

Q's & A's

Question 1: What is the DBE goal for this RFQ?

Answer 1: Tentatively the goal is 15%.

Question 2: If a prime is SBE/DBE, does the Prime needs to include SBE/DBE subconsultant to meet the DBE requirements?

Answer 2: This contract would only require to have a DBE since it is federally funded contract. If the prime consultant share of the Contract is 15% or more then that prime met the DBE goal.

Question 3: Who is a holder of prior Materials Testing Contract in District 7?

Answer 3: Alta Vista Solutions

Question 4: The five client references for section F, are those to be mailed by our client or to be included with SOQ?

Answer 4: It needs to be included in the SOQ.

Question 5: Will the selection be held at District 7

Answer 5: Most likely, yes.

Question 6: Is each Caltrans district considered one agency or we can only list one reference for Caltrans?

Answer 6: You are required to submit reference and verification forms for the five example projects. The reference and verification forms need to be per project not per client.

Question 7: Who would write the references in CT, is it going to be the Senior Engineer or Contract Manager?

Answer 7: For now we are asking you to send it directly to the Contract Manager whom you worked with and the CM will route it to the right person, as long as your fill out the top part of a reference and verification form. For example, if you worked for District 8, you would forward to CM in District 8.

Question 8: Does Caltrans accept DBE Joint Ventures on this project?

Answer 8: Yes

Question 9: What are the requirements regarding DBE Joint Ventures?

Answer 9: If there are requirements, these requirements will be stated in the “Statement of Qualifications Submittal Instructions and General Contract Process Information.”

Question 10: If Caltrans has been Client before would they be allowed to provide references?

Answer 10: Yes.

Question 11: Please explain the lab requirements from ACI. Does the ACI usually come and they certify you for concrete? Would that be the certification that you’re looking for in terms of ACI?

Answer 11: We’re just looking for a grade one technician for the field. The lab doesn’t have to be ACI certified. It’s the technician who has to be certified and it’s a 5 year certification (the card from ACI). ACI is an American Concrete Institute. Please check ACI website for Concrete Field Technician requirements, ACISOCAL.ORG. They also have another website, concrete.org, but the ACISOCAL.ORG is for Southern California. The contact for Southern California region with ACI is Heather Caya, at 877-562-2241.