

CITY OF CONCORD



Union Streetscape Project

Request for Qualifications #2423

Planning & Neighborhood Development

1/7/2020

ADDENDUM #2

1. Can a firm submit as a prime and be a sub-consultant to another firm?
Yes, a firm can submit as a prime and be a sub-consultant to another firm.
2. Is there any DBE/MBE/WBE or other minority participation goal for this project?
No, we do not have an DBE/MBE/WBE or other minority participation goals for the project.
3. Do you have an existing survey and will you need supplemental survey?
The City of Concord has an existing survey that was completed this past Spring.
4. The conceptual design calls out saw-cut concrete with brick accents. Is this design what we are to start with, or should design development look at options within this framework? For instance, we would normally specify tooled concrete joints rather than saw-cut joints, because they look better and are less likely to deteriorate over time. Also, is the “window pane” pattern shown in the conceptual plans the final design, or do you wish to explore other options within the overall concept?
The conceptual design's purpose is to act as a starting point and changes are expected to occur during Design Development. Part of the reason for selecting poured concrete with brick accent pavers as opposed to all pavers is for Buildings & Grounds maintenance. Our preference is saw-cut concrete joints vs tooled. As for the pattern other options can be explored.
5. Is there a specific manufacturer specified for the high-tech lights referred to in the RFQ?
The City has already met with an is interested in using Intellistreets for the smart poles.
6. Has the plaza next to the Cabarrus Arts Council building been designed as shown on the plan provided with the RFQ, including the closing of Means Street?
The plaza next to the Cabarrus Arts Council is currently in design. What's shown in the plan is the most recent iteration we've seen. The closing of Means Avenue has been approved and will go into effect in Spring 2020 when the Courthouse Expansion project starts. Timeline for completion of the Plaza is TBD and it will be important for us to work with the Means Plaza designers and the county to make sure the streetscape project compliments the plaza design and vice versa.
7. On Barbrick Street, what is the extent of the proposed changes? If the street is repaved, do you anticipate new curbs? Grading? What about infrastructure in the street: will any of this (if present) be updated/replaced?
The extent of the work on Barbrick is to mill and resurfaced prior to the restriping for reverse angle parking. We do not anticipate new curbs or grading work as the existing utilities will remain.

- 8.** Are soil cells an absolute requirement? Another less expensive but equally successful option might be structural soil.
Soil cells are the preference of our Buildings & Grounds Department and City Arborist. I wouldn't consider them an absolute requirement as it will come down to the budget but they are strongly preferred to structural soil by staff.
- 9.** Do we need a surveyor or is the City providing?
See Response to question #3.
- 10.** Are the (24) smart light poles to be City provided or is it anticipated they will be leased through the utility provider?
The smart light poles will be purchased and owned by the City.
- 11.** Who is the electric utility provider?
The City of Concord provides electricity and plans to include a meter for the light poles which an electrical contractor can connect to.
- 12.** The Master Plan illustrates two options for Union Street that could be considered permutations of the "22 foot sidewalk" approved plan option that was included in the RFQ: Park One, and Shared Street. Would either of these options (or variations part/whole of these two options) be considered as a part of the approved approach?
The City of Concord took the three options in the Master Plan to the public in the form of a demonstration and survey this past summer. We did extensive work narrowing the three options down to one and getting approval from City Council. The 22 foot sidewalk option has been selected by the public and approved by Council. Neither of the Park One or Shared Street options will be considered as the approved approach, however, some alterations to the 22 foot sidewalk concept plan as shown in Attachment I are expected during full design.
- 13.** Do you anticipate the scope to include bid assistance and construction management?
We do not anticipate the scope to include bid assistance and construction management.

END OF ADDENDUM #2