February 5, 2021

Addendum No. 3
COATINGS AND CORROSION PROTECTION SERVICES IDIQ
RFP No. 21-01-1202

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to assure and guarantee by acknowledging the receipt of this Addendum in the Proposal that the Respondent has received the Addendum in its entirety, and that the Respondent accepts all conditions contained herein.

Question 1:
Page 7 of 10 has a link to form 1295. Does this form need to be filled out and submitted with the SOP?
Answer 1:
The form does not need to be filled out and submitted with the SOP.

Question 2:
Are electronic signatures acceptable or do documents have to be wet signed?
Answer 2:
Electronic signatures are accepted.

Question 3:
I am interested in bidding the RFP 21-01-1202 (coatings and protection services). However, I cannot find any drawings/specs on the project. Can you help me?
Answer 3:
This RFP is not for a certain project, it is for an IDIQ contract. The executed contract between BRA and the selected Respondent shall be a BRA standard form contract for Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity Services.

Question 4:
There is no information provided to indicate the geographical size of the area(s) covered under this RFP or the amount and type of structures covered under this RFP. Are maps and information on the assets available?
Answer 4:
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Question 5:
The RFP states that a “NACE Level 3 Certified individual or Firm”, but the requirement is not clear. Is a NACE CIP-3 the only requirement, or are there additional Cathodic Protection certifications (CP-1, CP-2, etc…) required for the bidders? There is another portion of the RFP that states requirements for CIP-1, CIP-2, and CIP-3, with no further explanations provided.
Answer 5:
It would pertain to both.

Question 6:
The RFP wants recommendations, specifications, evaluation, and assessment of “Coating & Corrosion Protection systems”. What Corrosion Protection Systems are involved in addition to the coatings?
Answer 6:
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Question 7:
Would you please confirm the bid date for Coatings and Corrosion Protection Services - Brazos River Authority #21-01-1202, the RFP Documents on ESBD have both 2/15 ant 2/12? We would like clarification on the due date for RFP Number: 21-01-1202, Coatings & Corrosion Protection Services. On pages 1 and 4 of the RFP the Due Date and Time are listed as 10:00am, Monday, February 15, 2021, but also on page 1 in the grey box, you have the Due Date listed as 10:00am, February 12, 2021. Can you please verify which is the correct date?
Answer 7:
The correct date is February 15, 2021 at 10:00am. This was addressed in Addendum No. 2.

Question 8:
Reference to the subject RFP I would kindly ask for your clarification if non invited companies can qualify to bid – namely, we never served Brazos but are qualified company to execute such services and supply products required by this RFP. Please could you guide me on the qualification process and if Brazos would be interested to receive an offer from Cortec Global Services. Attached is our Capability Statement FYR.
Answer 8:
Yes.

Question 9:
Since this is not an Engineering contract will the professional liability and errors and omissions coverage be required as shown in the RFP. That type of coverage is generally for Engineering.
Answer 9:
Yes, it is required.

Question 10:
Can you clarify BRA’s expectations/requirements for confined space entries and will BRA provide access to such spaces (i.e. ladders, cranes, etc.)?
Answer 10:
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Question 11:
Can you provide a general list of assets that will need to be assessed?
Answer 11:
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Question 12:
Does “corrosion protection systems” include cathodic protection systems, or only coatings?
Answer 12:
It would apply to both.

Question 13:
For wastewater collection and treatment facilities, will the scope of work cover corrosion due to H2S?
Answer 13:
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Question 14:
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Question 15:
in Section 13 of the subject RFP, the requirements for electronic transmission state the following:

Electronic Transmission. Email transmission to stasi.vance@brazos.org. Emailed bid submissions shall be an attachment, in a Portable Document Format (PDF). Bids shall be clearly identified in the Subject Line as follows: RFB Title, RFB Number and RFB Due Date. The BRA shall not be responsible for submissions that are not properly identified. Proper identification of Respondent’s bid is the sole responsibility of the Respondent and failure to do so may result in the submission not being included in the bid opening.

As there is no other reference in this document to “RFB”, please clarify whether these three entries should read “RFP” instead. If RFB is correct, please advise to what RFB refers.
Answer 15:
RFB should be replaced with RFP. The correct language should read as follows: “Electronic Transmission. Email transmission to stasi.vance@brazos.org. Emailed bid submissions shall be an attachment, in a Portable Document Format (PDF). Bids shall be clearly identified in the Subject Line as follows: RFP Title, RFP Number and RFP Due Date. The BRA shall not be responsible for submissions that are not properly identified. Proper identification of Respondent’s bid is the sole responsibility of the Respondent and failure to do so may result in the submission not being included in the bid opening.”

Question 16:
At the top of page 5, does “NACE Level 3 Certified individuals” pertain to NACE CIP Level 3 (Coating Inspector) or NACE CP 3 (Cathodic Protection Technologist), or either?
Answer 16:
It would pertain to both.

Question 17:
Will the BRA accept proposals from NACE CIP Level 2 and/or NACE CP Level 2, or must they be Level 3?
Answer 17:
NACE Level 3 Certification is the requirement.

Question 18:
The RFP was a little unclear to me as the scope of work. I thought it would be best if I reached out to you and ask for the specifics on this matter. Would you be able to fill me in on what exactly needs to be painted?
Answer 18:
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Question 19:
Do any structures fall within lead abatement?
Answer 19:
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Question 20:
Are there any insulation that have asbestos?
Answer 20:
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Question 21:
Is the mileage from primary residence intended to be the address on the tax return, driver’s license, or utility bill?
Answer 21:
Not applicable

Question 22:
Is the inspector entitled to mileage from the trailer or hotel (that may move) to the job office each day or do you consider this to be commute mileage?
Answer 22:
Not applicable

Question 23:
Will you be requiring us to hire certain inspection staff, e.g. “Named Hires”?
Answer 23:
That is not necessarily required. Requirements of Section 2, Scope of Services need to be met.

Question 24:
Will you be offering any min. guarantee on number of days worked?
Answer 24:
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Question 25:
How many projects and inspectors are you anticipating requiring in 2021?
Answer 25:
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Question 26:
Do you plan to have multiple vendors?
Answer 26:
No.

Question 27:
Who are your current providers?
Answer 27:
We currently do not have a provider.

Question 28:
Can you provide specific job descriptions for the classifications?
Answer 28:
Please refer to Section 2, Scope of Services for classifications.

Question 29:
How many Inspectors of each classification to you anticipate needing?
Answer 29:
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Question 30:
Would you be interested in additional service offering discounts if we were to be awarded?
Answer 30:
No

Question 31:
What equipment or tools are required for the classifications?
Answer 31:
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Question 32:
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Question 33:
Will this inspection work be on distribution or transmission pipe and related facilities?
Answer 33:
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Question 34:
Do you require API 1169 certification?
Answer 34:
NACE Level 3 Certification is required.

Question 35:
Do you require OQ’s? YES NO
If yes, can you provide the OQ task list 15 days prior to the start of the job? YES NO
Answer 35:
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Question 36:
Please provide your company OQ contact; name, phone number, and email
Answer 36:
Not available at this time.

Question 37:
What background checks do you require?
Answer 37:
Background checks required as needed for the job specific project.

Question 38:
Do you utilize any other D&A portal other than PTC such as TPS Alert or DISA If yes, which evaluations do you require? NCCER Veriforce ITS MEA OQSG EWN
Answer 38:
No
Question 39:
What is your OQ reporting entity?
- ISN
- Veriforce
- ITS
- Avetta
- Browz

Answer 39:
Not applicable

Question 40:
1. Do you require specialized safety training beyond standard safety training?
   a) OSHA 10
   b) OSHA 30
   c) HAZWOPER
   d) Safety Council
   e) Client Specific Orientation

Answer 40:
No

Question 41:
Please describe your billing and approval process so that we can respond appropriately. How many approvers reviewers?

Answer 41:
Invoices are sent via email to our Accounts Payable department and processed for approvals internally.

Question 42:
Is timesheet approval required?

Answer 42:
Compensation for services provided under the professional services contract to be entered into with the selected Firm will be based on time and materials up to a total mutually agreeable not-to-exceed amount. Individual tasks under the contract will also be billed on a time and material basis up to a not-to-exceed amount for such task.

Question 43:
Do we invoice by AFE/PO #?

Answer 43:
Purchase Order Numbers are required.

Question 44:
What information is required to be included on invoices?

Answer 44:
Please reference the sample Professional Services Contract, Exhibit A and B.

Question 45:
What, if any, periodic reports are required to be submitted by the vendor?

Answer 45:
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Question 46:
What are the safety reporting requirements?
   a) Monthly, quarterly, or annual reports and how is this performed?
   b) What Operating area, Region, Division, or Facility is this project located within? (We internally call these the “Safety Regions”)

Answer 46:
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**Question 47:**
What Safety Equipment and PPE will be required for the project? (ie...Single or Multi Gas Meters, Respirators, Fall protection, Arc Flash, FR clothing, Gloves, Respirators, Special hearing protection, Safety Glasses, Goggles, etc...)

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**Question 48:**
Who is the Customer Safety Contact for this project?
   a) Name
   b) Email
   c) Phone
   d) Title

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**Question 49:**
Are there any project or client specific safety programs, handbooks, training, or documents that we are required to have or perform?
   Can we get copies?
   Will our employees be required to have any of these with them at all times?

**Answer 49:**
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Sincerely,

*Stasi Vance*
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