

## Questions from potential RFQ candidates, Friday, June 18, 2010

- Is this a contract for a negotiator or a design firm and do we need a negotiator/facilitator on our team to be considered? Can a firm submit their qualifications without a team member that “must be listed on the “U.S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution, National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals or other acceptable qualifying list.”(NGC RFQ)

The NGC Request for Qualifications (RFQ) states a preference for a person or organization with negotiation and facilitation skills as defined by the U.S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution, National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals or other acceptable qualifying list.

A team will not be disqualified if they do not have a person/organization listed on the U.S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution, National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals or other acceptable qualifying list. The intent of the RFQ is that a person/team should be able to demonstrate in their RFQ submittal that they have the skills set similar to the one outlined in the U.S. Institute of Environmental Conflict Resolution, National Roster of Environmental Dispute Resolution and Consensus Building Professionals or other acceptable qualifying list.

- What will be the role for technical planning and design for a firm? Is there a role for a planner/landscape architect that would provide critical analysis and assessment of existing conditions, develop and communicate approaches using geographic information systems and graphics?

As noted in the RFQ, we are asking firms and individuals to submit their qualifications and a brief description of their experience at this time. The individual or firm that we hire will be initially tasked with writing a detailed work plan which will be agreed upon by all the partners.

The end product, a master plan, will be a list of integrated projects to the Natural Resource Damage Trustees, and will involve the work of a mix of professionals from different disciplines. We anticipate that the final master plan will describe each project, detail the compatibility of the project with the consent decree and compliance with natural resource damage criteria, and describe funding sources in addition to the funds available under the consent decree that may be needed to undertake the project.

- Is there a role for an ecologist to identify wetland and habitat areas and prioritize them in terms of their environmental value?

To the extent that an ecologist can assist the NGC in determining compatibility of a project with NRD regulations and requirements, then such an expertise may be

appropriate. Whether to include an ecologist in the RFQ is a decision for each responder to make.

- Are you anticipating that individual firms (instead of teams) might submit their qualifications for one aspect of the work, and then look to team upon development of a more detailed RFP?

Individual and firms may, of course, submit qualifications, however we anticipate receiving qualifications from teams also and such submittals may have an advantage. Nonetheless, it is possible that no team shows all the qualifications needed and the NGC reserves the right to request “teams” to “partner” with others who submit RFQs.

- Can you tell me who was invited to submit?

The RFQ was listed in The Daily Journal, the CIP Information Service, and on the SCRGP web site. In addition, it was directly mailed to approximately ten firms or individuals of whom the NGC was aware might have the requisite qualifications.

- The RFQ states that you are looking for an experienced neutral assessment, negotiation, and facilitation team, and that the results of services will be to develop a master plan of projects and design steps for implementation. We’ve also observed on Denver’s website that the project’s goal will be to improve the regional trails that connect these jurisdictions and recreational areas within them. Will the result of the facilitation effort be an evaluation and master plan of projects for the NGC partners? Or is the extent of the effort to incorporate planning efforts to understand the regional trails, routing, connections and greenway planning concepts to unify these corridors and develop a planning document?

At this time, the NGC anticipates that the facilitation will ultimately result in an integrated master plan of projects that will be submitted to the State’s Natural Resource Damage Trustees and to other likely funding sources, such as Great Outdoors Colorado. The goal is to use the NRD monies available through the consent decree as “seed” monies upon which to leverage additional funds for elements of a project which are not fundable through the NRD monies.

For example, the NRD monies may be used for restoration of natural resources, such as wetlands, while the same project might have a trail element (Note: the NRD monies cannot be used for trails) which could be separately funded through the state trails committee or perhaps GOCO’s local government quadrant. In this manner, the NGC seeks to create an integrated master plan which will result in substantial funds for projects in addition to the NRD monies set forth in the consent decree.

Because the NGC partners have been working together for several years, there is an initial set of projects that might serve as the foundation for the final integrated master plan.

- Is there a budget in mind for the intended scope? Again an excerpt from Denver's Public Amenities Committee regarding the NGC project states that NGC is expecting planning efforts to be \$300,000 in fees for this study.

The initial contract will include a budget that is limited to the money the NGC has raised to date. The NGC continues to identify and seek potential funding sources. The NGC will start the project plan and design with the initial money that we have raised.

- On the administrative side of questions for the RFQ, you have listed that the proposal shall be limited to 5 pages. Does the cover sheet and cover letter to be considered part of these 5 pages? Will you allow a larger appendix for additional descriptions of projects, companies and professional resumes?

You may submit a cover sheet and cover letter of one page each and five additional pages, if you wish. Please select only the most applicable projects and professional resumes to our RFQ to submit at this time. You may refer to web sites that have additional information if you wish.

The NGC will accept and answer any questions submitted by Noon on Tuesday, June 22. After Noon, the NGC will not be able to answer questions on the RFQ that was issued on Thursday, June 17, 2010. Thank you.