



# Brazos River Authority

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January 5, 2022

## **Addendum No. 3 ADDITIONAL WATER SUPPLIES RFP No. 21-10-1245**

It is the responsibility of the Respondent to assure and guarantee by acknowledging the receipt of this Addendum in the Proposal that the Respondent has received the Addendum in its entirety, and that the Respondent accepts all conditions contained herein.

### **Question 1:**

Is it correct that BRA is only requesting 5,000 acre feet of water?

### **Answer 1:**

That is incorrect, please refer to Section 2., Scope of Services - "*The BRA anticipates that it could accept from 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet of water beginning in 2030 and may incrementally increase by approximately 1,500 to 2,500 acre-feet per year beginning in 2031*".

### **Question 2:**

Is this bid for Bottled Water or Truck delivery of potable water?

### **Answer 2:**

This bid is not intended to be for the delivery of bottled potable water, moreover, the intent is to secure a long-term water supply resource as identified in Section 2.0 – Water Supply Source.

### **Question 3:**

What are the BRA projections of water needs with respect to timing and quantity?

### **Answer 3:**

Please refer to Section 2., Scope of Services - "*The BRA anticipates that it could accept from 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet of water beginning in 2030 and may incrementally increase by approximately 1,500 to 2,500 acre-feet per year beginning in 2031*".

For the proposed project, the response should consider 5,000 acre-feet by 2030 with annual increases of 1,500 thereafter as the minimum for the proposal.

### **Question 4:**

Does the BRA expect that it will have water needs from 2024 to 2030?

### **Answer 4:**

The BRA anticipates that the needs will be met by current resources and near-term projects.

### **Question 5:**

Will the BRA entertain project proposals that would provide greater quantities of water sooner than the timeframe listed in this RFP?

### **Answer 5:**

The BRA would entertain such proposals and they should be submitted as an optional alternative to the BRA specified quantities, timing, and/or location, including the pricing and justification for the proposed alternate quantities, timing, and delivery location.

**Question 6:**

What is the latest BRA projected timing for meeting water supply needs in the region of Bell and Williamson Counties and for the BRA System needs?

**Answer 6:**

Please refer to Section 2., Scope of Services - *“The BRA anticipates that it could accept from 5,000 to 10,000 acre-feet of water beginning in 2030 and may incrementally increase by approximately 1,500 to 2,500 acre-feet per year beginning in 2031”.*

For the proposed project, the response should consider 5,000 acre-feet by 2030 with annual increases of 1,500 thereafter as the minimum for the proposal.

**Question 7:**

Which end users -- or types of end users -- has the BRA accounted for in its volume and timing assumptions in the RFP?

**Answer 7:**

The BRA has accounted for projected municipal needs of its customers and areas that may be served by its customers in the future.

**Question 8:**

Because responses to the RFP may contain proprietary information, can you confirm that responses to the RFP will remain confidential? Please provide details of any requirements of our response that would make the response (or portions thereof) confidential and not subject to disclosures via FOIA requests or other mechanisms.

**Answer 8:**

Please refer to Page 3 General Instructions to Respondents, section 17 Confidentiality of Documents.

**Question 9:**

On page 5 of the RFP, it states that the BRA will consider “the extent to which the project meets the BRA needs.” To what extent is the response to this item exclusive to or focused on meeting water demands outside Williamson County? Please define the extent of the “Region” referenced in the last sentence of section 2. Scope of Services.

**Answer 9:**

The BRA’s most urgent, near-term needs are projected within Williamson County; however, BRA supplies water from four reservoirs within the multi-county region including Belton, Stillhouse Hollow, Georgetown, and Granger. New sources of water supply that are ultimately implemented from this request for proposals could change the way water is supplied from the existing reservoirs. For example, an added supply of water in Williamson County could lessen or defer the need for the transfer of water from Lake Stillhouse Hollow to Lake Georgetown.

In reference to Region, this request for competitive sealed proposals (RFCSP) is being made for additional water supplies for the benefit of customers in Bell and Williamson Counties to be delivered to a predetermined location for use in Williamson County.

**Question 10:**

Page 5 Sec. 1 Item # 7 refers to BRA acquiring the provider’s project. How does this intention relate to the requirement (see General Requirements #6) stating the provider is solely responsible for all aspects of the project? If the intent is for BRA acquire the project, will BRA provide guidance/requirements for the project and provide support for any required permitting, acquiring of easements, etc.?

**Answer 10:**

Provider’s response shall describe a complete project concept capable of producing and delivering water supplies from its source to the BRA designated delivery point location in accordance with the quantities, quality, and timing specified in this solicitation. BRA would consider proposals with ownership purchase options; however, it is not a requirement for the proposed project.

**Question 11:**

Will the BRA cooperate with Municipal and/or State financing processes as may be available?

**Answer 11:**

The BRA would consider cooperation; however, reserves the right to determine and award based on the approach that is most advantageous to the BRA.

**Question 12:**

Is there any additional capacity available in the existing Williamson County Raw Water Line or potential for increased capacity through increases in velocity or other operational changes? Can our proposed project make use of this existing raw water line?

**Answer 12:**

No additional capacity is available in the Williamson County Regional Raw Water Line. The proposed project shall not make use of the Williamson County Regional Raw Water Line.

**Question 13:**

Provided the water is shown and verified to be of "accepted quality," can the BRA specify a minimum, maximum (peak), average daily amount of supply it is willing to pay for? What water quality is considered acceptable and responsive? Please clarify the range of acceptable, delivered water quality and standards required for the project? For example, throughout the RFP are several references to "potable water", "all applicable water quality standards", and "TCEQ primary drinking water standards." Is the delivered water supposed to satisfy all of these standards without further treatment?

**Answer 13:**

For the proposed project, the response should consider 5,000 acre-feet by 2030 with annual increases of 1,500 thereafter as the minimum for the proposal.

At a minimum, the supply must meet TCEQ primary drinking water standards however the BRA's goal is to provide the highest quality water supply to our customers. Please include analytical data for primary and secondary drinking water standards in the response if available.

**Question 14:**

Regarding pricing, for what year should the delivered supply price be shown? We can provide pricing in 2022 dollars, 2030 dollars, or in any other specific year? If BRA wants pricing in a year other than 2022, does BRA have a preferred escalation factor, e.g., ENR or other? Does BRA need/require a life-cycle cost evaluation to support the unit price for delivered supply?

**Answer 14:**

Pricing should be provided in 2022 dollars. Please refer to Section 4.0, Project Price and Financing, if an escalation factor is considered within the pricing structure or proposal, please provide. No specified escalation factor has been determined.

BRA would perform a life-cycle cost evaluation based on the required information submitted under Section 4.0, Project Price and Financing.

**Question 15:**

Regarding water delivery, the RFP specifies an initial supply quantity and year needed, as well as a basic schedule of annual increases in delivered volume. Can you provide a maximum quantity anticipated and the anticipated year or timing needed.

**Answer 15:**

The BRA anticipates that the maximum quantity would be realized at the end of the thirty-year term based on the quantities specified in the scope of services. It is feasible that the BRA could enter into negotiations with a single or possibly multiple providers based on the responses from this solicitation.

**Question 16:**

Is the requirement to delivery supply to a specific location in Williamson County (Hwy 95 & FM 1331) restrictive? If the proposed project can deliver supply more cost effectively to other locations that would supplement the BRA System supply and allow additional supply to be used/available in Williamson and Bell County, can the proposal show those advantages in addition to or supplementing the supply delivered to the specific location cited above?

**Answer 16:**

Provider, at a minimum, should submit pricing in accordance with the quantity and location requirements specified in the Scope of Services. Providers are encouraged to also propose optional alternative delivery quantities and/or location, including the pricing and justification for the proposed alternate quantities and delivery location that would be advantageous to the BRA.

**Question 17:**

Please provide more information on the anticipated actual point of delivery for the water to be delivered to the BRA for this project. Is there more than one delivery point planned for the project? Is the delivery point a pipe, pond, lake or other structure?

**Answer 17:**

The project as envisioned would be a single delivery point however the Provider may propose alternative delivery locations, including the pricing and justification for the proposed alternate delivery location. For the response, it should be assumed the delivery point is some type of enclosed storage.

**Question 18:**

Can you provide any additional information regarding anticipated future water demands from 2030 through 2060? Specifically, what is the anticipated maximum or peak water demand, and demand curve for conveyance pipeline and source water delivery requirements?

**Answer 18:**

Information not available at this time.

**Question 19:**

Is the BRA requiring a Texas Professional Engineer to stamp or certify the Provider's proposal per Section 3.0 - Proposed Project? Is BRA intending to receive project-design specifications signed by an engineer and ready for construction? We do not understand the requirement for a PE to sign/seal the proposal.

**Answer 19:**

While the BRA is not requiring the project proposal be stamped by a Texas Professional Engineer, it is our expectation is that the response will include a detailed description of how the project will be developed and water delivered in accordance with the Scope of Services section 3.0.

**Question 20:**

What level or type of study is the BRA requiring for "climate change impacts analysis" and "alternative energy sources"? Can you provide a reference for a similar study that BRA would accept for this requirement?

**Answer 20:**

These referenced studies are not required specifically; these studies were included as references and should not be taken as an all-inclusive list. The response should include any applicable studies that support the viability of the proposed project.

**Question 21:**

How does the BRA anticipate funding the project planning and design for the next 8 years until actual wet water is needed and delivered to the proposed point of delivery? Is the BRA open to paying a water reservation fee for water dedicated to the project while planning, permitting, design and construction of the necessary infrastructure is undertaken?

**Answer 21:**

The BRA will consider all proposals and suggested options provided by respondents to this RFP. The BRA will consider a water reservation fee.

**Question 22:**

What is meant by the benefits and adverse impacts to local communities or the region, public awareness action, and potential public reactions to proposed project?

**Answer 22:**

The BRA wants to fully understand the potential and/or anticipated impacts, positive and negative, that the proposed project might have.

**Question 23:**

Does the BRA expect to cooperate with potential municipal financing processes as needed/available – for example for a pipeline?

**Answer 23:**

The BRA would consider cooperation however reserves the right to determine and award based on the approach that is most advantageous to the BRA.

**Question 24:**

Does the BRA expect to be involved in any way in facilitating easements and permitting for those transporting water?

**Answer 24:**

No, the BRA is seeking fully developed projects in the responses.

Sincerely,

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