

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS TO CONNECTICUT STATE PIER – NEW LONDON, CT

CONNECTICUT PORT AUTHORITY REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) Construction Manager At-Risk (CMR) Addendum No. 01

The Connecticut Port Authority (“Authority”), through the issuance of a Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”), is seeking to retain a professional Construction Management At-Risk (CMR) firm for Infrastructure Improvements at the New London State Pier facility.

Respondents may obtain the RFQ, which is available in electronic format, from the Connecticut State Contracting Portal, administered by the Department of Administrative Services, at the following address:

https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/Default.aspx

The due date for responses to the CMR – RFQ, otherwise known as Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), has been extended from Tuesday, August 11, 2020 to Wednesday, August 12, 2020. Accordingly, responses to this CMR-RFQ will be received by the Authority until 4:00 pm (ET) on or before August 12, 2020.

Answers to questions submitted in compliance with the RFQ are shown on the attached two pages.

Responses are to be in accordance with the requirements of the RFQ, which include electronic format via e-mail. **Any responses received after the time prescribed above or at any other location will be considered non-responsive; therefore disqualified from further consideration.**

The Authority reserves the right to reject any, all or any part of a response to the RFQ.

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Connecticut Port Authority		
Infrastructure Improvements to Connecticut State Pier - New London, CT		
Request for Qualifications for Construction Management at Risk Services		
RFQ No. CPA0020-0030		
Respondent Questions		
No.	Question	Response
1	Do you anticipate extending the bid date?	No.
2	What additional details are you willing to provide, if any, beyond what is stated in bid documents concerning how you will identify the winning bid?	Refer to RFQ Section 4, Selection Process, for determination of a short-list for receipt of the Request For Proposal (RFP). The RFP will detail the selection process for 'identifying the winning bid'.
3	Was this bid posted to the nationwide free bid notification website at www.mygovwatch.com/free ?	No.
4	Other than your own website, where was this bid posted?	The RFQ was posted to Connecticut State Contracting Portal, which is administered by the Department of Administrative Services, at the following address: https://biznet.ct.gov/SCP_Search/Default.aspx
5	Can you tell me who the Project Managers from DAS will be working on this project?	No.
6	Can you elaborate on how the CMR would potentially participate in the "competitive trade contractor bidding process" for items of work proposed to be self-performed?	Refer to RFQ Section 1.02 and 3.01 for the introduction of a transparent, best-value selection process for award of the CMR contract and subsequent Trade Contractor works. Following submission and assessment of the SOQs and subsequent selection and contract award consistent with the Request For Proposal (RFP) process, the CMR will have the opportunity to self-perform certain works consistent with Respondent responses submitted in compliance with SOQ and RFP requirements. Consistent with RFQ Section 2.02, Trade Contractor Selection and Procurement Services, Trade Contractor works will be procured through a competitive bid that will be implemented by the selected CMR, on behalf of the Client and in coordination with the EOR and CA. The Trade Contractor procurement will be further detailed in the RFP but will be structured to be consistent with a transparent, best value selection process.
7	Can you confirm that self-performance by the CMR of significant elements of the anticipated work scope, such as dredging, pile driving, seabed preparation & fill placement and/or installation of stone columns is permitted?	See response to Question 6.
8	Please confirm that there is no limit (i.e. % of total anticipated contract value or any other method) to the amount of work that could be potentially self-performed by the CMR?	See response to Question 6. Furthermore, compliance is required with RFQ Section 3.10, Small /Minority Business Enterprise Requirements.
9	Can you provide the appropriate DAS Classifications for the various anticipated Trade Contractor Scopes of Work? We have reviewed the DAS Classifications List available online (https://authoring.ct.gov/DAS/Procurement/PreQual/DAS-Contractor-Classification-List) and have been unable to identify appropriate classifications for major/significant work scopes such as dredging, marine pile driving, seabed preparations & fill, installation of stone columns, ground improvements, etc.	Clarification of classification requirements will be provided in the Request For Proposal (RFP). For purposes of the RFQ, the Client plans to modify DAS Group C and/or other Classifications in a manner consistent with existing ConnDOT classification groups. Prospective ConnDOT Classifications include the following: Group No. 1, 2, 12, 24, and 25C.
10	If the CMR intends on self-performance of specific elements of the work, do they need to hold the appropriate DAS Classification for the specific trade work in addition to the CMR Group C Classification?	See response to Question 9. Clarification of classification requirements will be provided in the Request For Proposal (RFP). For Respondent planning and team organization purposes associated with this RFQ, Respondent will need to hold the appropriate DAS classification(s) for the specific trade work that it may self-perform.
11	Please clarify relationship between a Respondent and a Principal Participant and how it is possible for more than one Principal Participant as a Respondent taking into consideration that Principle Participant shall be an individual firm and that Joint Ventures are not allowed.	Refer to RFQ Section 3.04 The Respondent. For clarity, the first sentence of this section is changed to: "A Respondent to this RFQ must be controlled or managed by the Principal Participant and duly licensed or willing to become duly licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut prior to execution of the CMR contract".
12	Can a Respondent utilize subcontractor experience (specifically - previous project experience) to enhance their SOQ beyond just naming them as a potential subcontractor; understanding that nothing included in the SOQ shall be construed as creating a contractual relationship between subcontractor, CMR, and the Authority?	The Respondent is directed to RFQ Section 3.03, CMR Qualifications and Submission Requirements, specifically compliance with Item 3 Key Staff & Team Organization including to what extent the CMR Team will use external and/or internal sources to meet the specific needs of the Project.

13	<p>Item 3.10 (page 22 of RFQ) states "...CMR is required to set-aside at least 25% of the total value of the Construction or a portion of Subcontracts to be awarded to small contractors, on the basis of competitive bidding procedures."</p> <p>Can you provide clarity to the statement above regarding the 25% of total value of construction or a portion of the Subcontracts? Taking into consideration a CMR that may potentially be self-performing a significant portion of the contract, this could have a significant impact on the amount of \$\$\$ available to SBE/MBE subcontractors/suppliers on the Project.</p>	<p>See response to Question 6 and Question 8. Consistent with RFQ Section 3.10, Small /Minority Business Enterprise Requirements, the CMR is required to set aside at least 25% of the total value of the Construction, which as noted in RFQ Section 1.02, Key Elements and Background, is estimated at \$130,000,000. For clarity and compliance with Section 3.03 CMR Qualifications and Submission Requirements, 25% of the estimated construction value (\$130,000,000) means that the CMR shall be responsible for complying with a SBE/MBE project goal that designates at least \$32,500,000 of CMR plus trade contractor activities are performed by SBE/MBE firms as defined in Section 3.10 and the Connecticut General Statutes.</p>
14	<p>The CPA declares it has determined "it is in the public's interest to require a Project Labor Agreement for this Project." I respectfully request that the Authority send to me any and all documentation, studies, research or otherwise relevant information that assisted the Authority in reaching such conclusion.</p>	<p>In making the determination as to whether a PLA is in the public's interest for this project, Section 31-56b(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes provides that the public entity may consider the effects that a PLA will have on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The efficiency, cost, and direct and indirect economic benefits to the public entity. 2. The availability of a skilled workforce to complete the public works project. 3. The prevention of construction delays. 4. The safety and quality of the public works project. 5. The advancement of minority and women-owned businesses. 6. Employment opportunities for the community. <p>Consistent with RFQ Appendix C, Harbor Development Agreement, time is of the essence for the State Pier New London (SPNL) Project; therefore compliance with completion of the project consistent with the established Project Delivery and Work Schedule (PDWS) is a key objective to achieving project success. The SPNL Project comprises a complicated set of in-water and on-land construction activities. First, a PLA provides a uniform labor contract expiration date so the SPNL Project is not affected by the expiration of various, local union agreements. Second, guarantees are provided for no-strikes and no-lockouts for the duration of the project. Third, a PLA provides alternative dispute resolution procedures for a range of issues. Fourth, a PLA assures that contractors get immediate access to a pool of well-trained and highly skilled workers.</p>
15	<p>When the improvements to the State Pier come out publicly for bidding, will they be advertised on the Port Authority website?</p>	<p>Details will be provided in the Request For Proposals (RFP).</p>
16	<p>Are there preliminary design plans associated with the documents? I have not been able to locate these.</p>	<p>Refer to the RFQ Appendix E.</p>
17	<p>If a Respondent is selected as the CMR, can a Respondent affiliate submit and be awarded a future bid package associated with this Project?</p>	<p>See response to Question 6. Furthermore, each instance will be based on a case-by-case assessment of the details provided by the Respondent that clearly indicates compliance with Section 3.04, specifically how each Principal Participant of the CMR and Trade Contractors are independently controlled or managed.</p>
18	<p>Section 3.03, paragraph 10 states, "As Noted in Appendices, Form 1 thru 8 are provided for your information only. Completed Affidavits and Certifications, as detailed in Section 3.08.05, and listed in Appendix G, are required at RFP time." However, the note following this paragraph states, "Failure to properly complete, sign, date, and include each of the required Affidavits and Certifications within the SOQ may result in the firm's submittal being deemed deficient and the firm may not be allowed to proceed to the Short List." Please note that there are 9 forms listed, not 8. Also please clarify if these forms are to be turned in as part of the SOQ or RFP?</p>	<p>RFQ Section 3.03, CMR Qualifications and Submission Requirements, Item 10 remains as written wherein it notes the various forms are included in the RFQ for information only. Submission of the forms shall be required as part of the RFP process. NOTE: Item 10 has been removed in its entirety from the RFQ requirements.</p>
19	<p>Does the Authority intend to publish the short-list of those prequalified for the CMR services?</p>	<p>No. Following SOQ submission and assessment, the short-list is intended to be announced during the appropriate CPA Board Meeting.</p>
20	<p>If the proposer is not selected as the CMR, will the proposer be precluded from the Trade Contractor competitive bid process?</p>	<p>No.</p>
21	<p>Will you be scheduling a site visit prior to the RFQ submission or will that occur after the RFP is issued?</p>	<p>Yes, a site visit has been scheduled for August 7, 2020 at 11.00 hours (ET), which is prior to the RFQ submission.</p>
22	<p>Section 3.03, paragraph 8 requires a copy of the company's latest EEO-4 report. The EEO-4 report is a requirement to be completed by State and Local Governments. It is not a requirement of private companies to keep this report. Please confirm that the company should submit the EEO-1 report.</p>	<p>RFQ Section 3.03, Item 8 is revised as follows: The SOQ shall include a copy of the company's latest EEO-1 (Employer Information Report EEO-1) report as well as a copy of the Respondent's Equal Employment Policy Statement. Attach EEO-1 / Equal Employment Policy Statement as Exhibit 6.</p>