RFP #33-10 Fire Tank, Well, Pump...Tactical City Phase II-B Requests for Information / Questions & Answers #1

1. Would you please email me the Pre-Bid sign in sheet?

Emailed Attendance log and Minutes to all Pre-Proposal attendees on 3/3/11. Information will also posted to website on 3/4/11.

2. Would you provide the Tank Manufacturer for the RFP's specifications listed on page 27 & 28?

The tank design was based on standard sizes listed per BH Tank, Inc. (web site www.bhtank.com). the 21' standard diameter (actual diameter 21.539') at 12' height provides just over the required 30,000 gallons. Other tank manufacturers are acceptable as long as they meet the NFPA 22: STANDARD FOR WATER TANKS FOR PRIVATE FIRE PROTECTION, LATEST EDITION; and AWWA D103: BOLTED STEEL TANK FABRICATION AND ERECTION, LATEST EDITION. Other tank manufacturers standard diameters may be slightly different which would require us to make minor modifications to the foundation design (i.e. diameter). The following is a list of manufacturers that appear to provide acceptable bolted steel tanks:

BH Tank, Inc. – Design based on one of their standard tank diameters:

http://www.bhtank.com/bolted.php

Tank Connection: http://fireprotectiontanks.com/

USA Tank Storage Systems: http://www.usatanksales.com/tank data.htm

Columbian TecTank: http://www.columbiantectank.com/app_cat_sub_show.asp?id=17

3. RFP No. 33-10, Section 01100-Scope of Work, Page 26, Item B; states that contractor shall obtain documents and drawings to pull permit from the Hillsborough County Department. The General Permit for the fire suppression system has been issued by the Fire Marshall's Office in phase I (AS05994) - copy was provided during the pre-bid.

Question - Please confirm if the contractor will use the above General Permit to obtain the specialty permit for the storage tank and the underground piping? Is the Sheriff's Office exempt from permit fees or are we supposed to include this fee to our cost proposal.

The permit issued by the Hillsborough County Fire Marshall's Office in phase one included the additional underground piping and Fire Storage Tank for phase two. The documents and drawings were referring to the concrete slab the tank sits on. It will be necessary to pull permits from the Hillsborough County Building Department for this phase of construction as well - slab, electrical, etc. The Sheriff's Office is not exempt from permit fees. The contractor is responsible for determining what permits are required and for payment of any & all permit fees.

4. Is it acceptable to submit the proposal as a PRIME as well as a SUB-CONTRACTOR to another PRIME for this opportunity.

Yes, it is acceptable if another eligible Proposer wishes to solicit a quote from you to act as a sub-contractor on some portion of the Work. Award will be made solely to one Licensed Contractor who will be 100% responsible for all phases of the Work.

5. Would tank designs other than the specified bolted steel be considered?

There are no objections to variations on tank design if it remains steel and if soil pressure limits are met (less than 1000 lbs per sq ft). For instance, a welded steel tank design is acceptable in lieu of the specified bolted steel design.

However, any deviations from the specifications must be so noted in the Proposal Response under Exceptions (Part D, Item 1) and any design changes must be accompanied by detailed specifications which will be reviewed by our Engineer prior to committee evaluation of the Proposals.