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ADDENDUM #1

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFEOI-SOQ) No. : 1220-050-2024-005
TITLE: Surrey Langley Skytrain Project Landscape Conceptual Drawing Set
ADDENDUM ISSUE DATE: March 05, 2024
CLOSING DATE: prefer to receive Submissions on or before March 12th, 2024

INFORMATION FOR RESPONDENTS

Respondents are advised that Addendum No. 1 to 1220-050-2024-005 is hereby issued by the City. This addendum shall form part of the contract documents and is to be read, interpreted and coordinated with all other parts. The following information is provided to answer questions raised by Contractors for the above-named project, to the extent referenced and shall become a part thereof. No consideration will be allowed for extras due to the Contractors or any sub-contractor not being familiar with this addendum. This Addendum No. 1 contains three (3) pages.

1. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:

Q.1 As the SLS project is currently underway, are there any teams that the City of Surrey deems to be a restricted party for this RFEOI?

A.1. As the successful Proponent(s) for the SLSP is unknown at this time, all interested companies are welcome to participate in this RFEOI. Please refer to section 5.4 Conflict of Interest, of this RFEOI.

Q.2 Can you clarify the structural and civil scopes of work that are anticipated for this project?

A.2. The structural component relates to providing guidance for the foundation work that could be used to install future public art upon under the guideway. The landscape design may require irrigation solutions and resulting tie-ins to the pre-installed stubs, and potential curb cuts. There may also

be electrical scope to supply connections for irrigation control, lighting, public art and/or future pop-up amenities. More scoping details will be provided in the RFP stage, when called.

Q.3 Is there a site plan that can be shared?

A.3 No site plan is currently available as the Surrey-Langley SkyTrain Project is currently in procurement process. Any information posted publicly by TransLink may be used as reference. Ultimately, a design will be made available to define the working areas. At a high level, the landscaping works will be linear in nature, and contained beneath/around the planned SkyTrain guideway. The existing SkyTrain system in Metro Vancouver may be used as context. More scoping details will be provided in the RFP stage.

Q.4 Can you clarify what is meant by "comprehensive landscape drawings for medians and boulevards"? Does this entail any curb re-alignments, rain garden, or hardscapes?

A.4 No curb changes are anticipated. Landscaping will consist of both softscape and hardscape elements. Based on the site assessment to be carried out by the Proponent, other site-specific landscape interventions may be proposed. More details will be provided in the RFP stage.

Q.5 The RFEOI is requesting company information "showcasing relevant projects delivered over the last 10 years that have been either leads or have major roles in delivering" and is requiring "a senior staff member with a minimum of 15 years of experience in landscape architecture".

While I understand the intent is to ensure a high level of expertise and reliability in handling significant landscape architecture projects, the requirement will restrict the diversity of ideas and approaches by excluding younger talent, smaller, and new firms from leading roles.

This is particularly impactful in fields like landscape architecture, where innovative, sustainable, and forward-thinking designs are critical to addressing contemporary challenges.

A.5 As noted, the City needs to ensure a high-level of expertise on a project with long-term applications and specific budgetary guidelines; as such, an experienced PM is required. This does not preclude younger support staff from being part of the delivery team for these works.

Q.6 Would the City consider criteria that can also recognize the capabilities of younger professionals and newer firms? This could include a focus on demonstrated skill, quality of past project work, innovative solutions, and sustainability practices, design innovation and technical competency instead of strict experience-based criteria.

A.6 As above.

Q.7 Would the City revise the years of experience to include anyone licensed through the BCSLA? Registration through the BCSLA requires a significant amount of formal education, experience, and examination. The title landscape architect is protected in BC to ensure that an individual has completed an accredited professional degree followed by documented experience and examination.

Landscape architects typically attend an accredited masters program (this would typically mean a 4 year undergraduate degree followed by a 2 year masters); this is in addition to 3,600 hours of practical experience, four written exams, and an oral examination "demonstrating a minimum

understanding of the legal and ethical requirements of Landscape Architects in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public."

- A.7** Agreed that BCSLA members have a certain level of experience to gain their membership, but as above, the City is seeking an experienced landscape architect to manage / lead the project.

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