



Fulton County, GA

# Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance

June 9, 2015

**Re: 15RFP022315K-NH, Design/Build Services for Sidewalk Improvements on Danforth Road from Rehoboth Circle to Cascade Road Intersection**

Dear Proposers:

Attached is one (1) copy of Addendum 4, hereby made a part of the above referenced procurement. This addendum is offered in response to questions and requests for information.

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions in the RFP referenced above remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

Sincerely,

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This Addendum forms a part of the contract documents and **modifies** the original RFP documents as noted below:

The due date for this project has been extended to Monday, June 19, 2015.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF ADDENDUM NO. 4

The undersigned proposer acknowledges receipt of this addendum by returning one (1) copy of this form with the proposal package to the Department of Purchasing & Contract Compliance, Fulton County Public Safety Building, 130 Peachtree Street, Suite 1168, Atlanta, Georgia 30303 by the RFP due date and time ***Monday, June 19, 2015 11:00 A.M.***

This is to acknowledge receipt of Addendum No. 4, \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2015.

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Legal Name of Bidder

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Signature of Authorized Representative

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Title

**Question 1:**

Can the County make the current 30% project plans available in electronic format?

**Response: Yes, this is being provided to Purchasing for vendor Pick-up.**

**Question 2:**

Please confirm the date of the survey, and state whether proposers should anticipate a complete survey package requiring no additional survey.

**Response: Proposer shall provide complete survey in cost. County will not be responsible for Survey.**

**Question 3:**

Please state which surface modeling software was used for the 3D surface, for example, Inroads etc?

**Response: Any Software for the project is MicroStation.**

**Question 4:**

Section 3.4.11: Qualifications package

“submit to the County three (3) copies of the Notice to Professional Consultants Qualification”..... in a sealed envelope” If the” Qualification Package” is not received by the GADOT Office of Construction Bidding Administration.... No later than 12.00 p.m. on the day prior to the Bid Opening” Please clarify to whom should the qualification package be sent to, should it be to the County and GADOT or just to the County as part of the RFP submission?

**Response: Package is to be sent to Fulton County ONLY.**

**Question 5:**

**Section 3.4.1:** We are requesting the files in dgn format for 30% design drawings.

**Response: Drawings have been provided to Purchasing on Jump Drives.**

**Question 6:**

Will the Contractor installing the conduit or will Georgia Power install conduit and ground rods? As the lights will not be installed at the time of construction, how will the light base be handled?

**Response: Contractor will not be installing Conduit. Georgia Power will provide all materials needed for their installations.**

**Question 7:**

Please clarify if Rubble walls or plain concrete walls is to be constructed. Currently rubble wall exists on Danforth road.

**Response: Contractor should be consistent with the site. If Rubble Walls are on site, contractor will continue with the pattern.**

**Question 8:**

**Section 3.4.6:** Right-of-Way Acquisition: Does the County have a set budget for right-of-way acquisition? Who does the negotiations? Likewise who negotiates for the easements?

**Response: The County will have to budget for the Acquisition. No set budget has been established. The Contractor’s engineer should design the project to minimize impacts of right of way. Negotiations with coordinated with the County. Easements will be coordinated with the County as well.**

**Question 9:** The typical sections show a 2 ft. grass strip behind back of curb. Shall we replace that section with 2 ft. stamp concrete? Currently there is stamped color concrete on Danforth Road.

**Response: Yes, the project should be consistent. We will remove the grass strip and replace with 2-ft. stamp concrete.**

**Question 10:** Please confirm if an assessment of the vertical geometry and sight distance at intersections is required as part of this project or just the installation of “Limited Sight Distance” signs and “Flashing Caution Lights”. Sheet 26-06 of the Danforth Road Concept Report states “Design-Build Team shall address sight distance issues by grading or advanced warning devices or both”.

**Response:** **The Contractor shall be responsible for an assessment of the vertical geometry and sight distance at intersections checking the design to see if the vertical alignment can be corrected with minimal right of way impacts. If not, the contractor shall maintain Limited Sight Distance signs and Flashing Caution Lights.**

**Question 11:** Where existing sidewalk exists, are we to replace with new? What if the existing sidewalk is less than 5-feet in width?

**Response:** **If existing sidewalks are in poor condition, Contractor is to replace with new. If sidewalk is in good condition and less than 5-feet wide, contractor could leave in place provided walks are wide enough for 2 persons to pass.**

**Question 12:** If existing utilities within the right-of-way need to be relocated, who pays for the relocation costs? Utility owner or Fulton County?

**Response:** **Utility owners to pay cost to relocate unless they can prove they had prior rights.**

**Question 13:** Please confirm if any coordination will be required with Georgia Power Company regarding the installation of pedestrian lighting at a later date (per Page 5 of 6 of the Danforth Road Concept Report).

**Response:** **Contractor may have to coordinate project with Georgia Power if the County can pay the cost for the lighting in addition to the sidewalks.**

**Question 14:** Please confirm that new ADA ramps are only to be installed at the southwestern approach of Danforth Road at Cascade Road per the 30% Plans included in the Danforth Road Concept Report.

**Response:** **Contractor’s Design Engineer is to identify locations for ADA ramps compliance within the limits of the project.**

**Question 15:** Is the Danforth Road Concept Report approved? If not, will approval of a Concept Report be required? Who will approve, **GDOT or Fulton County?**

**Response:** **Concept Report will not be required. Concept Plans from 30%, 60% and 90% will be necessary as the contractor’s engineer is developing plans.**

**Question 16:** Please confirm that the crosswalk is to remain at the existing QLS Senior Center just southwest of the Cascade Road intersection (as shown on Sheet 26-06 of Danforth Road Concept Report). If so, should the existing flashing lights be upgraded to a pedestrian hybrid beacon?

**Response:** **Crossway at QLS Senior Center to remain. Flashing lights to be upgraded to a pedestrian hybrid beacon.**

**Question 17:** In Section 3.32 it states “traffic studies” as part of the Preliminary Design. Please confirm were traffic studies are to be performed.

**Response:** **Traffic Study should not be required; however, contractors engineer should look at the traffic and decide if it is needed.**

**Question 18:** Per the Right-of-Way Map sheets 1 thru 7 in the Danforth Road Concept Report, it appears substantial right-of-way acquisition is needed (approximately 40 parcels) to construct this project (including easements). Please confirm.

**Response:** **Contractor’s engineer should look at the 30% design concept and make some decisions if this will be necessary. Right of Way should minimize throughout the project.**

**Question 19:** The Danforth Road Concept Report, page 5 of 6 states “To smooth the horizontal alignment of the roadway, base widening will be utilized....”. However, neither the Typical Sections nor the 30% plans indicate areas for widening. Please confirm the intent of this statement. Is it just for small areas/gaps where the horizontal alignment may vary when the existing pavement is saw cut to install curb and gutter?

**Response: Consultant will maintain existing roadway width on the road unless the width exceeds 10-1/2 to 11 feet.**

**Question 20:** Are the City of Atlanta plans available for review? Especially regarding existing utilities and utility owners.

**Response: The County does not have the City’s plans. County does not have information regarding existing utilities.**

**Question 21:** Is a new survey database required?

**Response: County did not have survey completed for this project. Contractor’s engineer is responsible for providing survey.**

**Question 22:** How old is the existing database?

**Response: Not sure of age of existing database. Contractor is responsible for database.**

**Question 23:** Are the property lines and topographic information shown field verified?

**Response: Contractor is responsible for the topographic information.**

**Question 24:** Are signal upgrades, including the installation of pedestrian heads, required at the Cascade Road intersection?

**Response: No signal work should be required; however, it is the Contractor’s engineer responsibility to check for upgrading where needed.**

**Question 25:** PDF page 28; Section 3.3.2 - NTP 1 and NTP 2 - A NEPA review and approval is mentioned. Is a NEPA document required?

**Response: Engineer for Contractor is responsible for verification of all permitting requirements.**

**Question 26:** PDF page 42 Section 3.4.9. A.3. Field Surveys – GDOT Survey Manual. Will GDOT review the database? **No.** If so, submittals and approvals of the database will require additional time and costs. Or is the project to follow the procedures in the manual with no GDOT review and approval?

**Response: Follow procedures in the manual. No GDOT review or approval required.**

**Question 27:** PDF page 64 3.a.2.t. Please confirm that SUE Quality Level A is required.

**Response: Not required but contractor should consider with utilities.**

**Question 28:** PDF Page 73 Section 3.4.11 states “Lead Design Consultant MUST be prequalified by GDOT in the area class(es) indicated with an “X”.” This seems to extend beyond the Evaluation Criteria in Section 4, Item 1-H in the Statement of Qualifications (14SOQ052814K-NH). Please clarify.

**Response: If Lead Design Consultant is prequalified by GDOT, no need to resubmit.**

**Question 29:** If a NEPA document is not required (see question 14), why require prequalification?

**Response: It is the Contractor’s Engineer responsibility to verify the field conditions on site and determine if there is a need for NEPA documents to be submitted and approved.**

**Question 30:** At the address of 4165 has an existing brick wall, is this to be removed and replaced with same still wall being installed thru out this project?

**Response: If any removals and replacements of walls are required, it is the Contractor's Engineer responsibility to confirm.**

**Question 31:** City of Atlanta's project had a rock face wall, is this what is to be priced for installation for the job?

**Response: Not sure of the question. The Contractor should make the project cohesive to the existing conditions on site.**

**Question 32:** Because of the amount of grading behind the side of the road, we will be required to adjust water meters, are we to use the existing water meters.

**Response: Contractor's Engineer should check with the City of Atlanta. County is not responsible, nor does the County know what the City of Atlanta requires for adjustments to water meters.**

**Question 33:** City of Atlanta's project use 24" curb and gutter, do we price the same, the plans show 30" curb and gutter.

**Response: Please use 24" curb and gutter.**

**Question 34:** Who will the responsible for testing and payment of testing?

**Response: County to authorize payments through Contingency in Contractor's contract.**

**Question 35:** Please advise if it should be included in the Design/Build Contractor's cost proposal.

**Response: No.**

**Question 36:** To mitigate impact to home owners yard disturbance can the width of the road be 22' plus curb and gutter?

**Response: Contractor to maintain existing roadway width at a minimum.**

**Question 37:** How do we mount the advance warning signal, pedestrian pole, a post, span wire or mast arm?

**Response: Most feasible approach.**

**Question 38:** Are there fascia architectural finishes on the front of the gravity walls and/or the cantilever walls?

**Response: Rubble Walls in like kind.**

**Question 39:** Are all walls to be rubble walls in like kind to the existing walls on the recently completed section of Danforth Road?

**Response: Yes.**

**Question 40:** Do we need to include any environmental testing beyond NOI in our cost proposal?

**Response: No, only compaction testing where necessary.**

**Question 41:** Please confirm that all pedestrian lights, including material, labor, poles, conduit, wiring, and pole foundations are by Georgia Power and not to be included in our cost proposal.

**Response: No lighting required by Contractor on this project.**

**Question 42:** Reference Section 6.4. and Exhibit 1 It appears that Exhibit H Forms 2 and 3 don't align with Exhibit H Forms 1 and 2 later in the proposal, please clarify.

**Response: Form H is the LOCAL PREFERENCE AFFIDAVIT OF BIDDER/OFFEROR; Exhibit H - FIRST SOURCE JOBS PROGRAM INFORMATION; they are two separate documents designed for different purposes.**

**Question 43:** Are the City of Atlanta plans available for review?

**Response: Not provided by the County.**

**Question 44:** Is lighting required for this project? **Response: Not by Contractor.** If so, please provide the details used by the City of Atlanta. **Response: Georgia Power will provide lighting.** Should the costs of lighting poles be included or will that be an agreement between the county and the utility company?

**Response: Agreement between County and Georgia Power Co.**

**Question 45:** Was a field survey completed before?

**Response: No.** If so, how old is survey? **Response: N/A**

**Question 46:** Was the 30% plans completed using GIS mapping?

**Response: Yes**

**Question 47:** Will pedestrian signal improvements be required at Cascade Road intersection? **Response: Contractor's Engineer should verify needed improvements.**

**Question 48:** PDF page 28 Section 3.3.2 - NTP 1 and NTP 2 - A NEPA review and approval is mentioned. Does this project have Federal and/or State funding or is it locally funded?

**Response: All Local Funding.**

**Question 49:** PDF page 29-30 Section 3.4 Project Scope –Will the County identify the sidewalk sections that will be retained so that bid can reflect those excluded areas?

**Response: No. Contractor's Engineer is responsible for identifying areas.**

**Question 50:** PDF page 42 Section 3.4.9. A.3. Field Surveys – If local let, why GDOT survey Manual?

**Response: For completeness. Design should conform to GDOT standards.**

**Question 51:** PDF page 48-49 Section 3.4.9 B. Roadway - If this is local let/funded project can the construction plans be completed utilizing AutoCad?

**Response: MICROSTATION.**

**Question 52:** PDF page 63-64 3.a.2.t. Mentions that SUE Quality Level A information should be included on preliminary plans at a minimum. Please confirm.

**Response: Consultants shall comply with requirements for SUE when needed. Not mandatory if contractor does not have a problem with utilities.**

**Question 53:** Section 3.4.11 (999.6) - "Notice to Professional Consultant Qualifications." Please clarify if 3 copies are required of GDOT pre-qualification, and if they need to be in their own sealed envelope. Items 16/17/18 on the proposal submittal checklist do not state the number of copies or the need for a separate envelope.

**Response: Please include 2 copies in a separate sealed envelope.**

**Question 54:** Section 3.4.11 (999.6) - Can you clarify what "Qualifications Package" is to be sent directly to GDOT Office of Construction Bidding Administration?

**Response: Nothing is to be sent to the GDOT Office**

**Question 55:** Form I is missing from Item 9 on the Proposal Check List.

**Response: In order to received Veterans Preference Points Form I must be properly executed and submitted.**

**Question 56:** Is Exhibit A required for the Prime and all sub-consultants or the prime firm only?

**Response: Prime and ALL sub-consultants.**

**Question 57:** Exhibit F - if no Joint Venture is part of this proposal would you prefer we submit a blank form or omit this form? It is required but does not have an option for "no joint venture."

**Response: Submit the form and specify "Not Applicable".**

**Question 58:** Clarify if sub-consultants evidence of insurability is required.

**Response: No, subs are the responsibility of the prime.**

**Question 59:** Section 7.3 ends with a form that is not listed under item 11 on the proposal submittal checklist. Please confirm if this should be included in the proposal. Please also confirm if this is for the prime only or prime and all sub-consultants.

**Response: That form is considered a part of the insurance document and should be completed in it's entirety and submitted for the prime as an acknowledge that section 7 has been read and agreed to.**

**Question 60:** Section 8 - Proposal Bond - Please clarify how/where this form should be included in the proposal package. It is not listed on the Submittal Checklist.

**Response: It should be submitted in a separate, sealed envelope labeled "Proposal Bond".**

**Question 61:** Please provide a copy of the pre-proposal meeting sign-in sheet.

**Response: Information available on the county web site**

**Question 62:** Please provide CAD files of the 30% plans provided in the proposal.

**Response: Available for pick up in the Purchasing Department to pre qualified vendors only**

**Question 63:** In section 999.3.C.1.b, it is stated that the County has executed a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) between the County and each Utility Owner.

**Response: No MOU is in place. Contractor is responsible for coordination with Utility Owners.** We will need to be provided these documents in order to properly bid the project, if we are responsible for any of the costs of utility relocations. **Response: Utility Owners will have to move or adjust their Utilities at their cost unless they can document prior rights.**

**Question 64:** In section 999.3.C.1, Table 4-3, and other subsections reference GDOT and GDOT staff. Please clarify if these references should be changed to County staff.

**Response: All reference to staff is County staff.**

**Question 65:** Please clarify the typical section. Will there be a 2' grass strip or a 2' brick (or other) paving strip?

**Response: 2' Pavers**

**Question 66:** Please clarify whether 11' lanes can be used on the proposed roadway section.

**Response: Maintain existing lane widths.**

**Question 67:** Please clarify whether the bid will be based solely on the provided 30% set. As stated in the pre-proposal meeting, the base bid would be based on the 30% plans and any adds/changes would be documented and priced separately.

**Response: Design will not be modified from the 30% plans submitted. The bid is based on the scope of work outlined in the 30% set of plans. The plans provided are for information and the Contractor will be responsible for complete design and submittals.**

**Question 68:** Please clarify the geotechnical scope. Will it be expected that a geotechnical report would be needed on minor structures such as gravity walls or short parapet walls that are GDOT standard?

**Response:** Testing may be required on walls exceeding 3 feet tall.

**Question 69:** Please clarify the Right of Way Staking. Can we assume that the staking will be once per each property?

**Response:** As needed when impacts are made to property owners.

**Question 70:** What materials testing is the Contractor responsible for?

**Response:** All compactions used from County contingency line amount. All others Contractor is responsible for.

**Question 71:** Can you provide a list of preferred MS4 infrastructure that the County has normally approved on sidewalk projects within the County?

**Response: No.** Does the County have an infeasibility threshold that could apply to this project? **Response: No.**

**Question 72:** What material or architectural facing will be required for any proposed retaining walls for the project? Can we use granite rubble walls in lieu of concrete?

**Response:** Yes, if cheaper or to maintain cohesiveness throughout the project.

**Question 73:** In 3.7 Technical Proposal, Section 6 states that we will provide hourly rates per each classification, and the lowest average rate will get the full 10 points. However, we are providing a lump sum cost in a separate envelope in 3.8 Cost Proposal. Also in 4.1, it states that cost is worth 13% of the evaluation score. Please clarify.

**Response:** The Cost Proposal is worth 13%; cost will be submitted as instructed in Section 8.