

Questions and Corrections
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QUESTION: Is Road Centerline Data Collection a necessary prequalification service?

ANSWER: Upon further review, *Road Centerline Data Collection* is not required for this project and has been removed from the list of prequalification services. Please see [Section XV. Prequalification Requirements](#) of the revised RFP for more details.

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QUESTION: We are concerned about the 12% DBE goal on this project. Please consider reducing this requirement to not limit exclusive partnerships and increase participation for the Cabinet.

ANSWER: Consultant contracts are selected based on QBS rather than price and therefore the Division of Professional Services rarely establishes a DBE goal for contracts. The language currently within the RFP is standard and intended to provide flexibility in demonstrating a DBE Participation Plan. The selection committee will subjectively score this 10 point factor based on the perceived strength of the plan.

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QUESTION: The RFP indicates this advertisement is for Preliminary Engineering & Environmental Services and does not explicitly indicate that final design services can be added via contract

modification, but the included schedule includes final construction plans by September 2023. Is the intent that this project may be advanced to Final Roadway Design, upon the completion of Preliminary Engineering, with a Contract Modification?

ANSWER: The advertisement unintentionally omitted the possibility to continue into final design by contract modification. The advertisement has been updated to provide for the ability to proceed into final design by contract modification. Please see [Section V. Scope of Work](#) of the revised RFP for more details.

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CLARIFICATION: The Cabinet would like to leave open the option to proceed with an alternative delivery contract for this project. The selected consultant may then become the Cabinet's representative to provide project management services. Please see [Section V. Scope of Work](#) of the revised RFP for more details.

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QUESTION: Section VI, Special Instructions, requests a fee for laboratory material testing for various listed tests, and requests that hourly rates and fees for each Material Test be submitted in a sealed envelope with the response to announcement. In order to provide the information requested, please advise how will KYTC receive hard copy sealed envelopes with the electronic responses.

ANSWER: The sealed envelope portion remains from our pre-digital days. This information should be submitted as an Appendix at the end of the response. Please see [VI. Special Instructions](#) of the revised RFP for more details.

QUESTION: Will the staff listed in the table on Page 6 conduct the field sampling, or does KYTC envision a separate list of Material Testing Inspectors?

ANSWER: The staff on the table on Page 6 is to conduct the field sampling. A Material Lab Inspector staff member has been added. Please see the updated chart in the RFP for more details. If the Proposer elects to set up a mobile lab, then the Material Lab Inspector will be utilized. If the team chooses to solely use third party testing, the Material Lab Inspector will not be needed. This option has also been clarified on page 12 of the revised RFP.

QUESTION: What are the qualification requirements for a Level 4 inspector?

ANSWER: The term "Level 4 Inspector" has been replaced with the term "Senior Level Inspector". Please see page 13 of the revised RFP for more. In addition, the Resident Engineer, Staff Engineer or the Material Lab Inspector will need to have the ability to approve mix designs. If the Proposer choose to exclusively use third-party test, then a Material Lab Inspector will not be needed.

QUESTION: Does the sealed envelope need to include just the lab test fee by test type, or is the full hourly rate for a Level 4 Material Testing Inspector also required?

ANSWER: Both are required.

QUESTION: Will costs for field sampling equipment and supplies be paid directly, or will they be included in the inspector's hourly rate, or in the Laboratory Test fee?

ANSWER: All field sampling equipment should be included in the inspector's hourly rate.

QUESTION: Will there be any requirements for storing and protecting test samples on site?

ANSWER: The Proposer must ensure all test samples are properly stored and protected on site as well as transported to be tested, according to the Department's Materials Guidance Manual.

QUESTION: Will the costs for transporting samples to a lab or to Frankfort be paid separately?

ANSWER: A separate payment will not be made for transporting samples. The inspector will be paid the hourly rate for transporting samples.

QUESTION: Will KYTC consider setting up an on-site material testing facility, paid for as time and materials as an alternative to use of an off-site lab?

ANSWER: Yes, it is the intent of this RFP for the Proposer to determine if testing the material on-site would be most economical, or if taking the sample to an off-site third party would be most economical. Either option must be an AASHTO accredited laboratory.

QUESTION: Section VI, Special Instructions, Items to be Furnished by the Consultant – Will KYTC reimburse for all required equipment as a direct cost or are the inspectors hourly rates to include all requested equipment?

ANSWER: Yes, equipment costs Furnished by the Consultant should be included within the hourly rate.

QUESTION: Section XII, Evaluation Factors, includes Item 6, Inspection fees, which will be weighted 5 points - Will price be a factor in the selection? What fees are included in this category and how will they be evaluated?

ANSWER: Loaded wage rates should be included for each of the eleven classifications listed within the chart. We would also like to evaluate all of the fees which includes the material testing.

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CLARIFICATION: Page 3 of the RFP has been revised to clarify that the upset limit is \$3,000,000. Please see [VI. Special Instructions](#) for more details.

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QUESTION: Will the prequalification for In-Depth Structure Inspection be required for the packages that may require inspection services?

ANSWER: Upon further review, each package has one or more trusses which will require field inspection and/or management. As a result, *In-Depth Structure Inspection* services will be required. Please see [Section VII. Prequalification Requirements](#) of the revised RFP for more details.

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QUESTION: Would it be possible for our team to gain access to the project Reference Information Documents (RIDs)?

ANSWER: Yes. Submit a request for RIDs access to the l69DBSection1@ky.gov. Please list the name and email address of any employee who would like access.

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QUESTION: We would anticipate the need to perform periodic quality assurance testing for asphalt at a rate much lower than that of quality control testing performed by the contractor. We would anticipate having an inspector at the batch plant to observe the contractor's quality control testing as well as using the contractor's equipment to perform our quality assurance testing. In addition to this verification (quality assurance) and observed quality control testing, we would anticipate that Independent Assurance testing would be required per FHWA-HIF-12-002. If required, this independent assurance testing is performed using technicians and equipment other than that used to perform the verification and quality control testing. In that instance, would KYTC self-perform this independent assurance testing?

ANSWER: The District 2 Material Lab will be self-performing the Independent Assurance Testing.

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QUESTION: The table on page 6 lists 1 full time Lead Inspector but page 4, 2nd paragraph reads as designating multiple lead inspectors. Please clarify whether there is to be one Lead Inspector or 2 Lead Inspectors.

ANSWER: A single Lead Inspector is intended.

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QUESTION: Relative to payment for laboratory tests, it is our understanding from reading the RFP that if an on-site laboratory is setup, the cost of the laboratory tests would be paid by compensating at the hourly rate for a Level 4 Materials Testing Inspector? The hourly rate is to include all of the costs for furnishing and operating the on-site laboratory. Further, if the lab testing is transported to an off-site laboratory due to capacity during peak volumes, it is our understanding that the lab tests would be compensated as a lump sum per test? Please verify if this is correct.

ANSWER: Whether tests are completed with an on-site lab or third party lab, the lab tests will be compensated as a lump sum per test. If an on-site lab is selected, the lump sum per test should not include the hourly rate of personnel running the test, the personnel will be paid hourly. The hourly rate for the Materials Testing Inspector should not include the cost of the lab tests.