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TO: Prospective Bidders
RE: Requests for Information (RFI) Response #1

January 24, 2018

Remaining Environmental Permitting Services for County Road 67
Bridge Replacement Projects
BRLO-5911(047), BRLO-5911(048), BRLO-5911(049), BRLO-5911(050)

Questions and requests received are in black, County response is in red.

1. Does the County anticipate that any of the Biological Resource Reports will need to be updated prior to filing a permit application package?

No, the County does not anticipate any updates to any of the Biological Resource Reports.

2. Was the Delineation of Waters of the U.S. that was completed for the project verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers?

No, the Delineation of the Waters of the U.S. reports have been submitted and reviewed by CalTrans Environmental Planning. The Delineation report will need to be submitted and verified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the Section 404 permit application process.

3. Did Caltrans/FHWA conduct Section 7 Consultation(s) under the Federal Endangered Species Act? If so, was a Biological Opinion issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the Project and is the B.O. available for submittal with the Corps Section 404 Permit Application for documentation of compliance with the Federal Endangered Species Act? A Biological Assessment for Giant Garter Snake was prepared for the project and included in the RFP documents, but a Biological Opinion was not provided for review.

Yes, CalTrans requested formal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and a biological opinion was provided for the County Road 67 Projects. The Biological opinion has been uploaded to drop box and can be directly accessed at the following link. [Biological Opinion](#)

4. The wetland impact analysis refers to both permanent and temporary impacts to Waters of the U.S. The documents propose mitigation including compensatory mitigation for permanent impacts involving the purchase of wetland mitigation credits at an approved mitigation bank and the restoration of temporary impact areas. Has a Site Restoration Plan been prepared for the project?

No, a site restoration plan has not been prepared for any of the four projects. In response to the Mitigated Negative Declarations, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife advised that a site restoration plan be prepared for each site. An addendum has been issued in regards to the preparation of a Site Restoration Plan for all four projects. [Addendum](#)

5. Draft applications for the Corps Nationwide Permit were included for review in the RFP. These applications refer to a Section 401 Water Quality Certification from the Regional Water Quality Control Board and Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife as "pending." Have any permit applications been filed with the regulatory agencies?

No, at this time none of the permit applications have been filed with their respective regulatory agencies.

6. Will all existing resource reports and mapping that are provided as pdf files with the RFP be available in native file formats (e.g. Word, ArcGIS shapefile, etc.)?

Yes, all existing reports and maps will be available in their native file formats.

7. Will staff from Willdan Engineering and/or North State Resources be available to answer questions, if needed, regarding the resource studies and work that has already been completed for the project?

Yes, both Willdan and NSR will be available to answer questions regarding all completed work for the project until June 30, 2018, when their contract with the County expires.

8. Is the Draft 404 application for County Road 67 considered complete?

No, all permit applications are considered draft or incomplete.

9. Based on the Biological Assessment, is an Incidental Take Permit (ITP) necessary?

Yes

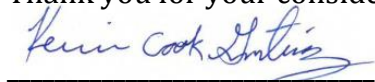
10. Is the County satisfied with the performance of the current environmental consultant?

The County is satisfied with the performance of the current consultant. The current environmental consultant is a subcontractor to the prime Architectural & Engineering (A&E) consultant. As the final A&E tasks are coming to a close and the contract is set to expire prior to construction activities, it is necessary to obtain a new prime contract for the remaining environmental services at this time.

11. In regards to item 5 of the RFP: Consultant and subconsultants must meet all federal and state requirements, as may be applicable. The Consultant should address such requirements in the Technical Proposal. Would this be our knowledge and understanding of the permitting process with Local and Federal agencies as it applies to the project?

Yes, this is the opportunity for proposers to demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of the permitting process with Local and Federal agencies as it applies to the project.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.



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