



RFQ 25-011

Railroad Crossing Elimination

ADDENDUM # 1

This addendum amends or modifies the solicitation terms, conditions, and/or specifications as originally issued. Listed below are answers to questions submitted regarding the RFQ 25-011.

This Addendum is issued to modify or interpret the bidding documents. Bidders are hereby instructed that the terms and specifications for the above referenced project are modified, corrected, or/and supplemented as hereinafter described. Bidders are hereby instructed to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum.

1. How many copies would you like to receive and is a digital copy required?

There is one original and four (4) copies of the submittal along with an electronic version submittal required.

2. Is an original copy required?

3. Yes.

4. Can you please clarify the specific Key Team Leaders to ensure correct Key Personnel resumes?

The Selection Committee will evaluate all firms first on their Experience and Qualifications and Workload Capacity before considering technical approach and fees. For the project manager and each key team leader selected by the consultant to perform project work, the Selection Committee will evaluate their education, registration, relevant experience, relevant project management experience, and experience in utilizing GDOT specific processes, manuals, or guidance, and their experience in delivering projects of similar complexity, size, scope and function.

Initial to acknowledge and include with submittal: _____

The RFQ identifies the areas of required pre-qualification necessary to develop engineering concepts, environmental assessments and community engagement plans. It is assumed that submittals will identify key team leaders qualified in each of these areas who will develop and complete the project work.

5. Do you anticipate any traffic issues throughout this contract?

The engineering concepts developed for any modification to the railroad crossing should examine and account for traffic issues that may or could exist in the project area. Please note that this project is a planning exercise that will develop a community engagement plan, engineering concept and environmental assessment (see clarified scope below).

6. On Page 16 Section V Capital Project Scope, Right-of-way activities are listed such as parcel identification, appraisals, negotiations & acquisitions. Will the City handle the ROW activities, or will the selected consultant team be responsible?

There will be no right of way activities required under this planning phase. Clarification of project scope is set forth below.

Scope Clarification:

This is a Track-1 Planning Project. The scope of the project is to examine closing three at-grade crossings, Angham Road (71982ON), Finch Road (799821V) and Huddleston Drive (719822C) with a view to consolidate or eliminate three at grade crossings to increase the mobility and safety of motorists and pedestrians while increasing the fluidity of freight rail network in the region. The work includes conceptual engineering for the closures, preliminary environmental assessments, and development and implementation of a community engagement plan.

Community Engagement Plan

The Consultant will create a community engagement plan that seeks input from the citizens of Powder Springs and surrounding communities. When conducting information sessions/open forums to collect information and insights about citizens interfacing with the railroad, Norfolk Southern will be on site to promote awareness about grade crossing safety, and how to prevent and reduce incidents at at-grade crossings.

The Consultant will work with the City and project funding partners to define the goals of the community engagement task and the stakeholders that interface with the freight railroad within the project range. Additionally the consultant will create a communication/marketing plan (mailers, press releases, social media, website creation, to communicate project), conduct a community assessment (conduct information sessions, open houses, and forums to collect information and insight about citizens interfacing with freight railroad), evaluate data collected and create a final report based on input received from community assessment.

Conceptual Engineering

The Consultant will develop conceptual engineering to advance project planning to the 10% level to define the limits of disturbance and affected properties. The objective is to identify necessary infrastructure improvements and determine a cost estimate for alternatives. A draft and final plan report shall be prepared along with resource mapping and 10% concept plans.

Environmental Impact Analysis & Site Assessment

The Consultant will identify environmental considerations to determine potential project impacts and support future lifecycle stages of the project's development. The Consultant will perform a high-level qualitative environmental assessment and a preliminary effects analysis and will submit draft and final environmental assessment reports, site survey, and geotechnical investigation and recommendations