City of Atwater

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ADDENDUM NO. 1
RESPONSES TO RFIs

PROJECT: **REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE GREEN SANDS AVENUE UTILITIES EXTENSION/CANAL CREEK CROSSING PROJECT, CITY PROJECT NO. 22-09.**

Addendum No. 1 is being issued to the Notice to Proposers for the Requests for Proposals for the Green Sands Avenue Utilities Extension/Canal Creek Crossing. Proposals are due to be submitted by **Thursday, February 19, 2026, at 2:00 P.M**. at the City of Atwater, Administration Office, located at **1160 Fifth Street, Atwater, CA 95301**.

The following questions/clarifications were received from prospective respondents:

1. When is the expected bid date for contractors/potential construction dates?
    - **Answer: According to the Work Plan provided to the EPA, construction bidding is estimated to occur in the final quarter of 2026, with construction likely in the second quarter of 2027.**
    - **The City is requesting final PS&E by the end of October 2026.**

2. Are there any scheduling considerations bidders should be aware of? Timelines for Grant Funding?
    - **Answer: This project is being funded by an EPA Community Grant. The City has 3 years to complete the project and expend the funding.**

3. Is the environmental assessment complete? Will the City of Atwater be responsible for completing all required environmental work for the project?
    - **Answer: The City is responsible for the environmental documents.**

4. Please explain the difference between Attachment A, Scope of Work starting on page 26, and Exhibit A, Scope of Services on page 52 of the RFP?
    - **Answer: Attachment A describes the requested scope of work for the project, which will be further described in Part 5 of the proposal. Please include any revisions to the scope of work described in this addendum, and/or any modifications to the scope of work based on your knowledge or recommendations. Exhibit A is where the final scope of work will go as an attachment to the Professional Services Agreement after any negotiations are made to finalize the scope of work.**

5. On page 29, Task #3 is missing; please confirm that there is no missing information.
    - **Answer: Task #3 should include Geotechnical Services. See the following for information on Task 3 requirements.**

      Task 3 – Geotechnical Engineering Investigation and Report:

      Consultant shall provide a comprehensive program of geologic and geotechnical engineering investigation, exploration, testing, analysis, reporting, recommendations, specifications, and plan reviews for project development, as required by all applicable laws, codes, regulations, and generally accepted industry practices. Consultant shall provide attestation on final PS&E that the Geotechnical Engineer of Record has reviewed the PS&E and found them to be in conformance with their recommendations for the project.

      a. General: All soils engineering and geotechnical reports submitted for review shall have been prepared by, or under the responsible charge of, a civil engineer, licensed in the State of California, experienced in the field of soil mechanics, or a geotechnical engineer licensed in the State of California ("soils engineer"). Geotechnical investigations and reports requiring input from an engineering geologist licensed in the State of California ("engineering geologist") and a civil engineer or a geotechnical engineer shall bear the signature and stamp of all required professional licensees and the date of signing and sealing or stamping.

      It is the responsibility of the soils engineer to review the project and determine what items must be covered (e.g., slope stability, collapsible soils, liquefaction, foundation designs, pavement structural section designs, permeability or percolation/infiltration rates, suitability for the project, construction constraints, mitigation of effects to offsite property, etc.) in the preparation of a geotechnical report. The report must demonstrate that property and public welfare will be safeguarded in accordance with all applicable laws and codes.

      It is the responsibility of the soils engineer to determine the extent of subsurface exploration and laboratory testing programs. The subsurface data and laboratory testing results must be sufficient to provide an accurate characterization of the subsurface conditions. Data shall be used to evaluate

potential geologic and geotechnical hazards and conduct engineering analyses. The geotechnical recommendations and conclusions shall be based on appropriate subsurface data, laboratory testing results, and engineering analyses.

It is the responsibility of the soils engineer to obtain USA utility markings, all other utility markings, and all required permits prior to any field work. Consultant shall provide traffic control if required.

b. Minimum requirements: The geotechnical report shall be completed in such a manner to ensure that all geotechnical factors affecting the subject site and the proposed development have been considered. The geotechnical report must consider the site stability, including temporary conditions during construction. The report must also consider the effect of the proposed development on the geologic and geotechnical stability of adjacent properties. The geotechnical report must contain recommendations with supporting data, analyses, and calculations, and include all references used.

- **i. Review selected alignment and coordinate with the project team for project needs.**
- **ii. Review all publicly available geotechnical reporting and other relevant materials applicable to or adjacent to the project area, such as FEMA maps, USGS soils surveys, and other surveys.**
- **iii. Perform subsurface explorations and soils collections as required.**
- **iv. Perform infiltration testing as required, not less than two (2) tests at each basin location and one (1) test at any infiltration-based Low Impact Development stormwater quality treatment measure.**
- **v. Perform soils laboratory testing and analyses as required.**
- **vi. Prepare Geotechnical Engineering Investigation Report as required, to include, but not limited to:**
  1. **Description of project site and proposed project.**
  2. **Description of physical setting (topography, drainage, rainfall, vegetation, climate, etc.).**
  3. **Description of regional and local geology.**
  4. **Discussion of geologic hazards (fault ruptures, ground motions, liquefaction, slope stability, subsidence, expansive/compressible soils, etc.).**
  5. **Discussion of seismic hazards.**
  6. **Description of soils survey mapping and characteristics of earth materials.**
  7. **Summary of existing published materials reviewed.**
  8. **Information regarding the nature and source of available subsurface data.**
  9. **Summary of subsurface explorations and conditions.**
  10. **Summary of existing pavement conditions and structural sections.**
  11. **Discussion of chemical testing and potential soil corrosivity.**
  12. **Discussion of groundwater conditions, including historic and seasonal high groundwater table(s), depths to groundwater encountered in all**

subsurface explorations, and water surface from all infiltration systems proposed as part of the project. If encountered, discuss the effects of static and/or perched groundwater on the proposed project, including cut slopes, temporary excavations, shoring, fills, basins, etc.

13. **List of laboratory test results.**
14. **Description of engineering analysis and calculations.**
15. **Recommendations for pavement structural sections (maximum design R-Value = 50), sidewalks, etc.**
16. **Recommendations for foundations and retaining walls systems design (including but not limited to surcharging, seismic loading, at-rest conditions, braced conditions, keys/tiebacks/lagging/geo-grids, etc.).**
17. **Conclusions and recommendations for project site development (including but not limited to clearing, grubbing, excavation, compaction, engineered fills, subdrains, utilities, trenching, bedding and backfill, etc.).**
18. **Limitations.**
19. **Map(s) showing:**
    a. **Project area, rights-of-way, and lot lines.**
    b. **Geology.**
    c. **Faults.**
    d. **Soil surveys.**
    e. **Location of all subsurface borings/explorations.**
    f. **Known sewage disposal systems, reservoirs, etc.**
    g. **Any geotechnical setback areas or areas of restricted use.**
20. **All boring logs.**
21. **All laboratory test results.**
22. **Specifications for site development.**

6. Should bidders include bid support and engineering services during construction in the scope of work?
    - **Answer: Yes**

7. Will the City provide front-end Specifications or Specification templates?
    - **Answer: Yes**

8. Are there any special grant requirements as part of the EPA Community Change Grant that should be considered? IE, Buy America or Construction Requirements?
    - **Answer: Information on grant requirements, including Buy America and American Iron and Steel, can be found on the EPA Community Grants website. The City will notify the successful bidder of any waivers or changes to the listed requirements.**

9. What is the anticipated award time between the award and NTP for the PS&E documents?
    - **Answer: Turnaround time between the award and the NTP will be approximately two work weeks.**

10. What background information will the City provide for the successful bidder?
    - **Answer: The City will provide sewer and water plats. The Atwater Community Development Department will also provide any current zoning or land use details and background documents for the adjacent properties. The successful bidder may need to coordinate with Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG), Merced County, Caltrans, Merced Irrigation District (MID), and other utility suppliers for additional information and requirements.**

11. Can the City provide as-built plans for the project area/tie-in points?
    - **Answer: The City will provide sewer and water plats. The Atwater Community Development Department will also provide any current zoning or land use details and background documents for the adjacent properties. The successful bidder may need to coordinate with MCAG, Merced County, Caltrans, MID, and other utility suppliers for additional information and requirements.**

12. Does the City have any existing topographic, right-of-way, or utility survey data available for the project corridor that can be relied upon, or should proposers assume all survey work will be performed under this contract?
    - **Green Sands Avenue was improved as part of the Atwater-Merced Expressway. The successful bidder should coordinate with Merced County and/or the MCAG to obtain records of those improvements, including topographic surveys, right-of-way, and utility data. This does not relieve the successful bidder from conducting additional surveys or obtaining additional information as necessary.**

13. How much is the construction budget/CIP Construction cost value for this project?
    - **Answer: The preliminary construction cost estimate is $2.6 million.**

14. Is it acceptable to work on all tasks concurrently?
    - **Answer: Yes.**

15. Can the City provide guidance on anticipated utility potholing assumptions (e.g., estimated number of potholes or known conflict area), or should proposers include an allowance and identify it as such in the cost proposal?
    - **Answer: Please assume 40 pothole locations.**

16. Can the City provide design flows for water and sewage?
    - **Answer: The City will provide the successful bidder with the necessary information to calculate design flows. The successful bidder will be responsible for confirming all information, including calculations conducted previously,**

including design flows. Please see requirements on page 29 of the RFI, Task 5 – preliminary work – Basis of Design.

17. Section 4.3.3 "General" requests evidence of required licenses. Should we include copies of licenses in an appendix?
    - **The City will not require copies of licenses in the proposal submittal. However, the City may request additional licensing during the interview and selection process.**

IF YOU SUBMIT A PROPOSAL, A SIGNED COPY OF THIS ADDENDUM No. 1 MUST BE ATTACHED THERETO.

Sincerely,

Spencer Supinger, PE
City Engineer

Consultant _____

Signature _____

Date _____