

RESPONSES AND CLARIFICATIONS
TO THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. 85

Q1: In reading the RFP, it appears the work is mainly electrical work. Is there other "civil" work that would be independent of electrical work or is the civil work anticipated as a result of the electrical work needed? In other words, does a civil engineering firm need to submit its qualifications to the District, or would it be more appropriate for it to team with an electrical engineering firm?

A1: The intent of the RFP is to have separate on-call lists of civil and electrical engineers. The firms can be independent of each other or one firm may be able and licensed to do both disciplines.. The District encourages firms to submit proposals for each of the disciplines they are qualified in.

Q2: Our Firm is located in Foothill Ranch, Orange County, CA. Is this considered a local business to San Bernardino, or do we have to be located within the County area? Can we submit the proposal?

A2: Firms are invited to submit proposals regardless of which city their businesses are located in. The District only advocates that if a firm is selected as one of the successful consulting firms they engage local businesses within the City of San Bernardino. At least 10% of the dollar amount for services provided by the selected firms should go to the local businesses in the City of San Bernardino.

Q3: I would like to confirm as to if the District will be requiring commissioning services for various upgrade projects. If so, will they be issuing another RFP/Q or have they already chosen a firm?

A3: Currently, no decision has been made by the District regarding commissioning of any upgrade project and there are no pre-approved firms for commissioning. The firms responding to this RFP are encouraged to identify in their proposals if they do commissioning and provide related information on their background and experience

Q4: Is there going to be any geotechnical or materials testing and inspection work needed for this project?

A4: The District currently has Master Service Agreements for its geotechnical or materials testing and inspection needs. However, in the near future the District will issue an RFQ for these services. When the new procurement begins, all qualified vendors will be notified. The District encourages completion of the Local Business Outreach Program Form which is in this RFP as Attachment No. 6., identifying the responding firms ability to provide other services. This will ensure that they receive notifications when any particular procurement is undertaken in the future.

Q5: In reviewing the IMS item #233794, we noticed that the total contract value is for less than \$300K and that more than one contract may be awarded. If multiple contracts are awarded, does that mean the sum total of said contracts will be less than \$300K or that each contract must be less than \$300K but that all the contracts combined could be more than \$300K?

A5: The intention is for each contract to be under or up to \$300K.

Q6: It looks like the RFP is asking us to fill out all of the provided attachments. (a) Do we need to put these on our letterhead or (b) just fill the attachments out by hand and include in our proposal? (c) Regarding Item #3 "Consultant Firm Data" - Does "Attachment 2" include all of the information you need for items a-g or do items a-g need to be provided in addition to "Attachment 2".

A6: a. It is the discretion of the responding firms if the attachments should be on the firm's letterhead or plain paper.

b. The District has uploaded the Word format of the Attachment Nos. 2 through 6 to the websites: www.sbcusdfacilities.com; <http://www.sbcusd.com/bids.aspx>; It is believed that respondents will have an easier time filling in the requested information.

c. Each respondent is advised to completely answer the questions in Attachment 2 of the RFP. The District suggests that firms provide additional information with regards to Items A - G in separate sections of the RFP.