

Date:	<b>December 31, 2013</b>
Subject:	<b>Questions and Answers Related to Geotechnical Work</b>
Solicitation Number:	<b>3513R08</b>
Opening Date/Time:	<b>No later than 1:00 pm on January 31, 2014</b>
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To All Proposers:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania defines a solicitation “Addendum” as an addition to or amendment of the original terms, conditions, specifications, or instructions of a procurement solicitation (e.g., Invitation for Bids or Request for Proposals), including but not limited to questions and answers, which are considered a material part of the solicitation.

**Please see the following update:**

Addendum 5 publishes and answers questions related to geotechnical work and the project:

1. **Question** – RFQ Section 7.3 – Organizational Conflicts of Interest, paragraph 2, p. 24 states: “Any person or firm undertaking geotechnical survey related services for PennDOT for purposes of the Project may be able to participate in a Proposer team after the date for submission of proposals pursuant to the RFP...” Because waiting for a determination until after the submission of proposals eliminates the possibility of openly pursuing the P3 opportunity for fear of being ruled ineligible after the fact, can eligibility determinations be made now, prior to the submission of RFQ’s?

**Answer** – Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Section 7.3 of the RFQ have been revised to eliminate the need for a no conflict determination for firms involved in providing only geotechnical survey related services to PennDOT for the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project subject to the terms and conditions of Section 7.3 as revised. See RFQ Addendum 3 posted December 23, 2013.

2. **Question** – Pursuant to Question 1, can eligibility determinations be made on a site-specific basis? Site specific determinations would allow a firm to participate in the opportunity provided that site-specific conflicts are stated within the response to the RFQ.

**Answer** – No

3. **Question** – Does the answer to Question 2 change if the firm in question is the Lead Engineer as opposed to being identified in a supporting role within the response to the RFQ.

**Answer** – No

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4. **Question** – Does the determination apply to all future facets of potential work, i.e. final design, design review, and construction inspection?

**Answer** – Consistent with RFQ Section 7.3 as revised by RFQ Addendum 3, posted December 23, 2013, firms involved in providing only geotechnical survey related services to PennDOT for the Rapid Bridge Replacement Project do not need a no conflict determination to participate as a member of a Proposer team in any capacity and for any work subject to the terms and conditions of Section 7.3 as revised.

Except as clarified and amended by this Addendum, the terms, conditions, specifications, and instructions of the solicitation and any previous Addendum(s), remain as originally written.

Regards,



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