

WETLAND MITIGATION AND/OR WATER TOWER, STORM WATER, FLOOD GATES
RFQ QUESTIONS (Answers in bold)

- 1) Can you email me a copy of any specifications and/or documents associated with this bid:
Procuring Services For Design And Construction Engineering For The Construction Of A
Mitigation Wetland;
Construction Of A New 100~000 Gallon Water Tower

On the front page of the Bi-State Regional Commission website at www.bistateonline.org are two Requests for Qualifications for the projects in Keithsburg, Illinois. That is the information available at this time. Any files the City has regarding these projects will be made available to the selected consultant team(s).

- 2) Has any preliminary work been done to show that this is a viable site for wetland mitigation?

The site was a mitigation site for a marina project in the late 1990's and was not monitored to ensure the species planted survived. The Corps is requiring the project be completed successfully as part of these HUD funded projects.

- 3) Has an archaeological survey been completed for the mitigation site? If not, did you want us to include this in our SOQ?

An archaeological survey was likely done prior to the original effort an update will possibly be required. Our partners on this project, Western Illinois Regional Council are conducting the HUD/State of Illinois required Environmental Record Review. If required they will order the Phase I update. However, since the wetland mitigation site has been previously disturbed, this is unlikely.

- 3) Has a T&E survey been completed for the mitigation site?
If not, did you want us to include this in our SOQ?

We don't know what you mean by this.

- 4) Has an Environmental Phase 1 been completed for this site? OR, has it been determined that a Phase 1 is not needed?

Our partners on this project, Western Illinois Regional Council are conducting the HUD/State of Illinois required Environmental Review Record. If required they will order the Phase I; however, this is unlikely.

- 5) Has the city been working with a licensed civil engineer? If so, would the city want to continue to work with the current engineer on this phase of the project or would the city prefer an outside civil engineer be brought in to prepare grading plans and construction drawings?

The City conducted preliminary engineering for a levee project which was disbanded due to FEMA requirements. Cost estimates for the projects noted in the RFQ's were then

developed by the same firm. The City is seeking competitive qualifications at this time. According to 2 CFR 200.319 “full, open and competitive procurement is required”.

6) Are we limited to 3 examples of similar projects?

No, that is the minimum.

7) Does the city have any recent elevation data and/or aerial photograph of the site?

Any data the City has from previous efforts will be provided by the selected consultant team. There also may be information available at Mercer County or through Western Illinois University.

8) What GIS data is available or can be provided to the consultant, specifically elevation, soils, streets, utilities, etc..?

Any data the City has from previous efforts will be provided the selected consultant team. There also may be information available at Mercer County or through Western Illinois University.

9) Is there an educational component to this project? Signage? Other?

No.

10) Is there a public outreach requirement and/or need for a local meeting ? Public Meeting/Open House?

No other than a public hearings are required for HUD funded projects which the City will conduct along with project administrators.

11) Are you going to post all the questions at once? Or post as they are asked/answered?

The questions will be answered as needed within two business days.

12) How was the proposed mitigation site selected? Is the Corps of Engineers (COE) aware of the project? Have they provided input/guidance on the type of mitigation needed or the location of the mitigation site?

The site was a mitigation site for a marina project in the late 1990’s and was not monitored to ensure the species planted survived. The Corps is requiring the project be completed successfully as part of these HUD funded projects. The specific plantings noted are listed in prior documentation from the Corps.