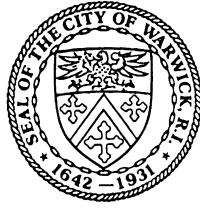


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Re: **RFP2021-295 Engineering and Survey Support Services for Improvements to Oakland Beach Playground and Splash Pad**

Addendum #1

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Please be advised that the information provided comprises of Addendum #1.

The following are questions asked by potential bidders relating to the City's request for proposals for Engineering and Survey Support Services for Improvements to Oakland Beach Playground and Splash Pad. This addenda is for information purposes only to clarify elements of the RFP document. No changes have been made to the RFP verbiage or requirements.

No additional questions relating to the RFP will be accepted after issuance of this addenda. All sealed bids must be delivered to the lower level conference room, Warwick City Hall, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 up until 11:00 AM, Tuesday, March 30, 2021. The proposals will be opened publicly commencing at 11:00 AM on the same day in the Lower Level Conference Room, Warwick City Hall. Please note due to COVID-19, only one person from each company may attend the bid opening. Employees and visitors must adhere to social distance guidelines. All visitors are advised to wear masks.

Please be sure to acknowledge this addenda in your bid to avoid disqualification.

1, Is this a qualifications based selection or price based, the RFP indicates both.

A – This is a qualifications based proposal. Any reference to the contrary should be disregarded. Once proposals are ranked on qualifications the City will engage in negotiations as prescribed by state and federal laws. No pricing should be provided by applicants in their RFP response.

2. If it is qualifications based, there should be no need for 2.4 Supplemental Services at this time. This would be provided during negotiations, correct?

A – Section 2.4 Supplemental Services is for reference only to advise prospective respondents that additional services may be required and a supplemental fee may be negotiated into the contract at a later date. There is no pricing required at this time.

3. Has there been any geotechnical work for the project? And if not, will there be a need for geotechnical services. A structural engineer may require a geotechnical report in order design and stamp foundation drawings.

A – To our knowledge there has not been any geotechnical testing performed at this site. We will consult with the City's engineering division during the project to determine if any testing was done as part of previous projects. If a structural engineer requires soils data as part of the project we will utilize supplemental service fees as outlined in Section 2.4 to undertake testing at that time.

4. Will the shade structure manufacturer provide any structural calculations for their design?

A – No. The city will work with a custom steel manufacturer such as the Providence Steel Yard on the initial design and development of the structure. The structural engineer will then be responsible to provide calculations on the design and make recommendations to adjust the design to meet code requirements. This may include providing recommendations for anchoring systems, member sizing, etc. This is expected to be an iterative process to obtain the aesthetic design we are trying to achieve in a manner that is structurally sound and in conformance with building codes.

5. Regarding 4.1 number 4, could a qualified Landscape Architect registered in the state of Rhode Island with a team of engineers for support manage this project?

A – Yes. However, the team must include registered engineer(s) (civil and structural) capable of stamping all drawings for the project. In addition, the firm must have a Certificate of Authority to practice both engineering and landscape architecture in Rhode Island (if the PM is a landscape architect). The firm must demonstrate the capability to complete all engineering tasks in accordance with proposal requirements.

Thank you for your interest in this project.