



**Responses to Questions in Reference to the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery  
Request for Proposals for Professional Services for  
Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery  
Rebuild by Design: Living Breakwaters Construction Management Services  
RFP # 201711\_065  
December 11, 2017**

**NOTE: This document is hereby made a part of the RFP to the same extent as though it were originally included therein.**

1. What kind of involvement would the CM firm have with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the permitting process?
  - a. **The Joint Permit from the USACE and NYS Dept. of Environmental Conservation is expected to be secured by the time the CM has been retained and an environmental consultant is assisting in this process. The CM's responsibilities will include ensuring that the construction work done is in compliance with that permit.**
  
2. Will the successful respondent to this RFP hold the contract associated with the construction of this project?
  - a. **No, GOSR will hold the contract.**
  
3. How will the EConcrete® be provided?
  - a. **EConcrete® will supply the forms and admixtures necessary for the armor units of the breakwaters. The manufacture of the units will be done by a different company. It has not yet been determined whether the EConcrete® will be purchased by the contractor or by GOSR. If GOSR, CM may be involved in the procurement.**

**NOTE: Please do not reach out to EConcrete® for any information related to this project. All questions must be addressed to GOSR Procurement. Failure to comply may render the respondent non-responsive.**

4. Will the design be completed with the current design team?
  - a. **Yes.**
  
5. Will the sea life constraints be published?
  - a. **All of the constraints on construction resulting from ecological considerations will be known when the Final Environmental Impact Statement and the Joint USACE and DEC permit is issued. This is expected within the first quarter of 2018, and will be disclosed/provided once available/final.**
  
6. What kind of weather constraints can be expected and how will they impact the construction schedule?
  - a. **It is not GOSR's intent to dictate weather constraints to the Contractor. The successful respondent will be expected to prepare a site-specific health and safety plan that details protocols for maintaining safe work practices on site, which will include responding to weather conditions.**
  
7. The RFP calls for the CM's assessment of risks, review for constructability, evaluation of relevant substitutes, evaluation of Contractor's prices, assistance in obtaining permits, and other activities generally performed during Pre-Construction. Please confirm that our technical proposal is to address these items as Pre-Construction.
  - a. **Respondent's proposal must address all scope of services and key deliverables of the RFP. The RFP does not distinguish the stages of construction.**
  
8. Are the material specifications available?
  - a. **Material specifications are not yet available. They will be prepared as the design process progresses. 100% design is anticipated to be complete by August 2018.**
  
9. Is there a preliminary construction schedule available?
  - a. **A detailed preliminary construction schedule is not available for this RFP. Bid and contracting is anticipated to start in fall/winter 2018 with in-water work commencing in late May 2019. Construction is anticipated to be complete by the end of 2020.**

10. Would the chosen CM firm be required to reduce staffing if and when work is suspended?
- a. **Successful respondent is expected to maintain an adequate level of staffing for the duration of the project. It is not GOSR's intent to suspend the work. It is anticipated that the work schedule will be in accordance with the Contractor's Owner-approved construction schedule. Note that time of year restrictions are anticipated to be imposed by regulatory agencies which may affect the work schedule.**
11. We believe that divers will be necessary to ensure proper placement of the base mat and EConcrete® structures. Is the CM required to provide qualified divers during underwater inspections? If so, how will we handle the need for a workboat diver tenders and a captain? Who does GOSR expect to provide these services?
- a. **Divers are not a staffing requirement. Respondents may include divers in their proposed staffing structure or an alternate means of conducting underwater inspections. Please refer to sections 5.5 and 5.8 of the RFP. If the Respondent chooses to include additional labor categories for ancillary work needed to effectuate the requested services of the RFP, the Respondent must do so in the context of the Alternate Cost Structure.**
12. Was dredging considered as an option to obtain sand for the project in lieu of shipping sand to the project site?
- a. **Dredging is not being considered as an option for obtaining sand for the project.**
13. Will the selected CM also be allowed to submit a bid to perform the construction work for the project or will the CM be precluded from performing the construction work once awarded the CM role?
- a. **The CM cannot be the construction contractor.**
14. Can a firm that has some current association with the Living Breakwaters project respond to this RFP and be eligible for consideration as the selected respondent?
- a. **Such a firm is not precluded from responding to the RFP but must fully disclose its association with the project. GOSR will review these responses on a case by case basis to determine if a conflict may exist.**

15. Although Key Personnel are clearly defined in the RFP, does GOSR anticipate that CM firms may include support personnel for Safety Oversight, Scheduling, or Estimating?
- a. **Please refer to sections 5.5 and 5.8 of the RFP. If the respondent chooses to include additional labor categories for ancillary work needed to effectuate the requested services of the RFP, the Respondent must do so in the context of the Alternate Cost Structure.**
16. Will GOSR be providing the field office, computers, supplies, etc.?
- a. **Please refer to section 3.6 of the RFP. The respondent shall not make any aspect of its submission contingent upon the use of State of New York personnel, property, or equipment.**
17. Will GOSR be soliciting the construction contractor via an IFB or RFP?
- a. **It is anticipated that the construction contractor will be solicited through an IFB.**
18. Will we be using Elation software to track Prevailing Wages?
- a. **Yes, Elation software will be used to submit the contractor's employment information which will be reviewed by GOSR's Wage Compliance Unit.**
19. Must the M/WBE and SDVOB goals be satisfied entirely from the five Key Personnel, or can the additional categories proposed be a component of the goals?
- a. **The M/WBE, SDVOB, and Section 3 income requirements do not need to be satisfied solely through the Key Personnel provided.**
20. Does the 40-page limit include the cover letter, table of contents, required forms and financial statements?
- a. **The 40-page limit includes the cover letter and the table of contents, but not the required forms and financial statements.**
21. Should the required forms and financial statements be separate from the Technical Proposal but emailed together?
- a. **One attachment would be preferred.**

22. Can you confirm that the only form required by subcontractors is the Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire (“VRQ”)?

- a. **That is correct at this time. Please ensure that the VRQ includes all required attachments. If filed electronically, provide a printout of all sections.**