

April 20, 2023

The City of Anderson, SC

Phase 1: Fabrication and Installation for the Wayfinding & Signage Program

Request for Proposal – Release Date: April 3, 2023

Deadline for Written Questions April 18, 2023

Responses to Questions Posted April 20, 2023

Definitions for the purposes of this Letter include:

Owner: City of Anderson

Designer: MERJE, West Chester, Pennsylvania

Bidder: All individuals or companies interested in submitting a proposal and fee for the scope of work outlined in this Request for Proposals

Contractor: The individual or company whose proposal has been accepted by the Owner and is awarded a fully executed, written contract for this project.

Bid: A formal offer submitted by a bidder in response to this solicitation.

RE: Responses to Questions Posted April 20, 2023

Dear Bidders,

Thank you for submitting questions. I have addressed each of the issues you have outlined. I hope you find our responses can guide you in your bid submission.

1. The RFP states there will be LD assessed in Section 22 -C. However, I am not able to locate a project completion date.

Response: November 1, 2023

2. Will the City of Anderson require building or sign permits outside of the NCDOT encroachments?

Response: The Project is in South Carolina, not NC. The contractor shall apply for all permits required by the OWNER and municipality for the purposes of building, sign and traffic control. The cost for all permits and coordination shall be included within the Lump Sum Bid Proposal; this includes but is not limited to equipment, manpower, police presence or any other devices or personnel required for traffic control. Blanket location permits shall be considered for multiple right of way locations. Individual permits shall be required for each sign location when mounted to buildings. All Permit Fees will be coordinated and paid through the City of Anderson.

3. Will the City of Anderson require footer inspection or concrete inspections?

Response: The Work may be subject to inspection and testing by The OWNER REPRESENTATIVE and the DESIGNER at reasonable times. Such inspection and testing is for the sole benefit of The OWNER and shall not relieve the CONTRACTOR of responsibility for performing the Work in strict compliance with the Contract Documents. Except as specifically provided to the contrary in the Contract Documents, no testing or inspection shall be construed as constituting or implying acceptance.



Any Work done without proper inspection or testing as required by the Contract Documents is subject to rejection. If any Work should be covered up before the required inspection or testing and approval, it must be uncovered, at the CONTRACTOR'S sole expense and without extension of the Contract Time, to allow the inspection and testing, and promptly restored thereafter.

The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for having performed all tests or inspections required by applicable laws as a condition of obtaining required certificates or permits or otherwise.

Refer to Section 03300 Cast in Place Concrete for Guidance and Specs.

4. Will any signs need to be removed? If so please provide details.

Response: Please refer to attached exhibit Showing Photos of typical Sign Scenarios. Refere to Message Schedule Comments for removals and Mounting Conditions. Include an allowance for the removal of up to Existing 10 Parking (P) Trailblazer signs – Currently mounted overhead to Traffic Signals.

5. Will electrical permits be required?

Response: The CONTRACTOR shall be responsible for having performed all tests or inspections required by applicable laws as a condition of obtaining required certificates or permits or otherwise. The CONTRACTOR shall also obtain, from an electrical underwriter, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the OWNER, certifying that all electrical work pursuant to the Contract has been completed in accordance with current electrical underwriting.

6. Will the City be responsible for getting all new power connections established in the correct installation location?

Response: The OWNER shall be responsible for providing power source within 6 feet of the sign location. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and perform all connections. Make provisions for servicing and for concealed connection to electric service. Coordinate electrical characteristics with those of the power supply provided. Include all diagrams required for power, signal, digital, wireless routing and control wiring of externally illuminated signs.

7. Do you have a 3D printer source for the finials?

Response: No. The Contractor is required to source.

8. Will you accept an alternative solution for the ABS plastic finials? We are getting very high cost estimates due to the low volume needed for phase1.

Response: Please include the use of any substitute materials or process in the bid submittal. Alternates shall be submitted for review and OWNER REPRESENTATIVE approval and shall be less than or equal in cost to the product/process specified in the Design Intent Drawing.

9. Can you clarify if only the base bid items need to be by the bid bond?

Response: All Items outlined on the Bid Form are to be included within the bid bond.

10. Can you provide more information on the expectation of the sample component items?

Response: See Below and Refer to the Bid Form for an Itemized Listing of Components. Refer to Design intent package and submit full size/scaled samples. Component #3 can be submitted as a 6x6 Sheet or the 3FORM Standard size. Components are to be constructed with the intent to be used as part of the final installation. Artwork to be supplied and provided by the OWNER or OWNERS Representative.

Sample Component #1 : Sign Panel w/Bracket/Band PARK.3

Sample Component #2 : City of Anderson Logo Plaque KIOSK.1

Sample Component #3 : 3FORM Patterned Material KIOSK.1

11. Please confirm the City will be responsible for obtaining any and all SCDOT permits/Encroachment Agreements.

Response: The contractor shall apply for all permits required by the OWNER and municipality for the purposes of building, sign and traffic control. The cost for all permits and coordination shall be included within the Lump Sum Bid Proposal; this includes but is not limited to equipment, manpower, police presence or any other devices or personnel required for traffic control. Blanket location permits shall be considered for multiple right of way locations. Individual permits shall be required for each sign location when mounted to buildings. All Permit Fees will be coordinated and paid through the City of Anderson.

12. Will the City obtain the County Rights-of-Way Encroachment Agreement?

All locations are within the City ROW. Any conflict with the County ROW will be coordinated by the OWNER.

13. Will any City permits will be required for this project other than a sign permit (i.e., zoning permit, other city permits, county permits, etc.)?

Response: The contractor shall apply for all permits required by the OWNER and municipality for the purposes of building, sign and traffic control. The cost for all permits and coordination shall be included within the Lump Sum Bid Proposal; this includes but is not limited to equipment, manpower, police presence or any other devices or personnel required for traffic control. Blanket location permits shall be considered for multiple right of way locations. Individual permits shall be required for each sign location when mounted to buildings. All Permit Fees will be coordinated and paid through the City of Anderson.

14. If permits are required, will each sign need to be individually permitted, or will a “blanket” permit be issued?

Response: Blanket location permits shall be considered for multiple right of way locations. Individual permits shall be required for each sign location when mounted to buildings. All Permit Fees will be coordinated and paid through the City of Anderson.

15. Is it acceptable to use Akzo Nobel polyurethane paint (2-stage process Base Coat/Clear Coat) in lieu of Matthews?

Response: Please include the use of any substitute materials or process in the bid submittal.

Alternates shall be submitted for review and OWNER REPRESENTATIVE approval and shall be less than or equal in cost to the product/process specified in the Design Intent Drawing.

16. KIOSK.1: Sheet D.8 specifies ¾” thick custom 3Form acrylic for the accent piece. Sheet F.9 just specifies ¾” thick clear acrylic. Since the pattern is digitally printed graphics, it would be more cost effective to use ¾” clear acrylic rather than use custom 3Form acrylic. Is this acceptable?

Response: Please include the use of any substitute materials or process in the bid submittal.

Alternates shall be submitted for review and OWNER REPRESENTATIVE approval and shall be less than or equal in cost to the product/process specified in the Design Intent Drawing. Warranty Information shall also be submitted.

17. PARK.11: Sheet D.7 specifies “Cool White” 5000K LED for illumination. Sheet F.8 specifies “Cyclops” by Bitro Group 6500K Bright White LED for illumination. Will an equivalent brand for LED edge-lighting be acceptable?

Response: Please include the use of any substitute materials or process in the bid submittal.

Alternates shall be submitted for review and OWNER REPRESENTATIVE approval and shall be less than or equal in cost to the product/process specified in the Design Intent Drawing. Warranty Information shall also be submitted.

18. Please confirm KIOSK.1 Side A is digital, and Side B is static.



Response: Yes. Confirmed Side A is Digital and Side B is Static

19. Is there a removal schedule/photos indicating the quantity and/or locations of signs to be removed?

Response: Please refer to attached photo document and Message Schedule for removals and Mounting Conditions. Include the removal of up to 10 Parking Trailblazer signs – Mounted overhead to Traffic Signals. PARK.5 and PARK.6 are direct replacements.

20. If any existing signs to be removed are ground mounted with concrete footings, can the signs be cut down below grade or does the entire concrete footing need to be removed?

Response: Posts installed in Grass – the foundation shall be removed fully - Posts Installed in Concrete - Posts can be cut to grade and ground smooth.

21. Sign Message Schedule: Sign 550 indicates “remove Garage @ Whitner and replace existing parking banner.” _I did find the “Garage @ Whitner” _sign but I could not find a parking banner. Is the new PARK.11 sign #550 replacing the banner? Please elaborate with regards to banner size/location/mounting method for accurate removal cost.

Response: The New PARK.11 sign #550 replaces the existing banner at the same location. Remove entire Banner Assembly and Patch/ Repair any damage/holes to the building. Match Building Color to be PROVIDED by the OWNER. See Attached Photo.

22. Sign Message Schedule: Sign 552 states “Possible move existing sign up.” _I could not find any existing signs on the Market St. Parking Garage.” _Please advise.

Response: See attached photo of existing sign. Coordinate with OWNER Representative for Placement.

23. Will the City provide primary power to the illuminated sign locations?

Response: The OWNER shall be responsible for providing power source within 6 feet of the sign location. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and perform all connections. Make provisions for servicing and for concealed connection to electric service. Coordinate electrical characteristics with those of the power supply provided. Include all diagrams required for power, signal, digital, wireless routing and control wiring of externally illuminated signs.

24. Will the City make the final electrical connections once the illuminated signs are installed?

Response: The OWNER shall be responsible for providing power source within 6 feet of the sign location. The CONTRACTOR shall coordinate and perform all connections. Make provisions for servicing and for concealed connection to electric service. Coordinate electrical characteristics with those of the power supply provided. Include all diagrams required for power, signal, digital, wireless routing and control wiring of externally illuminated signs.

25. In the RFP page 6 indicates Attic Stock is to be included as requested and outlined on Exhibit B: Bid Pricing Form. I do not see a line item for Attic Stock on the Exhibit B: Bid Pricing Form. Please advise.

Response: Attic Stock not required for Phase 1.

26. Exhibit B: Bid Pricing Form has a line item for Taxes (Confirm Exemptions w/Owner). Is sales tax to be included or is the City tax exempt?

Response: The City of Anderson is not Tax Exempt

27. Phase I: (Add. Alt. A) Signs PARK.5 & PARK.6: Please provide locations to determine if signs are installing in a landscape island, pavers, or concrete/asphalt as the cost of installation varies by method.



- 500 – PARK.3 – Overhead Traffic Signal
- 501 – PARK.3 – Overhead Traffic Signal
- 502 – PARK.2 – Brick Paver
- 504 - PARK.3 – Overhead Traffic Signal
- 505 - PARK.3 – Overhead Traffic Signal
- 506 – PARK.2 – Ground Grass
- 507 – PARK.2 – Ground Dirt/Mulch
- 508 – PARK.2 – Ground Dirt/Mulch
- 509 – PARK.2 – Concrete
- 514 – PARK.2 – Ground Grass
- 550 – PARK.11 – Building
- 551 – PARK.11 – Building
- 552 – PARK.11 – Building
- 702 – KIOSK.1 – Brick Paver
- 703 – KIOSK.1 – Concrete
- 704 – KIOSK.1 – Brick Paver
- ALL PARK.5 and PARK.6 will be mounted in GROUND DIRT/MULCH or GRASS

28. Will working hours be restricted at any time?

Response: **Working hours typically fall between 7am and 5pm Monday through Friday.**

29. Is there a budget for this project?

Response: No

30. We also notice that there is a wrong description on page 2 / F.9 (please see highlighted specification). The specification calls out for 86" digital display however, the renderings depict a smaller size. We think this should be a 55" digital display. Can you please confirm?

Response: Yes - 55" Display.

31. Our Chief Estimator (Predrag, cc'd) has connected with the LG BoldVu resource (as called out on page D.8 Note 4 Digital Display) – LG is letting him know that there are both **Touchscreen and Non-Touchscreen** options for this product. Can you provide clarification on that?

Response - NON – Touchscreen

32. Would you be so kind as to send the Message Schedule when you send the Response to Questions today?



33. Response : Message Schedule, Sign Location Plans and Technical Specs are all included Within the Bid/Contract Documents. Original Files will be provided by the Owners Representative for Shop Drawing Production after project award.

Sincerely,

Glen Swantak
DESIGNER