

RFSOQ 25-04 A&E Services FS 24 & 26

No.	Question	Answer
1	Is there a site selected for the temporary station?	ACFD plans to install portable units to serve as a temporary fire station 24 during the construction somewhere on the same site. The site is nearly 1.4 acres. More information is included in the scope for temporary station 24 in the RFSOQ.
2	The Specific Requirements listed in Section D, item No. 1 (page 5 of RFQ pdf), includes reference to the design firm providing Geotechnical and Surveying services. These services/disciplines present a very elevated risk for A/E firms to carry under contract and could potentially render the design contractor uninsurable under its Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions) policy which should be avoided by both parties. Would the County be agreeable to contract directly for these services?	Bidders should include the scope for Geotechnical and Surveying services in thier bids. ACFD prefers the Geotechnical and Surveying services be subcontracted by the A&E firm.
3	Can the County please confirm the preferred SLEB participation percentage for this project? Can this be met with Alameda County Certified Local Businesses and SLEB certified participation?	If the prime contractor is certified SLEB, they will receive the full 10% preference points added to their score. If the prime contractor is not SLEB certified but is located within Alameda County, they will receive 5% preference points added to their score. There are no preference points awarded for having a compliant subcontracting strategy able to meet SLEB participation requirements. Such complinace is the minimum requirement to be considered responsive.
4	If the SLEB participation percentage goal is not obtained entirely, but partially, will the County qualify the proposal submission, or will it be deemed non-responsive?	The County SLEB program specifies that either (a) the prime contractor is a certified SLEB in Alameda County or (b) the prime contractor must subcontract 20% of the total contract value to certified SLEB subcontractor(s). If the 20% compliance goal cannot be met, the prime contractor must justify the reason full compliance cannot be met on the Exceptions and Clarifications form included in the bid package documents. If there are no bidders capable of meeting the SLEB requirements, the justification included in the Excpetions form can be used by ACFD to obtain a SLEB waiver which would be required if full compliance cannot be met. If there are bidders that have met the SLEB requirements, then bidder not meeting the SLEB requirements will be considered non-responsive.
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