

RFP 16-002 Q&A

Q: Reading the RFP for the improvements to West Meadowlark, I note the requirements for a Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Payment Bond. These are always required of Construction Contractors when applying public funds for construction. However, in my experience, these do not apply to Professional Engineering Services.

A: Although an RFP for engineering services can require bonding for completion, in response to the inquiry and to attract more applicants, the Village will no longer require a Bid Bond, Performance Bond, and Payment Bond. As an alternative, we will require liquidated damages at the contract level to address any potential harm to the Village as a consequence of poor, incomplete, or delayed performance.

Q: The fee is 25% of the evaluation score? My understanding is that a Qualification Based selection is the norm for selection of professional services.

We have seen blind fees (no reference to submitter) be submitted with a proposal but they are used only to identify the anticipated costs the Owner may expect when negotiating a contract with the Qualified winner of the proposal process.

A: The question was taken under advisement and again to encourage more applicants the Village will not score the fee/price. We will accept "Blind Fees"; cost estimate from engineering firms not to be opened until after identifying the most highly qualified offeror. The Village selection committee will select and rank, in order of their qualifications, the offerors deemed to be most highly qualified based on Experience, Capability and Project Plan.

Q: Where can we see the "Preliminary Design" material?

A: The location of the Preliminary Design material can be found on the Village of Corrales web site; <http://www.corrales-nm.org/> Village Department, Clerk's Office, Request For Proposals in file: 2015- 10-20-ISA Determination Acceptance Letter:

Or, through the Village Clerk's Office at 4324 Corrales Rd., Corrales, NM 87048

Q: Are Rio Rancho and SSCAFCA coordinating with Corrales for the traffic, trail and drainage project currently crossing the municipal borders?

A: Both Rio Rancho and SSCAFCA have stated support of the project and approval of preliminary plan to divert water into SSCAFCA pond at the municipal boundary has been received. Preliminary planning provides bike and pedestrian lanes from Rio Rancho tying into Corrales trails. The primary traffic on Upper West Meadowlark is Rio Rancho traffic and their Public Works Department has participated in the proposed project through the MRCOG and the TIP process.

Q: Is there an anticipated construction budget?

A: The project primary funding and budget can be found on MRCOG TIP <http://mrcogshare.org/MPO/Section5a.pdf> . There is some MAP funding can be used for construction as the Traffic Control at the intersection of Loma Larga and West Meadowlark is within the project scope.

Q: Does the project require Right of Way purchase?

A: No, The project boundaries are planned within the Village ROW and any encroachments will be either permitted, or removed. The notification process has been underway and is near completion. Current landscape is not anticipated to be changed until time of construction, so as not to disturb the soil until there is work on the site. Driveways are in the ROW and planning for how they best will tie into the trails and roadway along with the construction is part of the project.

Q: Is the horse trail allowed to be combined with the bike trail?

A: The horse trail is not anticipated to get heavy use but should be separated from the other trails and traffic as much as safely possible but the terrain may dictate that the best option is that it cross/combine with other trails, or traffic. The equestrians seem mostly to connect to the SSCAFCA pond trails and along the edge of the Thompson Line bike and pedestrian trail. The traffic calming devices, bike and pedestrian trails are priority planning concerns over the lessor used horse trail. The horse trail has the most flexibility to meander and cross changing terrain but does need to be a relatively flat surface from north to south as horses like steady footing.

Q: Is the Village anticipating any work in the area before the project is constructed?

A: We do anticipate mowing and maintenance in the ROW and may be moving some encroachments. Additionally we may need to do drainage and traffic lane maintenance at the upper and lower sections of the road because of the wear and tear of traffic and drainage that work cannot wait until the project construction.

Q: Does the post Office have any preference for mailbox placement?

A: The most cost effective method for the Post Office has been cluster boxes but we want to avoid that and let the residents keep their boxes as close to status quo as possible. The Village can permit the encroachment in the ROW. The box can be placed in the approved location after construction as long as it doesn't impact trail plans.

Q: Are there other anticipated permits for encroachments?

A: Yes. The Village has been approving encroachments that do not impact the anticipated path of the trails and roadside drainage. We will provide copies of those in the record. There are walls on the south side that may be a few inches in the ROW but do not impact the project which may be allowed. So as not to disturb those footing, we expect the trail to planned with that consideration in mind.

Q: Can we get a copy of sign in sheet for the site visit

A: Yes. It will be posted on the Village web page