

**SCOPE OF SERVICES
DESIGN SERVICES - QUESTIONS & ANSWERS No. 3**

Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) – Scope 2 – Aesthetic Design Guide
JN 802330

Question 1: I understand from MDOT's answers (**QA No. 1**) that if **Consultant X** was a sub-consultant on the winning Contract 1 team, all teams for contracts 2 through 7 for which we are a sub will be disqualified from being selected. In other words, a prime (and their entire team) for Contracts 2 through 7 loses the opportunity to compete if one of the subs is on the winning Contract 1 team.

This has put us in an awkward position because we have been approached by multiple teams for both Contract 1 as well as Contract 3 through 7. My concern is that by having to make a choice right now, **Consultant X** could be left without any work on this project if our prime fails to be selected. That is difficult for anybody but more so for a small DBE firm.

I have the following questions/comments:

Question 1a: Will Contract 1 be decided concurrently with contracts 2 through 7? Or, will MDOT first select the team for Contract 1 followed by the teams for Contracts 2 through 7?

Answer 1a: Contract 1 will be selected first. Selection of a Prime and Sub-Consultants will be quality based.

Question 1b: Is it MDOT's intent to make subconsultants decide between consultant coordination contract and the design contracts?

Answer 1b: No.

Question 1c: Is it possible for MDOT to relax this stringent requirement (to choose between Contract 1 and the design contracts) for DBE firms?

Answer 1c: MDOT will not allow Prime or Sub-Consultants to work on both Contract 1 and Contracts 2-7 concurrently, but encourages Consultants to submit proposals for all Contracts within the Consultants scope of work.

Question 1d: Is it possible that Primes for Contract 2 through 7 who lose a subconsultant to the winning Contract 1 team, not be disqualified and be allowed to replace the subconsultant?

Answer 1d: Yes, Consultants will not be disqualified. They will have to replace any Sub-Consultant selected for Contract 1. Selection of a Prime and Sub-Consultants will be quality based.

Question 2a: DRIC, Scope 1, Consultant Coordinator, Q&A 1 - Answer #3 states in part, "The Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultant for Contract 1 will not be allowed to be associated the Concessionaire for the Detroit International Crossing Bridge (X-10B)." Would an association with a Concessionaire on the Windsor-Essex Parkway be considered a conflict for the Prime or Sub-Consultant for Contract 1?

Answer 2a: Yes.

Question 2b: Would an association with a Concessionaire on any other project in the US or Canada be considered a conflict for the Prime or Sub-Consultant for Contract 1 if that Concessionaire were pursuing the Detroit International Crossing Bridge (X-10B)?

Answer 2b: Yes.

Question 3: Was the mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting held on July 13th mandatory for both prime and sub consultants?

Answer 3: Meeting was only necessary for interested Prime Consultants.

Question 4: At the pre-proposal meeting we were told that there is no presentation (thus no technical proposal) required. Correct?

Answer 4: Yes.

Question 5: Will there be a Scope Verification meeting for the selected consultants?

Answer 5: Yes. The meeting with the selected Consultants is scheduled for August 12th, 2009 from 1:00 PM-4:30 PM at the MDOT Lansing Secondary Center.

**MDOT Secondary Center
Lake Michigan Room
7575 Crowner Dr.
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Question 6: Answer #5 and Answer #6 (QA No. 1) appear to conflict. Can a Sub on Contract #1 be a Sub on any other contract? Answer #6 clearly says "no", while Answer #5 appears to potentially imply "yes". We think Answer #6 is what you mean and want to verify that...

Answer 6: Yes, Any Consultant (Prime or Sub) working on Contract 1 is not allowed to work on Contracts 2-7.

Question 7: If we choose Firm A as a sub on Contracts 2 thru 7, and Firm A ends up on the winning team for Contract #1, will our proposals for Contracts 2 thru 7 be disqualified since that Sub will not be allowed to be on our team? How will MDOT consider this issue when scoring proposals? Does MDOT intend that firms either choose to go after Contract #1 or choose to go after Contracts #2-7, but not both?

Answer 7: No, you will not be disqualified. If a Consultant loses a Sub-Consultant to Contract 1, they will have to replace that Sub-Consultant.

Question 8: Based on review of the RFPs, it is apparent that many of the technical disciplines required under the design contracts (such as Geotech for the Freeway Design) will be coordinated and reviewed by the lead for that discipline on the Consultant Coordinator contract. As such, it is clear that there would be a conflict with a subconsultant providing the same area of technical services (such as geotechnical services) on the Consultant Coordinator Team as well as on one of the design teams. However, it appears there would be no conflict with a sub on the Consultant Coordinator team also being on a design team, as long as there was no overlap in their scope on the two teams. Please confirm.

Answer 8: See answer #6 in QA No. 1 (First set of advertised questions).

Question 9: At the mandatory pre-proposal meeting held on Monday, July 13, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. you mentioned that the Consultant Team for Contract 1 would be selected first and then be responsible for negotiating work scope and the priced proposal for Contracts 2-7. Is this still accurate? If so, how would this be possible given the fact that the Prime consultant for Contract #1 has no contractual relationship with the Prime consultants for Contracts 2-7?

Answer 9: All Request for Proposals will be scored, completed and announced by MDOT on August 10, 2009. Once MDOT receives all price proposals of Contracts 1 through 7, Contract 1 Consultant will review with MDOT each contract to satisfy compliance of all contracts.