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To: ALL CONTRACTORS

Re: ***QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS NOTICE***
Prequalification of Bidders – Underground Flow Equalization System Project

This Questions and Answers Notice provides a summary of written responses to formally submitted questions from contractors received prior to the 9/5/19 prequalification submittal date.

PROPOSER QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question 1: What is the construction value for the project?

Response: The engineer's estimate is currently \$45M-46M.

Question 2: Is the goal to limit pre-qualified bidders?

Response: No, we are not trying to downsize. We just want to ensure bidders are qualified to do this work. All bidders will need to meet the minimum qualifications. That will not change.

Question 3: Is there a limit on the size of the prequalification application package?

Response: There is currently no limit to the size of the application package nor any limit on the number of previous projects referenced.

Question 4: Regarding specialty subs, how do you plan to evaluate them when listed in the application? The bid period is still a ways away, so it is hard to get subs to commit this early.

Response: If possible, list those subs you think you will be using. Given it is a competitive bid, we understand this may not be possible. What is more important is project experience by the prime contractor manager subs on similar work. The prime needs to show they can complete this type of work with a relevant sub.

Question 5: Is there a chance that the tiebacks required for shoring of the excavation will extend outside of the easement from the County?

Response: Yes, it is expected that this will be the case. 2 of the sides of the site are on City property. However, the third side is adjacent to the Event Center property, so an additional temporary construction easement is being obtained from the County to accommodate this. It is expected that the tiebacks will extend about 80 feet from the edge of the excavation on this side.

Question 6: Will the sign-in sheet from the prequalification conference be posted?

Response: Yes. It is posted in the same space as the RFQ, along with the presentation from the conference.

Question 7: Will there be a hard cutoff in the scoring if a contractor does not meet one of the requirements, such as the \$30M or greater requirement on previous projects?

Response: There are many factors on previous projects that we will be looking at. If a contractor does not meet one of them, it does not necessarily mean that they will receive no points in that category. There can be partial points awarded depending on the experience. The total for all of the categories needs to add up to a minimum score though.

