

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
I-290 Drainage Improvement Project – CMGC Delivery
District 1, Cook County, Contract No.: 62W51
Responses to Requests for Clarifications (RFCs) – February 28, 2025

The following Requests for Clarifications (RFCs) were received from prospective proposers for the above captioned project. The responses provided by IDOT may be relied upon by proposers when submitting a Statement of Qualifications for in response to the RFQ issued on January 31, 2025. Where indicated, Addendum No. 1 to the RFQ has been issued to provide proposers with any changes to the RFQ resulting from IDOT’s responses to these RFCs.

No.	RFQ Section	Addendum	Request for Clarification	IDOT Response
1	RFQ Section 1.1	Addendum No. 1	Due to the specialized nature and specific scopes of this project, meeting the 35% self-performance requirement will be challenging for a single entity. We respectfully request that the self-performance requirement be reduced to 20% to allow for more feasible project execution. Please advise	IDOT will reduce the self-performance requirement to 25% to account for the specialized nature of this project.
2	RFQ Section 4.4	Addendum No. 1	Due to the specialized scope of this project, please consider increasing the project experience time frame from five years to 10 years to allow Proposers to have more options to include in the SOQ.	IDOT will consider relevant project experience gained within the last ten years.
3	RFQ Section 4.3.2	Addendum No. 1	Section 4.3.2 states that Proposers identify “the entity meeting each of the construction prequalification classifications and subclassifications listed in 2.7.” Please clarify this requirement, as there is not a list of classifications and subclassifications in 2.7.	IDOT will evaluate the Proposer's Team Qualifications, Proposer Experience, Team Diversity, and Financial Viability as provided by Proposers in their SOQ. As required in the RFQ, Proposers will be expected to satisfy IDOT’s general prequalification requirements for the Project. The Proposer team, which includes Key Subcontractors, must be prequalified in the following categories as of the SOQ due date. -Earthwork -Drainage -Tunnel Excavation At the conclusion of the Preconstruction Phase, the CMGC must demonstrate they meet IDOT’s minimum prequalification requirements to perform all items of Work in the final plans and specifications.
4	RFQ Section 4.3.4	N/A	Section 4.3.4 - Please confirm that projects that are currently in progress can be submitted as Proposer Experience (Attachment L).	Proposers may show projects currently in progress, however the Evaluation Committee will only consider the completed portion of a partially completed project submitted in the SOQ.
5	RFQ Section 4.4	Addendum No. 1	RFQ Section 4.4 Evaluation Criteria – Proposer Experience states, proposers should “highlight experience relevant to the Project, the Proposer/Principal Participants have gained in the last five years.” The Proposer requests extending the requirement to projects completed in the last 15 years.	IDOT will consider relevant project experience gained within the last ten years.
6	RFQ Section 5.2 D.	Addendum No. 1	RFQ Section 5.2 Format and Content, Part D states, “Graphics, photos, watermarks, or project specific information are not permitted.” Please confirm Section 5.2 restricts use of project specific graphics and photos, but not the use of proposer created general graphics and photos within the RFQ response.	Proposer generated project specific graphics may be included at the Proposer’s discretion and will be counted within the relevant page limits stated in this RFQ. Captions for graphics may be Times New Roman 10-point font.

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7	Section 4.4	Addendum No. 1	The Evaluation Criteria for Proposer Experience states, "... the Proposer/Principal Participants have gained in the last five years." Due to the unique scope of this project, please change the evaluation criteria for proposer experience to ten (10) years instead of five.	IDOT will consider relevant project experience gained within the last ten years.
8	Section 4.4	Addendum No. 1	The Evaluation Criteria for Proposer Experience states, "The experience of the Proposer will account for 20 or more points out of the 40 points available in this category." If the Proposer is a Joint Venture of two or more firms (Principal Participants), it is very unlikely that they will have 2-4 projects of similar scope in the last 5 years working together as a previous joint venture. Please take this into account and score the entire 40 points of this section on the collective experience of the Principal Participants. Suggest changing the wording to, "The experience of the Proposer, unless newly formed, will account for 20 or more points out of the 40 points available in this category. If the Proposer is newly formed, the experience of the Principal Participants will account for a maximum of 40 points out of the 40 points."	IDOT has removed the following sentence from Section 4.4. "The experience of the Proposer will account for 20 or more of the points out of the 40 points available in this category. The experience of the Principal Participants will account for a maximum of 20 points out of the 40 points available in this category."
9	Section 5.2 D.	Addendum No. 1	RFQ Section 5.2 D states, "Graphics, photos, watermarks, or project specific information are not permitted." Please delete this clause in its entirety. Photos and graphics are integral in preparing a responsive Statement of Qualifications (SOQ). Project specific information is required to demonstrate previous relevant experience in the response as well as in Attachment L - Work History Form.	Proposer generated project specific graphics may be included at the Proposer's discretion and will be counted within the relevant page limits stated in this RFQ. Captions for graphics may be Times New Roman 10-point font.
10	Section 5.2 D.	Addendum No. 1	RFQ Section 5.2 C states that 12-point font is required for the SOQ except for 10-point font on Attachments J and L. Please allow smaller than 12-point font (legible font size) for graphics or photos as requested in previous request for clarification (RFC No. 004).	Proposer generated project specific graphics may be included at the Proposer's discretion and will be counted within the relevant page limits stated in this RFQ. Captions for graphics may be Times New Roman 10-point font.
11	Section 4.3.6 A and Section 4.3.6 B.	N/A	RFQ Section 4.3.6 A and B describe the Project Manager, Construction Manager, and Construction Quality Control Manager as, "... shall have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience managing the design or construction of highway construction projects of similar scope, complexity and size." As the scope of this project has limited highway construction scope, please change that wording to heavy civil construction, "... shall have a minimum of 10 years of recent experience managing the design or construction of heavy civil construction projects of similar scope, complexity and size."	Experience with highway construction projects is essential for performing work within the I-290 corridor, a controlled access facility with heavy traffic volumes.

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12	Section 7.3	N/A	RFQ Section 7.3 indicates that the SOQ score will be included as part of the evaluation for the RFP. Would IDOT disclose what percentage the RFP scoring that the SOQ will count towards?	The percentage of the SOQ score used in the combined total score will be provided in the ITP to Shortlisted Proposers. Currently, it is anticipated that the percentage of the SOQ score will account for approximately 35% of the total RFP score.
13	Section 5.2 D.	Addendum No. 1	Section 5.2.D - Please confirm that graphics, photos, and project-specific info related to the I-290 drainage project are not permitted, but graphics, photos, and project info related to the proposer processes, teaming, and reference projects are permitted.	Proposer generated project specific graphics may be included at the Proposer's discretion and will be counted within the relevant page limits stated in this RFQ. Captions for graphics may be Times New Roman 10-point font.
14	Attachment J	N/A	For Section H of Attachment J, we are required to provide a current list of assignments, role, and the anticipated duration of each assignment for Key Personnel required to be "on-site fulltime for the duration of construction." Please confirm the Key Personnel positions that are required to be on-site full-time for the duration of construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Project Manager - full time during all phases B. Construction Manager - full time during all phases C. Construction Quality Control Manager - full time during Construction phase D. Environmental Compliance Manager - available as needed during Preconstruction Phase, full time during Construction phase E. Civil Rights Manager - available as needed F. Safety Manager - full time during Construction phase G. Lead Estimator - full time during Preconstruction phase, available during Construction phase H. Tunneling Expert - full time during all phases
15	Attachment J	N/A	Attachment J - Please clarify the anticipated schedule for start and completion of construction activities so that we may provide key personnel with appropriate availability during this timeframe.	It is currently anticipated that the Preconstruction phase will commence in November 2025, the Construction phase will commence in mid 2026, and the Construction phase will be completed at the end of 2028.
16	Section 4.3.6 B	N/A	RFQ Section 4.3.6 B states, "During the Preconstruction Phase, the Construction Manager will lead CMGC's Preconstruction Phase as described in Section 3 .1" in addition to coordinating and overseeing all aspects of construction Work. We recommend modifying the RFQ to have both a Preconstruction Manager and Construction Manager personnel position.	IDOT will require the Construction Manager to participate in both the Preconstruction Phase and the Construction phase.