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SUBJECT: FREEPORT, ROUTE 125/136, DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT (MAINEDOT PIN: 012782.00),  
 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP): QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Please find below questions and answers which have been received on the final RFP distribution as of May 7, 2009. Any further questions must be received on or before May 8, 2009, no later than 1:00 p.m. (EST). Responses to future questions on the final RFP distribution which are received in a given week will be answered on or before the Tuesday of the following week.

1) Q) Form A – Technical Proposal Submission Form requires that the Design – Build Team “has received and considered complete copies of Amendments numbered 1 through \_\_\_\_.” The amendments that we received were not numbered but were dated. The last RFP amendment is dated April 7, 2009 – Can this be identified as Amendment 3 for the purposes of Form A?

A) For the purposes of referencing the amendments to the RFP in the Technical Proposal the following shall be considered:

Amendment Date	Amendment Designation
March 18, 2009	1
March 31, 2009	2
April 7, 2009	3
May 6, 2009	4

2) Q) Part 2 section 2.2.1.3 of the RFP states “The Technical Proposal shall be limited to an aggregate of 40 pages of narrative (single sided, 8 1/2 x 11 sheets), including pages required for PDR’s.” Traditionally PDR’s are in the 10 page range for either Roadway or Bridge. It is possible for the combined roadway and bridge PDR’s for Freeport that there could be 16 to 20 plus pages. If the PDR’s are included in the proposal page limit, that would limit our ability to present other necessary narrative of the project. Would the Department consider putting the PDR’s in an appendix and not have their pages count towards the 40 page limit? If not, would the Department consider increasing the limit to 40 pages for the technical write up and 25 pages for the PDR’s.?



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A) Preliminary Design Reports (PDRs) for the highway and bridge may be included as appendices in the Technical Proposal. In included the PDRs as appendices to the Technical Proposal, the PDRs will be considered as part of the 40 page maximum allotment for narrative.

- 3) Q) Regarding the table on page 2-4, under 2.2 Proposal Content Requirements in the RFP, the word Technical Proposal is listed twice, leaving the text directly beneath this table to allow for some confusion.

One could infer from this that MaineDOT is requesting:

An original Technical Proposal including:

- Three (3) - Original Technical Proposal Submission Forms
- One (1) - Letter Approving Changes in Proposer's Organization (if applicable)
- One (1) - 40 page max Technical Proposal
- One (1) - Full-Size Plan Set

11 copies of the Technical Proposal each including:

- Three (3) - Original Technical Proposal Submission Forms
- One (1) - Letter Approving Changes in Proposer's Organization (if applicable)
- One (1) - 40 page max Technical Proposal
- One (1) - Full-Size Plan Set

Or

One could infer from this that MaineDOT is requesting:

- Three (3) - Original Technical Proposal Submission Forms
- One (1) - Letter Approving Changes in Proposer's Organization (if applicable)
- One (1) Original - 40 page max Technical Proposal
- Eleven (11) Copies – 40 page max Technical Proposal
- One (1) - Full-Size Plan Set

A) The Proposer shall submit one Original Technical Proposal and it shall include the following:

- 3 originals of Form A;
- Letter approving changes in Proposer's organization (if applicable);
- Technical Proposal, which includes 40 page narrative, and PDRs for both the Highway and Bridge; and
- One Full-Size Plan Set.

The Proposer shall also submit 11 copies of the Technical Proposal, which includes 40-page narrative, with PDRS for both the highway and bridge. The 11 additional copies of the Technical Proposal need not including Form A, letter approving changes in organization, and the full-size plan set.

The intent is to provide one Original Technical Proposal to review submission and responsiveness requirements, with the 11 additional copies of the Technical Proposal for scorer review. Submission of the Original Technical Proposal and the 11 additional Technical Proposals shall be in accordance with Section 2.2.

- 4) Q) If the preliminary submission of the technical proposal is considered responsive, will final submission of the technical proposal be necessary or even required?

A) If the preliminary submission of the Technical Proposal is considered responsive, a final submission of the Technical Proposal will not be required.

5) Q) If the preliminary submission of the technical proposal is not considered responsive, but curable, will an entirely new submission of materials be required or will only the affected pages be needed to be changed and submitted?

A) If the initial submission of the Technical Proposal is not considered responsive, but curable, the Proposer will be informed of the defects. The Proposer may either amend the preliminary Technical Proposal submission accordingly, or submit a complete Technical Proposal, with corrected defects. Changes to the Initial submission of the Technical Proposal shall be limited to only the curable defects noted by the Department.

Please consider these Questions and Answers in preparing your Technical and Price Proposals for the Project. Technical Proposal Preliminary Submission shall be on or before May 13, 2009. Final Technical Proposal and Price Proposal Submissions are required on or before June 12, 2009.

Sincerely,



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