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**TO:** All Bidders

**FROM:** Linda Wolf, CPA, Purchasing Agent

**DATE:** March 23, 2018

**SUBJECT:** Addendum #3 RFQ RESTORATION OF E BRANCH OF AUSABLE RIVER

**This Addendum, issued to bid document holders of record, indicates changes to the bid documents for the Restoration of the East Branch of Ausable River RFQ Opening March 30, 2018.**

**Please see the QUESTIONS and ANSWERS below for further clarification:**

- What are the anticipated project extents (i.e. river mile # to river mile #) for the initial assessment work?

**A: Answered in Addenda #1**

- May we visit the site with a representative from Essex County prior to the submittal deadline?

**A: Answered in Addenda #1**

- Are there any existing reports, notes, surveys, maps or other documentation that might help us better understand the issues of concern and priority locations for restoration?

**A: Any reporting data that will serve to finalize project scope will be shared with the selected firms that have responded to the Request For Qualifications.**

- Will the county consider adjusting the project approach to accommodate the findings of a reach-scale geomorphic process assessment that includes past, present and projected future conditions? While we understand the importance of infrastructure protection, our experience in similar systems has taught us that working with rather than against natural channel processes, including system recovery from a flood of record, is often more effective, sustainable, and less expensive in the long term.

**A: The intent of the RFQ is not to quantify the technical approach to the project and convey design philosophy.**

- Specifically at the sewer pumping station, would the County consider an alternative to a flood wall if a more sustainable solution is identified?

**A: The County will entertain feasible solution proposed by the selected engineering firm.**

- Are there specific locations already under consideration for high-flow channels and bypasses?  
**A: Yes. However, any current ideas/proposals require an integrated plan and approach. These will be provided by the selected engineering firm.**
- Please provide an anticipated timeline for the preparation, submittal, and approval of the CDBG-DR project application.  
**A: See Addenda #2 for explanation.**
- In the scope of work item "After the initial pre-design conference, the successful Respondent shall meet and work with the Essex County to determine more detailed program requirements for the project and shall refine and complete the program in a form acceptable to the Essex County," what is meant by "more detailed program requirements" and "a form acceptable to the Essex County"?  
**A: "More detailed Program Requirements" = GOSR requirements and/or regulatory requirements relevant to particular project phase progression or permitting criteria not listed in this RFQ.**  
**A: "A Form Acceptable to Essex County" = Once an engineering firm is selected, the County will discuss the delivery mechanisms such as document media platforms to use in production of documents, such as PDF, CADD files, etc.**
- What flexibility will there be in the requirement to submit final contract documents within 112 calendar days of the executed design contract? We note that the design contract will also require preparation and submittal of permit applications. Based on our experience, the permitting process could take a number of months and result in conditions that will need to be incorporated into the final contract documents. Is there flexibility in this timeline to accommodate permit application review, which will be beyond the control of the consultant?  
**A: Per the RFQ, GOSR is responsible for permitting and Environmental Review; thus, the selected engineering firm would be held to those timelines that support execution of deliverables of other agencies on the project...not the timely execution of other's Work.**
- Has Deliverable I (Item J on the schedule) already been defined or will this be defined by the selected firm during negotiations?  
**A: "Deliverable 1" on the RFQ has been left undefined, as the specific scope is not established in the RFQ.**
- What will be the payment terms under the contract?  
**A: Typically monthly invoicing and paid in standard NET 30 terms.**
- What are the bonding requirements for this project?  
**A: Payment & Performance Bonding**