

Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Twelve Mile Creek Stream Restoration Project
Request for Qualifications: Pre-Submittal Conference on January 11, 2018

MBNEP's answers to Respondents' Clarification Questions

MBNEP has received the following clarifying questions after the RFQ mandatory pre-submittal conference held on January 11, 2018. The questions and MBNEP's answers are provided below.

1. Question: H&H modeling is being performed by Hydro LLC. When will this modeling be available to the successful team?

Answer: This modeling information will be provided upon execution of a contract with the selected firm.

2. Question: Section 5 of the RFQ requires an 11 point Times New Roman font for the proposal. May we use a larger font for headings?

Answer: Yes, larger fonts may be used. 11 point is the smallest font size acceptable for readability purposes.

3. Question: Section 5 also states that "an officer authorized to make a binding commitment for the Respondent shall sign the Statement Form". What are the specific requirements? May this be a company principal who is authorized to make this commitment?

Answer: Yes, a company principal with authorization may sign.

4. Question: How many companies are expected to be shortlisted?

Answer: Three (3) companies are anticipated to be short-listed.

5. Question: Is there any geotechnical information already available?

Answer: None at this time.

6. Question: Looking at the nature of the timeline, we understand the importance of review timing. What is MBNEP's time frame for review of each of the plan submittals? Will this time include review by the City of Mobile?

Answer: MBNEP and the City of Mobile will commit to review times that will not interfere with the project timeline.

7. Question: Permitting is included in the scope of work. With the timeframe presented in the RFQ, are approved permits expected to be received by June or is the permit application acceptable?

Answer: Approved permits are preferable if achievable within a reasonable timeline.

8. Question: What are the requirements for Monitoring? Are there long term requirements other than showing the project goals have been met?

Answer: A long term monitoring program will be developed with the selected firm to comply with all grant-required monitoring.

9. Question: What is the expected level of public involvement?

Answer: Expect to hold up to two (2) public meetings related to this project in addition to the public involvement needs referenced in the RFQ.

10. Question: In the meeting, it was mentioned that the City would supply mapping showing easements, etc. Potential LIDAR information was also mentioned. Will this information be sent to the meeting participants?

Answer: No accurate easement information is available at this time. For LIDAR information contact Janic Terry at the City of Mobile (251-208-7505) for access to this information.

11. Question: We understand schedule is an important component of the project. Is there a catalyst for the June completion date?

Answer: June was chosen as a completion date based on MBNEP's understanding of the scope and complexity of the project. If the scope and complexity of the project require additional time to complete, please provide a revised schedule recommendation.

12. Question: Is legal counsel expected to be provided by the selected team as related to the negotiation of easements for this submittal, or will that be provided by one of the project partners?

Answer: Legal counsel will be provided by the project partners.

13. Question: The RFQ document mentions invasive species remediation. Is the expectation that the selected team will survey the area to determine what invasive species exist, or will there be a target list provided?

Answer: A target list will be provided to supplement any site assessment.

14. Question: Will the exotic species management involve any areas outside the riparian zone, or is this something to be determined by the selected team?

Answer: To be determined.