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Nicholas Clever
Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation Manger
Bureau of Construction Codes

***Re: Michigan-Indiana Border Retracement and Remonumentation Survey Grant
Prgoram (ASE No. 224133)***

Dear Mr. Clever:

We have the following inquiries after the Request for Proposals:

1. Part II-B and Part II-HH indicate that there shall be no delegation of work and subconsultants are not allowed. Is this language directed at the post-award vendor, meaning if you don't include a subconsultant within the proposal, one cannot be added later? Or is the use of subconsultants forbidden for this project? We believe that a subconsultant will accelerate the schedule even though we are a large firm with adequate resources to complete the work in-house.

OLS&R Ans.: All work is expected to be performed and completed by the grantee. Part II-HH provides that the grantee shall not subcontract work they are obligated to perform under this grant. Furthermore, Part II-B provides that the grantee's obligations shall not be delegated.

2. In the Eligibility Requirements, p. 18 of the RFP, first green box, it states "**Bidder must describe their experience and how it demonstrates compliance with the above requirement(s). Bidder must provide three (3) previous grant applications and three (3) previous grant completion reports to support compliance**" Is "grant applications experience" required for this proposal, or is that language a remnant from the original State Line Cost Study and not meant for this cadastral retracement project?

OLS&R Ans.: Yes, grant application experience is required for this grant. An applicant must show proof of prior experience performing retracement surveys under a grant program, either federal, state, or

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county issued. In Michigan this would be work performed under the Michigan State Survey and Remonumentation Act, 1990 PA 345, MCL 54.261-279.

3. Would the research/records from the Border Survey Cost Study be made available to the successful respondent?

OLS&R Ans.: All information provided to the State of Michigan as part of the Border Cost Study will be provided to the grantee upon issuance of the grant.

4. Part I, Section I-A (g) states that “The survey shall be accompanied by a report of the commission that states whether there are differences between the survey and the survey of a similar commission established by the State of Indiana and explains any differences. Will the survey by the Indiana Commission be made available to the successful respondent prior to commencement of this survey?”

OLS&R Ans.: Collaboration and participation between both states are required. Pursuant to MCL 54.317, “The commission shall not replace lost corner positions if the state of Indiana does not participate in the survey and remonumentation project as authorized by Indiana law. To accomplish the purposes of this act, the commission or its representative may meet and collaborate with a similar commission established by the state of Indiana or that commission’s representative.”

5. We note that the grant amount available is approximately 62% of the total cost determined by the Border Survey Cost Study. We assume the RFP requires the entire line to be established. The State Line Cost Study completed by DLZ had an estimate of \$730,900 to complete the entire line. The RFP states the approximate value of the grant is \$454,751.90. Are additional funds available to complete the entire line or does the Commission believe the work can be done for that amount?

OLS&R Ans.: Pursuant to 2022 PA 166 Article 15 Part 2 and 1990 PA 345, MLC 54.272.12(4), the overall grant amount available from Michigan is \$500,000. The amount remaining from Michigan after completion and payment of the Border Cost Study is \$454,751.90. According to MCL 54.272(4), the \$500,000.00 appropriated by the legislature is Michigan’s equitable share of the costs of the monumentation of the Michigan-Indiana state line.

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit this information.

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