



# **ESSEX COUNTY**

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**TO:** All Bidders

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

**DATE:** February 20, 2015

**SUBJECT:** Addendum #1 GULF BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT

**This Addendum, issued to bid document holders of record, indicates changes to the bid documents for the RFP for *GULF BROOK RESTORATION PROJECT* Opening March 6, 2015.**

**Please see attached list of QUESTIONS & ANSWERS regarding this project.**

END OF ADDENDUM # 1

## Keene Questions:

1. The RFP states that the project is to “plug into” the completed Phase 1.
  - a. Please describe the Phase 1 work. Phase 1 design work was advertised in December 2013 as a RFQ for engineering firms. ESPC was selected to design Phase 1. Phase 1 bid in the fall of 2014 and was awarded to Tioga Construction. Links to this work are below.  
RFQ: <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/downloads/RFQ%20Gulf%20Brook%20Engineering%20Services.pdf>  
Design: <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/downloads/2014%20Town%20of%20Keene%20-%20GULF-BROOK-CONTRACT-DOCS092414.pdf>  
Tally: <https://www.co.essex.ny.us/downloads/Bid%20Tab.pdf>
  - b. Will the project start exactly at the Phase 1 work terminus or will some of the Phase 1 work be replaced by Phase 2? Phase 2 work will begin at approximately station 16+50 of Phase 1 work.
2. The RFP states that the Bucks Lane Bridge opening is inadequate and a project objective is to increase the flow.
  - a. Are hydraulic studies available for the proposal? Hydraulic studies are not available and will be required to properly size the waterway opening at Bucks Lane.
3. The RFP states the project is grant-funded.
  - a. Is the grant amount available for the proposal? “Governor Cuomo Announces Investment of Up to \$3M in Town of Keene For Restoration and Flood Mitigation of Gulf Brook”. Details are here: <http://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-investment-3m-town-keene-restoration-and-flood-mitigation-gulf-brook>
  - b. Is there a grant description of the project available for the proposal? The project description is detailed on page 125 of the *Towns of Jay and Keene NY Community Reconstruction Plan*. The plan is available here: [http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/jay-keene\\_nyrcr\\_plan.pdf](http://stormrecovery.ny.gov/sites/default/files/crp/community/documents/jay-keene_nyrcr_plan.pdf)
4. What is the project and/or construction budget? Please see answer to question #3a.
5. Has the County already been working with an engineer or engineering firm on this project (Phase 1)? The Town of Keene hired ESPC to design Phase 1.
6. Is more study, report or plan information available regarding the Phase I Gulf Brook Restoration initiative, and Phase 2? Please see links at answers to questions #1a and #3b.
7. What is the size/length of the planned phase 2 restoration? Please see link at answer to question #3b.
8. What is the extent of the Bridge and water main replacement components mentioned in IV d? The engineer selected in this process will dictate the extent of the bridge replacement based on hydraulic modeling and sizing of the waterway opening. There is a 6” water main hung on the existing bridge and will need to be replaced/relocated depending on the extent of the bridge replacement.
9. Hydraulic model – I assume a hydraulic model was completed to determine that the Bucks Lane Bridge was undersized. Will this model be made available to us if we are selected to perform our proposed alternatives? Is the model a HEC-RAS model or other modeling software? No hydraulic modeling will be made available.
10. Survey – I assume some ground survey was completed for the first phase. What are the limits of this survey and will it be made available to us if we are selected? The limits of survey are shown on the plans for Phase 1 and will not be made available.
11. The project area is defined as just upstream of the Buck Lane Bridge to the confluence of the Ausable River. If there is sufficient budget available, can the grant be used for in-stream improvements further upstream in the watershed? There is some flexibility with the funding on

the project. If enough money is available and there is sufficient reason to perform work upstream, it could be considered.

12. Will it be necessary to complete historic and archeological assessment of the project area for clearance prior to construction? **Yes. The consultant will not be required to perform the assessments but will be asked to assist Essex County with technical information. Essex County will obtain assessments and permitting.**
13. The term of the contract is one year with the possibility of an extension. Are there specific time requirements associated with the grant? **There are no definitive time requirements, however, it is the goal to design and build this project in 2015.**
14. Is it safe to assume that this project will not involve modification of the NYSDOT bridge structure on Route 9N? **The goal of this project is to expand the capacity of Gulf Brook to transport water and sediment. If the consultant determines that additional capacity is required at the NYSDOT Rte 9N bridge, alternatives should be represented in design.**