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TO: Prospective Offerors  
FROM: Hunter J. Crowder, Contracting Officer, U.S. Embassy Ottawa  
SUBJECT: Solicitation questions and answers pertaining to construction services for residential fence modifications (CMR)  

Following the pre-proposal conference, the Government is publicizing answers to questions received by May 1, 2020.  

Question 1: Will fence line be graded to level off rough terrain?  
Answer 1: The fence line should be graded to level off rough terrain.  

Question 2: Is geo technical report or test holes are available for the area along the service road?  
Answer 2: The geo technical report is not available. The test holes were not performed. The concrete footing shall be 48 inches deep by 12 inches in diameter. If the rock bed prevents the contractor from drilling the required depth, then the contractor will be allowed to reach the required depth using 6 inches diameter hole into the rock bed.  

Question 3: Holes are typically augured with a Bobcat; however, rocks and boulders may prevent this. It was discussed during site visit that hydro excavation method may be necessary. Alternatively, a backhoe may have to be used. If solid rock is encountered holes will have to be core drilled. If geo technical report is not available, is there a provision in the contract to include additional costs for more expensive drilling methods, or, will the Government establish a requirement to use a particular excavation method to ensure consistent comparison of pricing?  
Answer 3: The government is restricted from determining the excavation method. The Offeror is required to submit price based on the lowest priced technically acceptable solution to mitigate any possible below grade damages to utilities and non registered lines. The Offeror is encouraged to include description of technical approach in form of an addendum to RFQ and indicate which excavation method was determined as technically acceptable and priced in the quotation. The unforeseen circumstances requiring the use of more expensive excavation techniques will be evaluated on a case by case basis. If warranted, a within-scope modification to contract may be issued by the Contracting Officer to cover the additional excavation costs.  

Question 4: Heritage Permits were discussed during the site visit. It is understood that that Heritage Permits would be the responsibility of the property owner. If this is the case, what will be required from the contractor to meet requirements established by the U.S. Government? Can the Heritage documents be provided for special provisions, if any?
Answer 4:
The prospective contractor will be required to provide description of ground conditions and possible excavation methods that may need to be used to complete the project.

Question 5:
The panels are all level at the bottom which will create gaps of varying degrees as a result of the sloping terrain. Given the sloped terrain that this install is going into, what is the maximum allowance for space from Grade to Panel bottom? Are gaps exceeding 4” acceptable in certain spots or should the prospective contractor consider customizing the bottom of the panels to match the slope or will re-grading be preferred where needed?
Answer 5:
The maximum gaps shall be 4”, the contractor will have to grade the terrain or adjust the panels.

Question 6:
There are several areas requiring brush cut backs and clearing for the purposes of gaining a line to prepare for and install the posting for the proposed fence. (pictures available upon request) What is the plan and who will take care of this aspect? For example the fence line from drawing 7.1 and 7.2 there are patches of over grown Sumac trees which will need to be cut back in order to provide a line for the fence. There is also a good amount of clearing required in the section illustrated in drawing 1-6 along the fence line.
Answer 6:
The prospective contractor shall provide an all-inclusive solution taking all directly related foreseeable aspects of construction process into account. The Government is restricted from providing any supplementary services, labor or materials required to complete this project. Prospective contractor shall be responsible to engage the necessary expertise and resources to complete all work at a firm price included in the contract. The unforeseen circumstances will be evaluated on a case by case basis. If warranted, a within-scope modification to contract may be issued by the Contracting Officer to cover the additional costs.

Question 7: Will the prospective contractor be required to remove the existing ceremonial gates?
Answer 7: No, the Ceremonial gate removed by the Government.

Question 8: Does the Government require to include Arches or Arbors at the ceremonial gates?
Answer 8: No, the gates do not require arches or arbors.

Question 9:
Will the prospective contractor be required to modify the 6’ tall panels inside the pillars on either side of the rear vehicular gate?
Answer 9: No, the panel will remain the same.

Question 10:
A potential inconsistency may be related to spacing on the 4”x4” post. There is 2 option for spacing. First option is measure centre to centre at 73-1/2”. Second option is to measure 102” centre to centre, being the less expensive option, reducing the quantity of posts, the amount of concrete and labour.
Answer 10: The prospective contractor shall use 102 inches for spacing.

Question 11: Shall the picket option be “Fork” or “Pinched”?
Answer 11: Picket option shall be “Pinched”.

Question 12: What is the opening seize on the double Gate?
Answer 12: Double gate opening shall be 96 inches.