

CONTRACT #1077-10/23/15

Design Services Related to Valley Falls Park Dam Improvements

Located At Valley Falls Road, Vernon, Ct

Questions	Answers
1 On page 3 of 6 it indicates that the base map will be “developed from existing mapping”. Is this correct and if so, is the mapping in digital format?	Vernon has aerial photography and topographic information developed with the Capital Region Council of Governments in digital format which will be suitable for overall planning purposes. Site specific details and contours in the active are will need to be field generated as stated in the RFQ
2 The town is requesting fee proposals for the scope outlined in the rfp. However the work is not 100% defined. For example, it doesn't appear to be entirely known that the spillway needs to be modified, replaced or nothing done. also, the need for intake/outlet structures improvements does not seem to be entirely know. Would the town consider a phased approach, where the first steps would included detailed evaluation of the dam, spillway and intake/outlet structures to define the work that is needed? Or should we assume that the spillway will require improvement as well as the intake/outlet structures. Karl A noted that there should be a maintenance bridge installed. Is the town in agreement with that recommendation?	This solicitation is a Request for Qualifications and even though a fee proposal is requested, this project is not going to be awarded necessarily to the 'low' bidder. The scope of work is illustrative of the likely tasks required to successfully conclude this project, but it is not meant to be all inclusive. The designer will be selected based on prior projects, capacity to complete the work, reasonableness of their fee structure and ability to mesh well with our team. Once selected, we will look to the designer to assess all the facets of the structure and make recommendations for improvements or enhancements as needed.
3 I will be visiting the dam site and assume I don't need to make any special arrangements to do so. Please confirm.	Valley Falls Park is open during daylight hours – please visit as you wish
4 if possible, would we be able to meet to discuss the project?	I don't believe that it would be fair to meet with you individually, but if you have any questions or concerns please send them to me in writing and I will respond through our website, so that everyone can have the same base information in preparing their responses.

<p>5 Has there been any Hazard Classification Assessment completed for the Valley Falls Park Dam? If so would that be available for reference?</p>	<p>All registered dams have a classification assigned to them. Valley Falls is category 'A' – Low Hazard</p>
<p>6 Has a formal Engineering Assessment with hydrologic and hydraulic modeling been completed? If so would that also be available?</p>	<p>No – this will need to be done to evaluate the need and type of proposed renovations</p>
<p>7 Is the Grant Application to DEEP for review, which might indicate criteria we need to meet regarding rehabilitation or potentially a new structure?</p>	<p>Not available</p>
<p>8 Has an Emergency Action Plan been completed in accordance with CT dam safety regulations? If not, does the owner have any type of emergency plan in place for the Town?</p>	<p>Not required for low hazard classifications</p>
<p>9 Could I also ask for an extension on the due date for the RFQ response for the Valley Falls Dam RFQ #1077? Perhaps one extra week?</p>	<p>Regrettably we need to stick to this schedule unless something significant causes a delay</p>
<p>10 Page 2 of 6 of the RFP/RFQ states that <i>"Three (3) hard copies and one (1) digital copy (on CD-R disk or USB drive) of each vendor proposal is required"</i>. Page 6 of 6 states that <i>"All respondents should provide five (5) hard copies of proposals"</i>. Could you confirm which of these instructions we should follow?</p>	<p>Please provide the three hard copies and one digital copy. Disregard the reference to 5 hard copies</p>
<p>11 I did not see a specific permitting task in the RFP. Should we included it as an add-alternative task item or is it being completed by another consultant?</p>	<p>The selected firm will assist the town in submitting the project for the appropriate approvals. The task list is not meant to be all inclusive and additional services may be required. If additional services are identify and accepted, such additional services will have to be negotiated separately. See response #2 regarding selection.</p>

<p>12 I see that the scope calls for a test borings, but performance of a seepage and stability analyses is not listed. Should we include this as an add-alternative task item or has it already been done (or will it be done) by others?</p>	<p>The task list is not meant to be all inclusive and additional services may be required. If additional services are identify and accepted, such additional services will have to be negotiated separately. See response #2 regarding selection.</p>
<p>13 Is the Town interested in other construction phase services such as: review of shop drawings/submittals, responses to RFI's, record drawing preparation, or will these tasks be negotiated after the design has been completed?</p>	<p>The task list is not meant to be all inclusive and additional services may be required. If additional services are identify and accepted, such additional services will have to be negotiated separately. See response #2 regarding selection.</p>