



Brazos River Authority

January 25, 2024

Addendum No. 1 Possum Kingdom Watershed and Reservoir Water Quality Modeling Project RFP No. 24-1337

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

Questions and Answers

- Q1:** Item 8 on Tab B for the RFP submittal requirements reads “The Proposed Plan should include all services required for the studies, permitting, design, and construction support activities that are required for construction of the reservoir project.” Is there a planned construction project or does this refer to construction of the model? Please clarify.
- A1:** Construction of the model. There is no physical construction required in this project.
- Q2:** Similarly, does ‘construction’ in item 7 of the Scope of Services refer to construction of the model?
- A2:** Yes, construction of the model.
- Q3:** Under item 10 of the Scope of Services, does ‘permitting’ refer to permitting of municipal wastewater discharges, advanced water treatment facilities, or new lakeside development (as described in Item 9), or permitting of a larger construction project?
- A3:** Permitting refers to training BRA staff to update the model to include new TCEQ- issued TPDES permits for municipal wastewater discharges and advanced water treatment facility discharges.
- Q4:** Can a points rubric (or scoring criterion) be provided for the selection process?
- A4:** Currently, the Brazos River Authority does not include scoring criterion on our RFP’s.
- Q5:** What is the status of existing hydrology and water quality monitoring program? Is that available on a publicly accessible online database?
- A5:** Existing hydrologic data can be obtained through USGS’ National Water Database, volumetric survey data of the lake can be obtained through the TWDB website, and lake water quality data can be obtained through both TCEQ’s Surface Water Quality Web Reporting Tool and BRA’s website.

- Q6:** Are there any identified issues with the water quality at the Possum Kingdom reservoir at this time (e.g., eutrophication, turbidity, taste and odor)?
- A6:** Reservoir does carry a naturally occurring, high load of chlorides, total dissolved solids, and sulfates.
- Q7:** What is the status of the Integrated Water Resources Plan (IWRP) that BRA is working on? Has that plan resulted in any watershed or receiving water models?
- A7:** No.
- Q8:** Does BRA require that the individuals serving in key positions be local? If so, which positions?
- A8:** No, not necessarily.
- Q9:** Please clarify that BRA has not set a HUB goal. As a result, please confirm whether HSP Good Faith Effort – Method A should be completed.
- A9:** A HUB goal percentage is not stated in this RFP; however, BRA aims to achieve the state's HUB goal of 23.7% for professional services contracts in any fiscal year. Per the HSP form instructions, if you responded "Yes" to SECTION 2, Items c or d of the completed HSP form, you must submit a completed "HSP Good Faith Effort - Method A (Attachment A)" for each of the subcontracting opportunities you listed in SECTION 2, Item b of the completed HSP form.
- Q10:** Can the HUB subcontracting plan be amended after development of the final Scope in coordination with BRA?
- A10:** Consideration for amending a respondent's HSP may be discussed.
- Q11:** Basically, aiming to know if the project has incumbent or current contractor as we would like to know who the contractor is and what is the contract amount and duration of contract that was awarded previously.
- A11:** There is not a current contractor hired for this project nor has any work been done previously on it by anyone outside of BRA, hence the advertisement of a Request for Proposal.

Sincerely,

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