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To: Consultants Requesting RFQ Package

SUBJECT: Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFQ) for providing Professional Consulting Services for the Integrated Water Resource Plan
Solicitation Number: CLMP179 – **CLARIFICATION #1**

This clarification #1 is in response to questions received which warranted a clarification.

Clarification:

Question 1: Will prime firms be conflicted out or excluded from all future work related to this project?

Response: It is the intent of the City to exclude the prime firm from consideration for any contracts resulting from the work performed on this project. The purpose is to avoid a firm subsequently working on projects recommended by that same firm while contracted as the Integrated Water Resource Plan (IWRP) prime consultant. As a clarification, plan or program updates to the IWRP are an exception to this exclusion.

Question 2: Will subconsultants be conflicted out or excluded from all future work related to this project?

Response: Subconsultants may be excluded from contracts resulting from the work performed on this project. A determination will be made, on a case-by-case basis, prior to the release of any future projects.

Question 3: Can we have an example of a future project that will be conflicted out?

Response: Through the IWRP process, recommendations for potential future projects are expected to be developed. At this time, the City cannot give specific projects that will be conflicted out.

Question 4: Why isn't landscape architecture in the scope of services since irrigation and water use is important?

Response: If you would like to use landscape architecture or any other commodity code that is not listed in the scope of services, please contact the Small and Minority Business Resources Department for the respective availability list.

Question 5: *What is the City of Austin's role in working with the climate consultant, hydrology consultant and the main consulting team?*

Response: The City of Austin plans to work directly with each consulting team as well as facilitate coordination and communication between the consulting teams. Consultants will work together on specific tasks and City staff expects to be apprised of direct communication between consultants.

Question 6: *In the scope of services, the City states it will seek two additional consultants – a Climate Consultant and a Hydrologist/Water Availability Modeling Consultant. Do you have a timeframe as to when the City will advertise for these consultants?*

Response: The City is proceeding with separate contracting processes with two additional consultants for these two components: a climate consultant and a hydrologist/water availability modeling consultant. A portion of the climate analysis is being conducted under an existing contract. Contracting for the remainder of these two components is planned to be done separately.

Question 7: *The solicitation states that you will procure separately a "Hydrologist/Water Availability Modeling Consultant to perform Water Availability Modeling (WAM)." Does this mean that you specifically want to use the WAM platform developed at Texas A&M, or is water availability modeling used in a generic sense?*

Response: For surface water availability modeling with the IWRP project, the City of Austin will be using the Water Availability Modeling (WAM) platform developed at Texas A&M for the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ). However, this does not necessarily preclude other modeling tools being used on the project for other aspects not addressed by the WAM, as appropriate.

This document is for clarification purposes only. Please remember this solicitation is currently in a "No Contact" period and all inquiries should be directed to the appropriate contact persons listed in the solicitation. If you have questions regarding this process, please call me at (512) 974-7009. You may also contact Teresa Lutes at (512) 972-0179, Project Manager, for project related questions.

Sincerely,



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