

ADDENDUM TO BID DOCUMENTS

RFP 14 – 19 Professional Services – Hoboken Southwest Block 12 Park Preliminary and Final Design, Permitting and Construction Administration

This addendum # 2, dated August 21, 2014 is issued to modify the previously issued bid documents, and is hereby made part of the bid documents. Please attach this addendum to the original documents in your possession.

A. This addendum consist of the following:

- 1.) This addendum is issued to extend the submission date from **Friday, August 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM to Friday, September 5, 2014 at 11:00 AM prevailing time (second extension).**
- 2.) Questions and Answers

Q1. The storm water rain event graphic included in RFP 14 – 19 depicts a slow release detention system. Please clarify if this detention system is intended to be an infiltration system or a closed system. It appears visually that the storm water management system which is depicted in the concept graphic is predicated on infiltrating storm water into the ground via a subsurface detention chamber (infiltrator) with an overflow to the municipal collection system as well as bio-swales and rain gardens for direct infiltration into the ground. Considering this site has known contamination issues, which were documented in a Site Investigation Report and shared with the designer for their use in preparing concept plans, infiltration into the contaminated soil strata is not permissible pursuant to the NJDEP Storm water Management Regulations. The concept graphic also mentions “slow release to municipal storm water system” which implies some sort of closed system so our question was to clarify the designer’s intent of the preliminary storm water design so that a responsive proposal could be prepared, understanding that a closed system may need to be much more elaborate (and expensive) to design and construct than an infiltration system.

A1. It is shown as a slow release detention system (a closed system) because it is possible that a confirmed elevation of the water table will be too high to allow proper design of an infiltration system. The follow-up query is correct, inasmuch as there are features of the Concept Plan's overall storm water strategy which use infiltration, namely the permeable park pavements, the rain gardens in the park, and the street bio swales. Each of these features have limited capacity to handle larger storm events. The bios wales in the street, when they reach their functional capacity, will simply flow to the street catch basins. The pavements and rain gardens in the park will reach capacity and flow to drains into a closed tank system below the park, which will provide a slow release to the sewer system. The subsurface storage is not intended for infiltration (as suggested by the follow-up question). The Concept Plan's overall drainage concept deploys a closed below-grade collection system as overflow storage for a surface infiltration system. Obtaining drainage and environmental permits for the storm water system is a task of the park design.

Q2. On page 23 of the RFP, there is a required qualification for "providing professional underwater engineering services for public entities." This sounds like diver inspection and marine work, which is not part of the park project. The park project has water table and geotechnical issues, but is not underwater engineering, as that term is usually used. Can you clarify the requirement?

A2. Please disregard this requirement, 5th bullet on page 23. There is no underwater engineering involved.

Q3. Does the U.S. Department of the Interior grant of \$250,000 represent the full available funding for the services solicited through the RFP, or are there additional funds available, or fewer (if portions of the grant are already encumbered)? Are allowances for reimbursable expenses (which may include field services) also within that total figure?

A3. It is anticipated that the grant will cover a good portion of the work necessary. If the cost proposal of the successful vendor exceeds the grant amount, the city will consider using other funds to make up the difference. Respondents are encouraged to submit complete cost proposals including all anticipated out of pocket expenses.

Q4. Will a topographic survey performed by a licensed Land Surveyor be provided by the City? Or is that something that will/may be required by the selected project team.

A4. Yes, a professional land survey was prepared and will be made available.

Q5. Are there any known underground environmental issues at this site?

A5. Yes, the site is on the NJ DEP Known Contaminated Sites List. A Preliminary Assessment and Site Investigation were prepared by Boswell Engineering, dated January 2012 and August 2012, respectively. A copy of the documents may be obtained from the Hoboken Purchasing Officer.

Q6. Has the City performed any soil testing to determine the Seasonal High Ground Water Level and soil permeability?

A6. No, but site conditions and soil characteristics may be inferred from the Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation report(s) as well as other publicly available documents from the NJ DEP.

This addendum will be publish in the newspaper and posted on the City of Hoboken website to ensure compliance.

There are no other changes to the bid documents as part of this addendum.

ATTEST:

Date:

August 21, 2014

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Purchasing Agent

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF ADDENDA

The undersigned Bidder hereby acknowledges receipt of the following Addenda:

<u>Addendum Number</u>	<u>Dated</u>	<u>Acknowledge Receipt</u> (initial)
Addendum 1	August 8, 2014	_____
Addendum 2	August 21, 2014	_____
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No addenda were received:

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