

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

PUR-1649 ADDENDUM NO. 2

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REGARDING QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE/ AND PRICE PROPOSALS

DEPARTMENT OF SOLID WASTE ARCHEOLOGICAL SERVICES AT WASHINGTON COUNTY 40-WEST LANDFILL

DATE: Friday, November 18, 2023

BIDS DUE: Wednesday, November 29, 2023

4:00 P.M.(EDT/EST)

To Bidders:

This Addendum is hereby made a part of the Contract Documents on which all bids will be based and is issued to correct and clarify the original documents.

Please acknowledge receipt of this Addendum at the appropriate space on the Proposal Form. This Addendum consists of two (2) pages.

NOTE: All Bidders must enter the Washington County Administration Complex through either the front door at the 100 West Washington Street entrance or through the rear entrance (w/blue canopy roof) which is handicap accessible and must use the elevator to access the Purchasing Department to submit their bid and/or to attend the Pre-Bid Conference. Alternate routes are controlled by a door access system. The general public will be subject to wand search and will be required to remove any unauthorized items from the building prior to entry. Prohibited items include but are not limited to: Weapons of any type; Firearms, ammunition, and explosive devices; Cutting instruments of any type - including knives, scissors, box cutters, work tools, knitting needles, or anything with a cutting edge, etc.; Pepper spray, mace, or any other chemical defense sprays; and Illegal substances.

ITEM NO. 1: <u>Inquiry</u>: Would it be possible to obtain a copy of the original construction plans for the area of the landfill near to the gravestone discovery, showing depth of grading and

limits of disturbance?

<u>Response</u>: The drawing is attached; also, a page that was inadvertently omitted from Phase I and II Archeological Investigation of the proposed Washington County Lund Landfill Site, Conococheague, Washington County, Maryland; is attached.

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ITEM NO. 2: <u>Inquiry</u>: As the original removals were listed as to be buried at St Paul's church, Clearwater, will the preference be for reburial in an established appropriate religious cemetery?

Response: The County intends for all applicable laws for reburial to be followed.

ITEM NO. 3: <u>Inquiry</u>: Is the contract expected to cover the cost of burial plots and burial services, and if so, does the County want a per burial cost in the price proposal?

<u>Response</u>: No, the County does not want a cost per burial. The relocation services shall include all fees for relocation, burial, cemetery fees and any other cost associated with the relocation and reburial of any grave sites discovered as a result of the site investigation.

ITEM NO. 4: Inquiry: Has MHT provided any clarification if they expect any current burials to subjected to the more intensive osteological study conducted on the 22 burials of the 25% from the 2004 project, or would they except the more basic osteological examination and recording which Goodwin completed on the non-sample burial removals they conducted in 2004? The expected sample size of the current potential burial project is so small that it will be statistically insignificant to examine a 25% sample.

<u>Response</u>: MHT has not given the County any specific instructions on this project. Bidders should verify what procedures are required by all concerned agencies.

ITEM NO. 5: <u>Inquiry</u>: Does Washington County expect the four individuals who participated as interested descendants to also participate in this project, and if so, how many meetings do they anticipate?

<u>Response</u>: The County does not know if the newly discovered headstones are related to the original families. If the Consultants research shows there are living relatives to the new headstones, then those family members shall be involved in the relocation. For the purposes of bidding, assume two meetings with the descendants.

ITEM NO. 6: <u>Inquiry</u>: The format of the "Form of Proposal" provided in the RFP implies that the technical proposal should be segmented into initial investigative steps, a developed work plan if the presence of burials is confirmed, and then the reburial component. Where does the County intend for the actual burial excavation and study of remains to be included- the relocation phase or the site investigation stage?

Response: In the Investigation Stage

ITEM NO. 7: <u>Inquiry</u>: Since the applicable MOA is not available for review to confirm scheduling limits, and identification of and application for forms of grants or funding the project is included in the consultants responsibilities, is there a specific time frame the County is expecting for this project? Applying for funding for the study would likely delay the project by at least 12 to 18 months depending on the agency or program funding cycle.

(NOTE: The wording of all "Inquiries" submitted are displayed exactly as received.)

<u>Response</u>: Given the location of the site, the County cannot delay the investigation for any significant amount of time. The County will allow the consultant to apply for any grants and if the grants are secured, they can be used to reimburse the County.

By Authority of:

Rick F. Curry, CPPO Director of Purchasing



