



Questions & Answers

Request for Proposals for Hillcrest Road Widening and Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway Project

Date: January 11, 2021
To: Interested Firms and Individuals
From: Eric Cordoba, Deputy Director for Capital Projects
Subject: Request for Proposals for Hillcrest Road Widening and Yerba Buena Island Multi-Use Pathway Project (RFP 20/21-06)

The Transportation Authority received the following questions in italics submitted by 5:00 p.m. on January 6, 2021.

1. *Is it possible to get a copy of the presentation following the meeting?*

Yes, a copy of the presentation has been posted on the Transportation Authority's website and can be found here: <https://www.sfcta.org/request-proposals-hillcrest-road-widening-and-yerba-buena-island-multi-use-pathway-project-rfp-2021>

2. *For the widening existing road of Hillcrest Road Project, when you mention utilities will that include the need of "Underground Utility Services"?*

We anticipate designing a joint trench for electrical conduits for the Hillcrest Road project. We have also provided drawings for the Southgate Road and West Side Bridges projects which identifies underground utilities for those projects. Existing maps for Hillcrest Road may show underground utilities, which will need to be confirmed and field verified to the extent possible by the selected consultant firm. Any existing underground facilities will need to be protected or replaced, as appropriate. Drawings for the Southgate Road and West Side Bridges projects can be found here: <https://www.sfcta.org/request-proposals-hillcrest-road-widening-and-yerba-buena-island-multi-use-pathway-project-rfp-2021>

Can you please clarify if these services will be needed?

We do anticipate using underground services to identify existing utilities for the Hillcrest Road Project where necessary.

3. *I see that the RFP Section VII mentions Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Small Business Enterprise (SBE). My firm is a Local Business Enterprise (LBE); is that the same as an SBE?*

No, they are not the same. We encourage LBE participation on this contract. However, as this contract will be funded a State Infill Infrastructure Grant, we are required by the State of California to adhere to state procurement requirements, which prohibits any local preference

on state-funded contracts. Please review Section VII of the RFP (Page 21) for all certifications that may be counted towards the DBE/SBE goal.

4. *Can you please at least mention the Primes that are in the meeting today?*

Consultants who have registered for the Pre-Proposal Conference and have identified themselves as potential prime consultants are APEX Civil Engineering, Arup North America Ltd, AXIA Group California, ENGEO, MNS Engineers, Sapere Environmental and WMH Corporation. The registration listing for the Pre-Proposal Conference can be found here: <https://www.sfcta.org/request-proposals-hillcrest-road-widening-and-yerba-buena-island-multi-use-pathway-project-rfp-2021>

5. *State of California Department of General Services added a certification called Small Business for Public Works (SB-PW). Can you confirm this meets the SBE certification requirement for the RFP?*

Yes, this certification can be counted toward the DBE/SBE goal.

6. *Is there a workforce development component in the RFP?*

We anticipate a workforce development component during the construction phase. We do encourage firms to explore workforce development during the design phase.

7. *Can you explain the rationale for assuming this will be a Categorical Exemption?*

We believe the YBI Multi-use Pathway Project may qualify for Categorical Exemption per the California Environmental Quality Act given the extent of the proposed potential improvements but we are asking firms to provide feedback on this preliminary assumption and advise on how to best ensure environmental compliance and also streamline environmental approvals to the extent possible.

8. *Will there be provisions for professional services such as human resources and administrative services?*

We encourage prime contractors and subcontractors to work together to identify any professional service needs.

For more information regarding the RFP, visit the Transportation Authority's website:
www.sfcta.org/contracting