



ADDENDUM NO. 2

RFP No. 22-04

Statewide Landscape Architectural for Environmental On-Call

7/1/2021

To Whom It May Concern:

The New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT or Department) has received the following question submitted along with the Department's response. Attached to this addendum No.2: It shall be the responsibility of the interested Offerors to adhere to any changes or revisions to the RFP as identified in this Addendum No. 2. This documentation shall become permanent and made part of the Department's procurement file.

Question: This question is regarding the ability of a New Mexico based landscape architecture firm to answer the NMDOT's solicitation for the On-Call Landscape Architects.

Most landscape architecture firms work as subconsultants to larger engineering, environmental and architecture firms or they are part of very large national and international firms. We are not aware of NMDOT ever releasing a proposal for landscape architects and we have done a lot of work for NMDOT in the last 30 years. While I applaud NMDOT for releasing this RFP, because of the requirements for this proposal/project regarding the OIG and the Overhead Rate Compliance and Contractual Eligibility for Engineering and Design Consultants, we would have had to have an approved audit long before this proposal came out; also related, these types of audits are in the tens of thousands of dollars in cost. This cost is out of reach financially for most landscape architecture firms because we don't prime contracts typically for NMDOT. The other option is for us to use a Safe Harbor Rate, however that rate has such a low overhead number (1.1% I believe) that we would not be able to perform the work and not lose money for each hour we spend.

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Could you look at this dilemma and modify the RFP requirements in some way? The only way we could apply for this project through a proposal would be to act as subconsultants to larger engineering firms or large multidisciplinary firms. That said, can landscape architecture firms team with engineering firms to apply for this project; the downside to that approach of course would be that NMDOT would pay 10% more for our services for handling?

Answer: Landscape Architecture services is being completed before, during and after design projects, which will impact Engineering and Design. Any firm wanting to apply for this RFP will have to comply with the overhead rate compliance and contractual eligibility for Engineering and Design Consultants

Question: Will improving the aesthetics of the State's rest stops be on the task list?

Answer: Consultants may be tasked with making recommendations for improvements to NMDOT rest areas.

If there are any questions or inquiries in relation to this Addendum No. 2, Offerors may contact Juanita Sanchez at (505) 629-8790 or by email at Juanita.Sanchez@state.nm.us.