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To: All Prospective Bidders:  
Date: August 4, 2009

**ADDENDUM #1**

**REQUEST FOR DESIGN QUALIFICATIONS  
ENGINEERING SERVICES  
STORM WATER ANALYSIS AND RETROFIT BMP PLANNING  
BEAUFORT COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA  
RFQ #3918/100814**

The following questions will amend, modify, and/or clarify the request for design qualifications described above and are hereby part of the same.

Question 1): Does the County intend to hold a pre-solicitation (pre-bid) meeting?

A 1): County is not planning to hold a pre-solicitation meeting for this RFQ.

Question 2): Part III, Section 9.0. This section requires the submission of performance and payment bonds within ten days of the acceptance of the RFQ. Not only are performance and payment bonds atypical for engineering services, this RFQ appears to be for qualifications only – no bid price. Would the County kindly confirm that it will require performance and payment bonds, and if so, provide some further guidance regarding contract price negotiations and cost of bonds?

A 2): Beaufort County will not require any performance and payment bond for this specific RFQ. We will remove Performance and payment bonding requirements from our RFQ.

Question 3): Part III, Section 13.0. This section requires the engineer to assume potential liability well beyond professional negligence or malpractice and is uninsurable to this extent. Will the County consider alternative indemnity language that is more consistent with engineering services?

A 3): No, the requirement language will stay the same.

Question 4): Part II, Evaluation Factors/Interviews. The second evaluation criterion listed in the table states, "...comparable work with an emphasis on the design of new public libraries and LEED certified facilities." Would it be possible to clarify how experience relevant to the design of public libraries and LEED certified facilities would be relevant to the scope of work described in this RFQ?

A 4): Part II, the second evaluation criterion listed in the table shall be: *Recent experience within the last five (5) years, comparable to the proposed project. This should include examples of comparable work with an emphasis on the storm water analysis and retrofit BMP planning.*

Question 5): Will the County be able to provide us with a copy of the 2006 Stormwater Master Plan which is referenced within the RFQ?

A 5): Yes, Beaufort County can provide the Master Plans to any interested firm. This document can also be found on the Beaufort County web page.

Question 6): Regarding Section 5.2 and 7.0 of Submission Requirements, is the County requesting a timeline for the firm's response in both Sections, or is Section 7.0 requesting a theoretical timeline for an individual retrofit design and development?

A): Section 5.2 requires the interested firm to provide their current and projected work loads which are already scheduled for the firm to be completed, so the County can make sure that the firm would be able to handle the additional workload from this RFQ.

Section 7.0 requires a suggested timeline for all the work included in this RFQ.

Question 7): Has the County made a decision on the weights that will be assigned to each of the five evaluation and selection criteria listed in Part II of the RFQ? If so, does the County plan to release that information to the bidders prior to the opening date of the submittal?

A): The County normally won't share the weights that would be assigned to each of the five evaluations and selection criteria as listed in Part II of the RFQ to the firms.

Should you have any questions regarding this, please call the Beaufort County Engineering Division at (843) 470-2625. As always, we appreciate your interest in doing business with Beaufort County.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Klink". The signature is stylized and includes a flourish at the end.

Robert E. Klink, P.E.  
County Engineer

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