

US-23 improvement project CMGC – Request for Qualifications

Questions & Answers

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Question 1: Please allow use 11x17 size sheets for organizational charts or other large graphics.

Answer 1: MDOT will allow 11x17 pages for organizational charts. We will address this via an addendum to the original RFQ.

Question 2: Due to the complexity of the project required information, would MDOT consider removing the Submitter Experience project sheets from the page count (4-6 projects)?

Answer 2: No, the submitter experience will be included in the page limit. MDOT is extending the page limit to 18 pages. This will be addressed via an addendum to the original RFQ.

Question 3: Due to the complexity of the project required information, would MDOT consider increasing the maximum page limit?

Answer 3: MDOT is extending the page limit to 18 pages. This will be addressed via an addendum to the original RFQ.

Question 4: Would MDOT allow the use of font smaller than 12 point for charts and graphics?

Answer 4: No, 12 point font shall be used for all text.

Question 5: The RFQ indicates a Complex Steel Erection Engineer will be a required person on the project. This person is required to be a Michigan Licensed Professional Engineer being prequalified in Design-Bridges: Complex. Is the intent for the submitter to procure a design firm meeting this prequalification since the firm obtains the prequalification and not the person?

Answer 5: The submitter will need to procure a firm to perform these typical construction services with the required prequalification.

Question 6: Please clarify the roles and responsibilities intended to be performed by the Complex Steel Erection Engineer.

Answer 6: Reference section 3.2 and 3.3 for preconstruction and construction services of the Complex Steel Erection Engineer. The contractor is required to confirm the design is constructable per the contractor's means and methods.

Question 7: If it is the intent of MDOT to have the Contractor procure the Complex Steel Erection Engineer to provide design services during Preconstruction, will these design costs be paid for separately outside of the predetermined Preconstruction Services Fee?

Answer 7: The Complex Steel Erection Engineer will be compensated for the typical construction services as described in section 3.2 within the predetermined Preconstruction fee. This will be addressed via an addendum to the original RFQ. Separate tasks were established and the fee was increased.

Question 8: 4.2 J of the SOQ content calls for a draft DBE Engagement Plan. As the page count for the SOQ is only 14 pages (6.2 B), could this draft plan be included as an appendix that does not count towards the overall page count?

Answer 8: Intent is for the submitter to provide their approach to the DBE engagement plan. Clarification of section 4.2 J will be addressed via an addendum to the original RFQ.

Question 9: The project is scheduled to be open to traffic in October of 2029, but construction isn't scheduled to be complete until May of 2031. Please advise what work is intended to occur during these 18 months

Answer 9: Construction activities after the open to traffic date will include but not limited to, tree planting, water and cultivating, slope restoration, turf establishment, possible temperature sensitive bridge work, and punch list items.

Question 10: The RFQ mentions that the design phase is 30% complete. Would MDOT consider making the 30% drawings available so that they can be referenced while working on our SOQ?

Answer 10: No, due to ongoing scope discussions MDOT will not be sharing 30% design plans as the environmental assessment is anticipated to be finalized in the spring of 2025.

Question 11: Will MDOT consider moving the project experience section to the Appendix and omit this section from the page count?

Answer 11: No, the submitter experience will be included in the page limit. MDOT is extending the page limit to 18 pages. This will be addressed via an addendum to the original RFQ.

Question 12: Section 4.3.3.1 Resumes of Key Personnel: We are clear on the requirements for resumes of Key Personnel. We are unclear if additional resumes can be included for "non-key" personnel. We plan to list support staff ("non-key") with roles in our write up. We would like to confirm if we are allowed to include "non-key" staff resumes in addition to our Key Staff resumes within our proposal?

Answer 12: Yes, we will consider alternative key personnel structures per Section 4.3.3.1. If an alternative key personnel structure is proposed, additional resumes may be provided, but they are limited to a maximum of five non-key staff resumes.

Question 13: Will the CMGC be responsible/tasked with any geotechnical investigation during the Phase 1 - Preconstruction Services or does the Project Team (MDOT) already have a consultant on board to support this role? We believe we do not need to provide this service, just looking for your concurrence/clarification

Answer 13: No geotechnical investigation is needed from the CMGC during preconstruction services. MDOT's designer is tasked with Geotechnical services during preconstruction.