



Finance Department
Purchasing Division

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
Specification No. 17-11150-C
FOR
CENTER STREET PLAZA/SHARED STREET PROJECT
PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE OPENED AND READ PUBLICLY

ADDENDUM "B"
7/13/2017

Dear Proposer:

Questions received from proposers along with answers are attached.

Responses must be received no later than 2:00 pm, on Thursday, July 27, 2017. All responses must be in a sealed envelope and have "**CENTER STREET PLAZA/SHARED STREET PROJECT**" and **Specification No. 17-11150-C** clearly marked on the **outer most mailing envelope**.

Mail or Hand Deliver To:
City of Berkeley
Finance Department/General Services Division
2180 Milvia Street, 3rd Floor
Berkeley, CA 94704

Responses will not be accepted after the date and time stated above. Incomplete responses that do not conform to the requirements specified herein will not be considered.

Thank you for your interest in working with the City of Berkeley for this service. We look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

Shari Hamilton
General Services Manager

Addendum “B”

Questions and Answers for Specification No. 17-11150-C CENTER STREET PLAZA/SHARED STREET PROJECT

The City of Berkeley has received questions from some potential respondents regarding **Specification No. 17-11150-C, CENTER STREET PLAZA/SHARED STREET PROJECT**. In an effort to provide the same information to all, listed below are the questions received to date, with responses from City staff.

1. **Question:** Of the key disciplines you identify in Section I of the RFQ (urban design, landscape architecture, civil engineering, transportation engineering), do you have a preference for which discipline should best be prime consultant and hold the contract?

Answer: No, provided the prime consultant has experience managing other key disciplines and leading multi-firm teams on similar projects.

2. **Question:** Can you provide information on the construction schedule for the hotel project?

Answer: The hotel construction schedule is still being developed and will be provided to the selected consultant as soon as possible. The hotel development team currently anticipates construction will begin in early 2018 and finish in late 2019 (earlier than stated in the RFQ); street-level work is anticipated to be completed in Summer 2019. The RFQ has been revised to note the earlier completion date (see Addendum A). Proposed design schedules in consultants' RFQ responses should continue to adhere to the dates in Section IV.

3. **Question:** For the requested Submission Requirement J: Fee Schedule, are we correct in understanding that what you seek here is the hourly billing rate of the members of our team? Is any other fee information required at this stage?

Answer: Only the hourly billing rates of proposed team members are required at this time.

4. **Question:** Page 2 of the RFQ states “City intends to contract with one firm or group of firms”. What does a “group of firms” mean? Are you implying something other than a prime and subconsultant arrangement?

Answer: If the City selects a team or group of firms, we would contract only with a single prime consultant, who would subcontract with the other firms.

5. **Question:** The Scope of Services includes conducting a geotechnical investigation and a topographic survey. Will the city hire a separate geotechnical consultant and surveyor or should those be included within the team?

Answer: *The City will not contract separately for these services; they must be provided by the Project consultant or team.*

6. **Question:** Are there any MBE/WBE/DBE requirements on this project?

Answer: *No. However, to assist the City in implementing its non-discrimination policy, respondents must submit a completed Non-Discrimination/Workforce Composition Form for itself and any sub-consultants identified in the proposal response. See RFP Section IX.A and Attachment B.*

7. **Question:** Can the City clarify the limit of work? Are the intersections of Shattuck and Oxford included?

Answer: *At minimum, the Project scope will include evaluation of a potential tabletop intersection at Oxford/Center during conceptual design, and coordination of the Project plans with improvements to the Shattuck/Center intersection that are included in the Shattuck Reconfiguration Project (click [here](#) for 100% plans). For the Oxford/Center intersection, a decision would be made at 35% design as to the scope of improvements.*

8. **Question:** The RFQ states that the Consultant will provide necessary technical support to the City for the preparation of an addendum to the DAP EIR. Noted as potential items for support are traffic impact analysis, preliminary construction traffic control/phasing plans, or other documents deemed necessary. What, if any, other issues or conditions does the City believe may require environmental review support beyond transportation related issues?

Answer: *At this stage we anticipate transportation to be the only potential topic for environmental review analysis or support. Other topics, if needed, would be handled as an additional service.*

9. **Question:** We are unable to verify a defined border/entity to the Provinces of Ado, Kham, and U-Tsang as currently identified in Resolution No. 59,853-N.S. Does having work in Qinghai, Sichuan, or Yunnan Provinces of China disqualify us from working with the City of Berkeley?

Answer: *No, it does not. However, the City of Berkeley reserves the right to review and assess the contents of any disclosures made by proposers and make a determination of non-eligibility for award based thereon.*