

# Notice for Request for Statements of Qualification Lower Fish River Restoration Phase I

## Frequently Asked Questions

**September 3 – Question:** Under the Scope of Qualifications an hourly rate schedule is discussed. Will there be an opportunity to negotiate a per year rate increase?

- Yes, negotiations for yearly escalation of rates will be done prior to contract execution.

**September 3 – Question:** One of the project objectives is to reduce sediment loading at the Marlow project by 75%. How was this objective determined?

- The 75% reduction at Marlow was based on past experiences and similar estimates from other investigations and completed projects. This value will be refined once field assessments are completed.

**August 26 – Question:** Are we allowed to visit the stream segments identified in the RFQ?

- MBNEP does not object to visiting sites however we do not currently have any Landowner Access Agreements in place. Doing so is at your own discretion.

**August 26 – Question:** For the loose bound paper format, does it have to be hand delivered by 4:00 PM CST on September 9, 2020?

- The paper copy is due on or before Wednesday, September 9, 4pm CST. Late proposals will not be accepted. Submissions shall be addressed to Mobile Bay National Estuary Program, 118 North Royal St., Suite 601, Mobile, AL 36602, ATT: Ms. Roberta Swann, Director.

**August 26 – Question:** Will MBNEP accept digital signatures in the electronic submission, or does it have to be an officially signed and scanned PDF?

- Digital signatures for the electronic submission are acceptable.

**August 21 – Question:** Under Approach (5.c) you ask for a proposed construction specification system. Can you provide clarification?

- As drawings are fundamental to construction so are specifications. What specific specification system do you intend to use – a professional/industry standard? Please include this information in the Statement.

**August 21 – Question:** Under Description of Team, item 3.1 indicates that the team lead should be a Structural Engineer. Is it a requirement that a structural engineering firm be the engineering lead or be included as part of the engineering team?

- NO. Disregard 3.1 due to redundancy of single point of contact. That individual should be included in the Cover Letter.

**August 18 – Question:** Will resume's for key team members count toward the 15-page limit?

- NO, as long as the resume does not include information on how the work will be performed.

**August 18 – Question:** Would the company selected as part of this RFQ then be precluded from bidding on implementation of the project once it is designed?

- The selected firm(s) would oversee project design and implementation, including project management, construction oversight, and procurement related activities. Due to potential conflicts of interest MBNEP would not accept construction bids from contractors selected under this advertisement.

**August 14 - Question:** Would MBNEP prefer a comprehensive full-service team to submit or would MBNEP select a that would only offer specific services?

- MBNEP prefers a full-service team or single firm able to deliver all tasks.