

# MISSISSIPPI DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

## Request for Proposals to Provide Environmental Assessment for the KCSR Track Upgrade Project

RFP #090809

September 29, 2009

### AMENDMENT NO. 1

The following was submitted for clarification:

#### **Question:**

On page 16, section F & G and on page 19, under “acknowledgement of amendments”: There is a reference to a proposal form. There is a submission form in the RFP, but no proposal form. Where can the proposal form be obtained?

#### **Response:**

In Section F, the language refers to, and should be read to mean, the proposal as submitted by the respondent. The reference to the “form” in Section F can be, and should have been, omitted from the RFP as unnecessary and inapplicable. The information requested in Section F can and should be included in the response to the RFP without the use of any form.

Reference to the proposal form on Page 16, Section G, and on Page 19 (Acknowledgements and Amendments) is to the Request for Proposal Submission Form described at Page 29 of the RFP, and included with the RFP. In fact, the subject language on Page 19 of the RFP can be read complete as follows: “Proposers shall acknowledge receipt of any amendment to the solicitation by signing and returning the amendment with the proposal” (omitting the balance of that section). By signing and including those forms in the proposal, the firm would be acknowledging receipt of them, which satisfies those requirements.

#### **Question:**

The scope of services described in the RFP includes significant amounts of tasks that will require professional engineering services and one of the selection criteria listed on Page 2 of the RFP is “G. Price (Important)”. According to the Code of Professional Conduct (article 17.05.6) which engineering firms in Mississippi are governed by “...restricts the engineer from submitting a price for services until the prospective client has selected, on the basis of qualifications and competence, one engineer or firm for negotiations;...”. and the RFP, as it is written, conflicts with this Code of

Professional Conduct. Will MDA revise the RFP to remove the “Price” and “Cost data” references on Pages 2 and 29, respectively?

**Response:**

No, this RFP requests environmental services, not engineering services, and the respondents will be evaluated on the best combination of qualifications and pricing. Engineering services associated with this project are expected to be supplied by KCSR, and the environmental services to be provided pursuant to the subject RFP will require that the environmental consultant coordinate efforts with KCSR as necessary for the environmental consultant to fulfill its obligations. The selected vendor will have the opportunity to address scope and pricing during contract negotiations.

**Question:**

What level of engineering will be required, such as bridge evaluation and design?

**Response:**

As indicated above, it is expected that all necessary engineering will be provided by KCSR, and, for that reason, discussion of engineering services should not be included in the response.

By my signature below, I hereby acknowledge receipt of this Amendment No. 1.

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Authorized Signature

**INCLUDE A SIGNED COPY OF THIS AMENDMENT WITH YOUR COMPLETED PROPOSAL**