

Response to Questions/Requests for Clarification

RFQ No. 01-008-24-0003: Leeland Road (SR-626) Bridge Reconstruction

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	RFQ Section No., RFQ Form, RFQ Exhibit	Question/Request for Clarification	VPRA Response
1.	Section 2.16	Will Respondents with VDOT Highway Contractor Prequalified-Probationary status be considered to possess an appropriate prequalification level? If not, is a waiver request permissible and what is the process for that since contact with VDOT is not permitted in accordance with Section 2.8 Rules of Contact.	No. The Project exceeds the contract value that firms approved by VDOT as Prequalified-Probationary are authorized to perform. See https://www.vdot.virginia.gov/media/vdotvirginiagov/doing-business/business-opportunities/highway-contractors/Prequal_Probationary_acc072122.pdf?bcs-agent-scanner=3d0a1638-67d0-5a46-9b69-bc70ba76c187 . Respondents may pursue a project-specific waiver request directly with VDOT but must copy VPRA's POC on all such communications with VDOT and refrain from soliciting non-public Project information from VDOT representatives. Respondents must be prequalified at the appropriate prequalification level under VDOT's Highway Contractor Prequalification Program at time of SOQ submittal. An SOQ which notes that a prequalification waiver request remains pending or has been denied, will receive a "Fail" on this Pass/Fail criteria.
2.	Section 2.17	This item states "Perform Quality Control and Quality Assurance (through the IDQM)." Typically, Quality Control would fall under the direction of the Quality Manager with Design Quality Assurance being under the direction of the IDQM. Please confirm that is the structure that VPRA desires for this project	Yes, the parenthetical reference to IDQM is intended to qualify the Quality Assurance functions only.

3.	Section 2.6(f)	This item references "commitments made to AHJs." Can the VPRA provide the details on these referenced commitments?	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.
4.	Section 6.5.1	Must the Quality Manager be a direct employee of the Design-Builder, or may they be a subcontractor or consultant to the Design-Builder? If permissible to be a subcontractor or consultant, will this be scored better, worse, or the same as if employed directly by the Design-Builder?	The Quality Manager must be directly employed by the Design-Builder.
5.	Section 6.5.1	Must the Safety Manager be a direct employee of the Design-Builder, or may they be a subcontractor or consultant to the Design-Builder? If permissible to be a subcontractor or consultant, will this be scored better, worse, or the same as if employed directly by the Design-Builder?	The Safety Manager does not need to be directly employed by the Design-Builder and, therefore, may be a subcontractor or consultant to Design-Builder. Scoring is strictly based on the qualifications of the Safety Manager designated by the Respondent.
6.	Section 6.5.1 – Key Personnel	In review of the Leeland Road Bridge Reconstruction, the table in Section 6.5.1 Key Personnel states the following: 100% until final IFC by VPRA of last set of plans; thereafter as needed to resolve design matters. Given the size and scope of the design effort for this project, does VPRA expect the design Key Personnel to spend 100% of their time on the project for the entire duration of the project or is VPRA looking for commitment that key personnel will fill 100% of the effort for the position proportionate to the overall level of effort?	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.
7.	Section 6.5.1	The years of experience seem excessive for a project of this size and complexity. We request that they be reduced to a maximum of 10-12 years for any one position.	As noted in the RFQ, the years of experience for each Key Personnel is a preferred qualification (i.e., not a requirement). Respondents are free to propose Key Personnel who have lesser years of experience.
8.	Section 6.5.1	The Quality Manager position states that they "must work for the Design-Builder..." Does this mean they must be an employee of the design builder or that they can be a consultant directly contracted with the Design Builder similar to the Independent Design Quality Manager? Due to the licensure requirements of this position, we request that a consultant be allowed to fill this role.	See response to Question No. 4.

9.	Section 6.5.1	The time commitment for the majority of positions is listed at 100%. Please confirm that the intent is that these positions are available for the project 100% of the time and not that it is expected that they can only participate in this one project. With the size and scope of this project it would only increase the cost to VPRA without increasing the value to require so many positions to work on this project but no other. All named participants will have this project as their first priority and will be available 100% of the time but in order to provide the most efficient and economical project to VPRA they would also be utilized elsewhere as their time permits.	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.
10.	Section 6.5.1	Please confirm that the role of Third-Party Coordinator includes items as described in Sections 2.2 (e), 2.2 (f), 2.5 (h) and 2.5 (r).	Yes, however, Sections 2.2 and 2.5 should not be construed to state all duties and responsibilities associated with the Third-Party Coordinator or other Key Personnel positions.
11.	Section 6.5.1	RFQ Section 6.5.1 lists a time commitment for each Key Personnel. Is it VPRA's intent that those Key Personnel with a 100% time commitment will be dedicated full time and will not be allowed to work on any other assignments for the duration of the project (or shorter duration described in the RFQ)? It is unusual for a project of this limited size to require such a large and experienced staff and many of these positions at the experience levels identified would typically be managing workloads multiple times the size of this project.	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.
12.	Section 6.5.1	The design phase of the Project will include multiple stages such as field investigations performed by surveyors and subconsultants, design production completed by various engineers, design QC, Independent Design QA, and multiple submissions to VPRA and stakeholders with extended review durations. With each Key Personnel engaged at different timeframes and typically requiring different levels of time commitment, will VPRA consider relaxing the 100% time commitment for all Key Personnel during the design phase so as to avoid unnecessarily increasing the project cost.	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.

13.	Section 6.5.1	The RFQ requires a 100% time commitment during construction from the Project Manager, Construction Manager, Quality Manager, Environmental Compliance Manager, Third-Party Coordinator, and Safety Manager. Are all of these positions required to be on-site full-time during construction? Based on the project size and limited geographical footprint most of these key roles will not warrant a 100% time commitment. Will VPRA consider reducing the required time commitment for these Key Personnel?	VPRA will address this question in an addendum.
14.	Section 6.5.1	Will VPRA allow the same individual to serve in multiple Key Personnel roles?	No.
15.	Section 6.5.1	RFQ Section 6.5.1 states that the Quality Manager must work for the Design-Builder. Does this mean that the Quality Manager must be employed by the Design Builder or will VPRA allow this role to be a consultant to the Design-Builder?	See response to Question No. 4.
16.	Section 6.6	Quality Manager Position - The description provided indicates the role to be inclusive of both QC and QA activities for construction. Please clarify if that is the intent of the role.	Incorrect. Please refer to Sections 2.17 and 6.5.1 of the RFQ.
17.	N/A	Will VPRA be requiring a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of this project?	VPRA will not be requiring the use of a Project Labor Agreement (PLA) in connection with this procurement. Respondents are, however, free to consider the viability of a PLA on the Project.
18.	N/A	Can VPRA Provide a draft copy of the Design Build Agreement (DBA) expected to be signed for execution of this project?	The Design-Build Agreement will be furnished at the Request for Proposal stage.
19.	N/A	Can VPRA provide a draft copy of the RFP it intends to issue for the second step of this procurement?	See response to Question No. 18.