists of qualified firms to make (based on its determination of how to

group the subsets of Service Areas) after reviewing the qualifications received from all respondents. When responding to a sub-set of services within a Service Area, the responding firm should clearly mark on the Respondent Information Form which Service Area, and which subset of services within that Service Area the firm is responding to.

3. Q: Can a firm that does not currently possess a certificate of authorization to practice engineering in Florida submit a response (by itself) to be responsive to portions of the solicitation in which it has expertise.

A: Yes, a Firm that does not currently possess a certificate of authorization to practice engineering in Florida can submit a response. However, as stated in the RFQ, that Firm should demonstrate the ability to quickly obtain a Florida certificate of authorization. A Florida professional engineer seal will not be required for all studies and assignments, but FMPA desires to know if a firm is providing resources that would be able to obtain Florida authorization. We cannot confirm whether a seal is required until a specific assignment is scoped and awarded.

4. Q: My question is about the requirement for a certified PE in the state of Florida. It appears that this is listed as a requirement generally in the RFP, but if we are quoting a subset of the scope (particularly around system load flow, stability, protection, power quality a good portion of the work on the economic evaluation in section IV) does this work require a Florida PE stamp?

A: See answer to Question 3 above.

5. Q: For a consultant awarded only specific items within a service area, would FMPA consider reducing the professional liability insurance requirements to \$2 million from \$10 million?

A: FMPA will consider a reduction to the Professional Liability insurance limit of \$10 million as currently stated in the Master Services Agreement during contract negotiations. The reduction may depend on the specific services for which the firm is selected. Respondents who take exception to the \$10 million limit should state so in the appropriate section on the Respondent Information Form.

6. Q: We will not be able to respond to 100% of the scope in your RFQ.... Is it acceptable to provide a quotation for what [Firm] can offer? Is there any special

process where you will require bidders to identify a partial scope prior to submitting the full proposal?

A: FMPA is anticipating selecting multiple lists of qualified firms, and is therefore not requiring that each responding firm provide all the Service Area requested services. Rather, FMPA encourages firms to provide qualifications for specific service(s) and not the entire Service Area. On the RFQ *Respondent Information Form* -- write "the number of the service(s) in the area under the box using the numbering convention in Section 2 of the RFQ." FMPA will divide the services based on the responses received, and qualify firms based on only those specific services in which they provided qualifications.

7. Q: Could you please share with us the names of the incumbents on the current subject FMPA contract, including which areas they are under contract with FMPA to perform services in?

A: FMPA has continuing services contracts with three companies. Black & Veatch and Sargent & Lundy have been qualified for power plant permitting, design, EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) and other engineering services; and Leidos Engineering LLC has been qualified as FMPA's Engineer of Record and for general power plant and electrical engineering services.