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ADDENDUM NUMBER 3-DIVERSITY AND SET ASIDE

Questions and Answers

Request for Qualifications
New Jersey Wind Port
Construction Management At Risk Services
RERFQ-0000047

Question #1a

Our firm is a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) certified by the Port Authority of NY & NJ's Diversity and Inclusion Office and SBA's Small Business Program. With this understanding, does our firm qualify under any of the NJEA (sic) small business categories for the subject NJ Wind Port contracting opportunity?

Question #1b

We are a NJ registered MBE firm with strong experience in Infrastructure and similar projects as the Wind Port. Is there a resource to determine interested CM firms?

Answer #1a and b

The selected Construction Manager will be responsible for assembling the teams who will be working on the port. The short list of firms selected to receive the subsequent Request for Proposals will be posted on EDA's website.

This contract has the following goals:

1. Small Business Enterprise (SBE) goals of up to fifteen percent (15%) of the total construction value as explained in Section E of Exhibit F.
2. Disabled Veterans' Business goal of at least three percent (3%) of the total construction value as explained in the last paragraph of Section E of Exhibit F.
3. Minority, Woman, and Veteran Business Enterprise (MWVBE) goal of fifteen percent (15%) of the total construction value to subcontractors, equipment lessors and/or material suppliers that qualify as minority, women, and veteran owned firms.

To be counted toward any of the above goals, the entity must have a valid, current Certificate from the State of New Jersey, Division of Revenue, Uniform Certification Service. Firms can apply for the Certificate at <https://www.njportal.com/DOR/SBERegistry/>, and, upon approval by the State, they will be added in the appropriate category with the New Jersey Selective

Assistance Vendor Information website.

https://www20.state.nj.us/TYTR_SAVI/vendorSearch.jsp

Question #2

To whom would be (sic) speak to in order for NJEA (sic) to recognize SBE's in future NJDEA (sic) procurement opportunities?

Answer #2

Please see Answer #1 regarding obtaining an SBE certification.

NJEDA posts its public bidding opportunities to its website as well as the New Jersey State Portal. Qualified firms are encouraged to submit proposals in response to any posted solicitations. Firms wishing to do business with NJEDA should monitor the Bidding Opportunities section of the NJEDA website.

NJEDA also uses the State of New Jersey's vendor eProcurement Portal Database (NJSTART) to help identify potential vendors. When seeking potential bidders for various procurements, the NJEDA refers to NJSTART to help identify registered businesses for designated goods and services.

Firms are encouraged to register with NJSTART at www.njstart.gov

Question #3

Is RFQ (Section F) intended to supersede Exhibit F-1 thru F14 (Section E) for Diversity and Inclusion? The latter seems to be in conflict with the former.

Answer #3

The compliance exhibit sets forth various requirements in New Jersey law, including, but not limited to, SBE and Disabled Veterans' Business goals. In addition, this Project includes a goal of awarding fifteen percent (15%) of the total construction value to subcontractors, equipment lessors and/or material suppliers that qualify as MWVBES. Please also see Answer #1.

Question #4

I see that you have only requested for SBE and DBE participation in this proposal. My firm is an NJ based MBE and assume that if we participate we will need to take a larger position on the team. This is something that we can do since we have over 200 NJ based design and CI engineers.

Answer #4

The statement that only SBE and DBE participation is requested is inaccurate. Please see Answer #1 regarding the SBE, Disabled Veterans' Business, and MWVBE goals.