



Date: January 22, 2021

To: Prospective Respondents to RFP 20210105: Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis

From: Julia Halsted, Designated Contact

Re: Pre-Response Questions and Agency Response

Consistent with RFP 20210105: Passenger Rail Station Siting Analysis, all questions, pertaining to the solicitation were required to be submitted in writing to the Designated Contact. Questions and responses are hereby posted as an amendment to the solicitation. Respondents are responsible for monitoring for updates through the deadline for Agency response to questions.

1. Do you know if R1 is anticipating soliciting for design services for these two new rail stations? If so, do you know the timeline for when those RFPs might be issued?

The current RFP is to develop a comprehensive *planning study* to determine the most feasible and viable options for potential passenger rail stations. Based upon the recommendations identified within Passenger Rail Station Conceptual Siting Analysis (developed under this RFP), along with the results of the work efforts undertaken by Illinois Department of Transportation's preliminary Chicago to Rockford Intercity Passenger Rail operational analysis, the need for engineering and architectural design services for the two new rail stations will be determined. As such, there is not currently a timeline for RFPs related to engineering and architectural design services.

2. On Page 15 of the RFQ, it states that subcontractors are not allowed. However, it then continues on to give guidelines for subcontractors – are we, or are we not allowed to create a team for this project with subcontractors to fill various key roles?

Subcontractors are allowed to fill various roles on a team for this project.

3. What is required in File 3 - C.10.1 Proposal versus File 1 – C.8.1 – C.8.5?

For File 1 (C.8.1 – C.8.5), respondents need to complete the form found on page 15 of the RFP. While File 3 - C.10.1 Proposal would be a PDF of the respondent's full proposal for the project.

4. In which File does the "Requests for Preference Form" belong?

If applicable, please include Requests for Preference Form in File 1.

5. Section D.7 states that subcontractors are not allowed. Will RPC consider removing this prohibition or waiving it if the circumstances would make it appropriate for the proposer to team with a subcontractor to provide special expertise?

Yes, RPC is removing this prohibition and allowing subcontractors to fill roles on a project team to provide special expertise for this project.

6. Section E requires a “project budget for each phase” and that “Respondent shall submit pricing in the format shown below, based on the terms and conditions set forth in Section 1 of this Request for Proposal.” The RFP does not appear to contain a “Section 1” and Section E does not indicate what level of pricing detail RPC would prefer. Could RPC provide further guidance on how the price proposal should be structured? For example, does RPC want to see a detailed pricing breakdown showing labor rates and hours per task, or is RPC just requesting a firm fixed price per task?

RPC would like to see a detailed pricing breakdown showing detailed pricing breakdown showing labor rates and hours per task. Additional costs should be included such as contract services, travel, office expenses, and other program expenses.