



**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

**ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR UTSA BOULEVARD
(Project No. 40-00445)
(RFQ-CIMS04172013AM)**

May 2, 2013

Amendment #1 includes responses to questions asked at the pre-submittal conference held on Monday, April 29, 2013 and questions received in writing before the deadline for written questions stated in the RFQ. This amendment also includes changes to the RFQ and RFQ solicitation documents.

I. RFQ QUESTIONS & CLARIFICATIONS

1. **Question:** In regards to the RFQ, can a SMWBE firm joint venture with a larger firm and still receive the SBE (10) and MWBE (10) points if the SMWBE participation is 51%?

Response: No. A Joint Venture is not eligible for the SBE or MBE Prime points.

2. **Question:** Does the City intend to conduct a formal Value Engineering study on the design of this project? If so, does the City intend to acquire the Value Engineering Services as a part of the design services contemplated in this RFQ or will they be procured separately? If not, is the City interested in considering a formal Value Engineering study on the design of this project?

Response: The City does not intend to procure Value Engineering Services separately. Value Engineering will be required as part of the design services for this project.

3. **Question:** Is there an estimated design and construction budget for this contract?

Response: The estimated design and construction budget for this project is \$10 Million.

4. **Question:** Is there a maximum page limit for the entire RFQ?

Response: Each section in the Statement of Qualifications has a maximum number of pages required. Kindly adhere to these page limits.

5. **Question:** Is there a maximum page limit for Tab 10 – Project Sheets? Do you have a preference the maximum number of projects listed within this section?

Response: The minimum page limit for project sheets is 3 project sheets with one page for each project. There is no maximum number of project sheets; however, kindly limit to one or two additional project sheets.

6. **Question:** Within the Project Sheet in Tab 10, the RFQ states that the projects must be have been completed within the last 5 years. Do you have a preference whether it is the design completion date or construction completion date?

Response: There is no preference, design completion date or construction completion date may be included on project sheets.

7. **Question:** Is the 30% (SBE) requirement stated in Section V, Item F (page 6) in addition to the 51% listed in item J, part D (page 10)?

Response: It depends. The 30% SBE Subcontracting goal is required of all Respondents. The “51%” refers to those SBE and M/WBE Prime Respondents who earn SBE or M/WBE Prime Contractor evaluation criteria points. In order to earn the SBE or M/WBE Prime Contractor evaluation points, eligible Respondents must commit that at least 51% of the total contract value will be performed between S/M/WBE Prime and S/M/WBE Subconsultant(s). Therefore, the 30% SBE Subcontracting goal may be included to meet the “51%” requirement or it may be in addition to the “51%” requirement.

8. **Question:** Is the city anticipating joint bid utilities and if so which providers have tentatively agreed to joint bid?

Response: At this time, there are no commitments from utility companies to joint bid; however, once design is underway, there may be opportunities to joint bid utilities.

9. **Question:** Page 3 of the RFQ states “The project design shall be in accordance with TxDoT standards.” Does this mean that all TxDOT standards will supersede the COSA DGM standards and criteria for this project?

Response: The City’s DGM process will be followed, but construction specifications must meet TxDOT’s standards.

10. **Question:** Will this project be bid out by COSA or will it be let out to construction by TxDOT?

Response: Construction services for this project will be solicited by the City.

11. **Question:** Will east or west of Edward Ximenez project be a TXDOT or City project?

Response: Intersection will be part of TxDOT’s project. Please refer to the schematic attached to the City’s RFQ website.

12. **Question:** Does this project entail replacing or removing the two existing lanes?

Response: This project entails the reconstruction and widening of the two existing lanes.

13. **Question:** Will the intersection at Babcock Road be part of this project?

Response: Please refer to schematic attached to the City’s RFQ website.

14. **Question:** Is there a minimum % that a prime SBE firm is required to perform?

Response: No; however, Respondents earning SBE Prime Contractor evaluation points must perform a commercially-useful function related to the scope of work identified for the contract.

15. **Question:** If two SBE certified firms within the SAMSA area create a joint venture, will the SBEDA requirement be met and will this qualify to meet the SBEDA goal?

Response: No. A joint venture composed of two certified SBE firms would not be eligible for the SBE or M/WBE Prime Contractor evaluation points. In addition, Prime participation does not count towards the SBE Subcontracting goal.

16. **Question:** How does a respondent know if a solicitation is considered high-profile?

Response: High-profile language is posted on the front page/cover of each solicitation considered to be high-profile.

17. **Question:** Are the following signals on UTSA Blvd, (UTSA Blvd & Ximenes, UTSA Blvd & Barshop Blvd / Roadrunner Way and UTSA Blvd & Babcock Road) to be designed by the CoSA Consultant? UTSA Specifically Ximenes, or is the TxDOT consultant designing that intersection?

Response: Please refer to schematic attached to the City’s RFQ website.

18. Question: What is the allowable font size for responses?

Response: A font size of no less than 10 points is acceptable.

19. Question: To clarify on project sheets, is it one (1) project per project sheet or can you have two (2) projects on one sheet?

Response: As stated on page 7 of the RFQ, under item 2. Project Sheets, Respondent's submittal shall include, at minimum, three (3) project sheet, limit one (1) page for each project.

II. REVISIONS TO THE RFQ & SOLICITATION DOCUMENTS
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1. The Engineering Services Contract template has been revised and the revised template is posted on the City's website with the revision date of May 2, 2013.

END OF AMENDMENT 1

No other items, dates, or deadlines for this RFQ are changed.