



ALAMEDA CORRIDOR ON-CALL ENGINEERING SERVICES

Request for Proposals dated December 28, 2023

Responses to Questions

Issued January 19, 2024

- 1. Attachment 2 Section 2 of the RFP does not list the PM/CM services. Does ACTA have a separate RFP or Contract for on-call PM/CM services?**

PM/CM services are not anticipated to be requested as a service under this contract, however there are no other contracts existing or anticipated for such services.

- 2. It seems like ACTA does not want to pick consultants in INDIVIDUAL services in Attachment 2 Section 2 and would like one or more consultants that can provide ALL services under section 2. Please confirm.**

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

- 3. Does ACTA have a current on-call consultant?**

Yes

- 4. What firm is that?**

The Alameda Corridor Engineering Team (ACET) is the current on-call consultant. ACET is a Joint Venture, made up of the following four partners:

AECOM (formerly DMJM Harris)
Moffatt & Nichol
JGM (Jenkins/Gales & Martinez, Inc.)
TELACU

- 5. How has their (*incumbent's*) responsiveness been?**

ACET have provided 24/7 emergency response as needed.

- 6. How many cycles of on-call consultants have you contracted?**

ACET is the only past provider of the type of services requested by the current engineering on-call RFP.



7. Is there a maximum contract total? Maximum per year? Maximum per CTO?

Initial contract value of up to \$3 million aggregate for selected firms will be recommended to ACTA's Governing Board. CTO value per year or individually will depend on prioritized services that are needed.

8. If the Consultant selects or identifies a sub-contractor based on a Minority-Owned or Women-Owned basis, will they be disqualified under Article 13 of the sample agreement in Attachment A?

No.

9. We provide geotechnical engineering and materials testing services. Could you provide me with information regarding the geotechnical engineering services contract and if/when it might be going out to bid?

Geotechnical engineering and material testing services are not included in the scope of this on-call engineering RFP. No such services are currently required and plans for the future have not been set.

10. Is each RFP response required to address all of these categories listed in Section 2. General Description of Services? In other words, are you expecting a full-service team or should each discipline respond independently?

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

11. Can you please clarify if we can submit proposal only for a particular category such as *Traffic Engineering*?

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

12. How many consultants will be chosen in each category?

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

13. Does the Agency envision that this contract could be used to acquire support staff?

The on-call engineering contract is intended to provide specific services directed by individual CTOs.

14. Are there any CalPERS concerns we should be aware of?

No

15. How many firms/teams is ACTA planning on selecting?

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

16. Is there an incumbent on the contract?

See response to question number 3.



17. If yes, who are the incumbents for this RFP?

See response to question number 4.

18. Please specify the total budget allocated for this contract.

See response to question number 7.

19. What is the duration of the contract?

A contract term of 3 years will be recommended to the Governing Board.

20. What's the tentative award date for this contract?

The tentative award date for this contract is June 2024.

21. Will these positions be fully on-site, fully remote, or will it be a hybrid schedule

The RFP is for on-call engineering services on an as-needed hourly basis. The on-call engineering services will be performed by the consulting firm to accomplish the specific services directed by individual CTOs. The question implies a seconded staff arrangement, which is not intended.

22. Will the positions be part- or full-time?

See response to question number 21.

23. Are escalations to hourly rates allowed?

ACTA will negotiate hourly rates and annual escalation allowance with the selected firm(s).

24. Should rates be all-inclusive?

Yes, Section 3.3.6 of the RFP, Hourly Rates and Pricing states, "Provide a table that indicates for each firm (Prime and subconsultants) their fee schedule calculation including salary, audited overhead rate, profit margin and any other mark-ups." This "fee schedule calculation" shall be all inclusive. The salary item in this fee schedule calculation should address any premiums such as overtime.

25. Do we need to include travel in our rates?

See Attachment 4, the Sample On-Call Engineering Service Agreement under Section 5, Compensation.

26. Will companies (primes and/or subconsultants) who are engaged by the Port of Long Beach for Pier B Railyard design services be considered in conflict with ACTA's selection for the On Call Engineering Services?

The services that may be required under the on-call engineering service agreement will be diverse. Each CTO will be evaluated for conflict of interest before awarding it to a contracted firm (e.g. a firm that designed a project would not be asked to provide a peer review of that project).



27. Are we able to respond to specific scope of services or will we have to respond to all scope of services? For example, only bid on Utility Investigation and Location & CADD/GIS?

See Addendum 1 which was posted on ACTA's website on January 03, 2024.

28. What is the expected value of the awarded contract?

See response to question number 7.

29. Is there an incumbent firm or firms currently performing these services?

See response to question number 3.

30. If so, are they precluded from this work?

ACTA invites the submittal of proposals to provide on-call engineering services from any interested firm.

31. Page 5 of the RFP states, that ACTA may award agreements to one or more firms under the RFP. How many teams do you anticipate selecting?

ACTA will determine the number of teams based on the responses to this RFP and qualifications of proposing teams.

32. Please confirm that the SBE goal for this RFP and all its task orders is zero (0%) percent.

Yes, per section 3.3.8 of the RFP, "The ACTA Governing Board has established a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) participation goal for all ACTA contracts awarded after January 1, 2017, of an aggregate average of 25% by contract value. The minimum required SBE participation level by contract value for the proposed Project shall be 0%." ACTA requests that proposers report the SBE participation on their teams, and the contract will require reporting participation of SBE firms to contribute towards the aggregate goal of 25%.

33. Is there a list of projects you anticipate requesting assistance from this RFP?

The on-call engineering services will be in response to needs related to the Alameda Corridor, its environs and associated facilities. These needs occur frequently and are highly varied. See the RFP Attachment 2-Scope of Services.

34. Please confirm that SBE for this RFP for On-Call Engineering Services is 0%, which is below the ACTA's Governing Board's goal of 25%.

See response to question number 32.

35. Does the letter from the insurance carrier count towards the 20-page limit or is it classified as a contract administrative document?

The letter from the insurance carrier, as required in section 3.3.9 of the RFP, does not count towards the 20-page limit described in section 3.1 of the RFP. The letter is considered a contract administrative document and may be submitted in an Appendix.



36. Please confirm if 11x17 pages are allowed? If they are, will they be counted as 1 or 2 pages towards the page count?

The 20-page limit is equal to 10 double-sided sheets of letter size paper. Proposers who choose to submit a proposal on 11x17 pages are responsible for ensuring that their proposal content does not exceed that limit and it does not require re-formatting by ACTA, if printed.

37. Page 12 Bullet 3 requests for RTS modeling. Will ACTA request for RTC modeling as well?

RTS is a typo. The intended model is Rail Traffic Controller (RTC) by Berkeley Simulation Software, LLC.

38. Page 12 Bullet 14 requests for facility and equipment commissioning. Would ACTA provide more information or examples of what type of facilities would be requested to commission as part of this RFP?

See response to question number 33.

39. Item 14 of the Agreement (page 12 of the agreement, page 27 of the RFP) includes OBE, "Other Business Enterprises," in the paragraph about providing opportunity for Small/Very Small Business Enterprises. Please confirm that OBE on the Affidavit of Company Status is the appropriate box for firms that do not hold any small business certification.

Confirmed

40. What will be the contract duration for the Engineering Services On-Call?

See response to question number 19.

41. Section 3.3.4 asks for a Project Management Plan. Can the ACTA elaborate on this plan? It is difficult to create a full project plan without having conversations with the client to understand all potential requested service, issues, assumptions, etc.

Proposers are to provide a general Project Management Plan based on the Scope of Work and requirements set forth within the RFP, including its attachments and Addendum No 1.

42. Is it acceptable to instead provide a draft project management plan that shows how we normally handle similar projects?

See response to question number 41.