

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS STREETSCAPE DESIGN QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Is it the City's expectation that the selected consultant will provide signed and sealed site-specific construction drawings for the entire length of the sidewalk & ROW improvements described in the RFQ? Or, will the selected consultant be expected to provide, in essence, the vision along with a "kit of parts" for such things as furnishings, plant lists, signage, etc. which will ultimately be incorporated into the construction drawings authored the TXDOT engineer?

The latter. TxDOT will handle all of the engineering, construction, etc.

Does the Prime team need to be a landscape architect? **No.**

Can an architecture firm be prime? **Yes.**

Is the successful team expected to have a Civil Engineer? Or will the TxDOT team have the civil of record?

No. TxDOT team will have the civil of record.

Is the successful team expected to create construction drawings, stamped? Or will the TxDOT team handle CDs? What is the ultimate scope, Vision/ Concept Design? **Vision/Concept Design with recommended materials. TxDOT will handle CDs.**

Is "completed projects" defined as built projects, or completed scope? **Either**

Can the list of 3 references be the same as the ones listed in the Quality of Similar Projects section? **Yes**

Attachment E: Are "contractors" defined as the team (i.e. Overland) or the contractors performing the services? **Team**

Do all of the firms have to complete the Attachment forms? Or are the attachments only applicable to the Prime firm? **Prime**

At the pre-submittal conference last week the question was asked if the Indemnification Clause could be revised/negotiated. I can't find on the City of Alamo Heights webpage where that question and the sign-up sheet have been posted. Could you please point me to the location of the answers to the questions?

Attachment F of the RFQ packet.

<https://www.alamoheightstx.gov/wp-content/uploads/RFQ-Planning-Urban-Design-Econ-Outreach-Final.pdf>

Is there a budget set for the project? **No confirmed budget at this time as we are in the process of confirming the final ¼ of funding for the overall Redevelopment Project. How much of that funding we can secure will determine the budget for this project.**

Is there an existing civil engineer and MEP engineer involved or should we plan to add these to our team? **TxDOT will provide all engineering services**

Are you able to provide further details on the “Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)/Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) Redevelopment Project” referenced on Page 1? **This project will build off of the City of San Antonio’s redevelopment of their portion of Broadway. Will shrink Broadway down to two lanes and address storm water issues.**

It sounds like the scope does not involve a full redesign of the roadway itself in regard to dimensions, signalization, location of bike facilities, etc.. which is happening separately, is that correct? **Correct, TxDOT will handle the roadway itself. The scope is primarily the ROW between the curb and the private property line.**

Can you please provide the sign in sheet from 6/13/19 and estimate value for this project? **No budget to date as we are finalizing funding. Sign-in sheet will be posted online by the end of the week.**

Should the design team include Survey for existing conditions, topo and SUE or utility locations? Or will the City provide this information? **This will be provided by TxDOT as it is their ROW**

Will this streetscape design services/scope need to include Schematic Design thru Construction Documents and Construction Administration? It appears the scope may only need to include complete street planning, programming, guidelines and concepts. This will help us determine what sub-consultants will be necessary to show as part of our team, such as Civil, MEP, Drainage, Geotechnical, Traffic etc.

The scope of the project is primarily the ROW from the curb to private property line. TxDOT will handle all construction documents/administration and does not include the street planning portion.

Should the design team include traffic study, or will the City provide this information? **TxDOT will provide this information.**

Is the Cities goal to reduce traffic lanes and increase the pedestrian realm / decorative sidewalks? **TxDOT will reduce the traffic lanes. Yes, that is our goal for the ROW from the curb to the private property line.**

Will the project require public outreach, or will the design team only be presenting to City Staff for design approval? **Some public outreach will be conducted but it will be in conjunction with the City’s bond education meetings and will not need to be done separately by the respondent.**

Would the City like to include concepts for Low Impact Design (LID) features as a design requirement? **Much of the project area is within the floodplain so any design will need to have a no-rise impact. LID concepts are welcome but not required.**

The Streetscape Design RFQ, in his view, sounds like you are looking for a fee proposal rather than a request for qualifications. Can you clarify? The answer to this could have a significant impact on what we submit.

The goal of the RFQ is to identify a firm to serve as the City's subject matter expert for the pedestrian/landscaping/lighting/etc. portion of TxDOTs redevelopment project. While that will likely include assisting with the identification of materials and related cost estimates, we are not looking for a fee proposal specifically.

We would like a copy of the presentation from the Pre-Submittal Conference for the Streetscape Design Services.

Unfortunately, no written presentation was provide except for the project map that is included in the RFQ.

Do you have a very involved citizen and business group?

Yes. If there is a Bond Election the City will hold public education meetings.

It looks like the civil project is already far along – can you speak on timeline?

The project is planned to begin in the next 18 to 24 mths.

Is there any flexibility in the current plans since TxDOT are so far along in their portion – the civil plans – an opportunity in the “look”?

The plans are at 10% and there are some opportunities for input.

Any page limits? **No**

Forms/Attachments – where in the document?

To be include at the end of the proposal.

Would TxDOT go beyond the curb to help with utilities?

Yes - you are not expected to provide MEP.

Does the bond project include the landscape? If the landscape project bid is over the estimated cost is there a contingency.

There is contingency built into the project budget but final budget and bond proposal is still a work in progress at this time.

Will there be a short list?

Yes and interviews will be conducted by the City Council.

