

**US EMBASSY PANAMA CITY**

**REQUEST FOR QUOTATION 19PM0720Q0127**

**FOR THE PROCUREMENT OF: WATER INSTALLATION AND LANDSCAPING**

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS (Q&A)**

**Question 1: Will the COR or its employ of the State department be inspecting the work or is the inspection performed by a third party company under contract with the State Department.**

Answer: As mentioned on Section F-Administrative Data, the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) for this contract will be the Residential Supervisor, who will perform the inspection of all work.

**Question 2 .Who authorizes monthly payments?**

Answer: As mentioned on Section F-Administrative Data, and FAR 52.232-5, the Contracting Officer (CO) approves progress payments.

**Question 3. Are payments paid every 30 days?**

Answer: As mentioned on Section F-Administrative Data, requests for progress payments may be made no more frequently than monthly.

**Question 4. Bonds and insurances. Are there any bonds, Bid Bond or Payment and performance Bond**

Answer: No.

**Question 5:**

**G.2.0 INSURANCE - The Contractor is required by FAR 52.228-5, "Insurance – Work on a Government Installation" to provide whatever insurance is legally necessary. The Contractor shall at its own expense provide and maintain during the entire performance period the following insurance amounts:**

**G.2.1 GENERAL LIABILITY (includes premises/operations, collapse hazard, products, completed operations, contractual, independent contractors, broad form property damage, personal injury):**

**(1) BODILY INJURY, ON OR OFF THE SITE, IN U.S. DOLLARS**

Per Occurrence

**50,000 USD**

Cumulative

**100,000 USD total amount required?**

**(2) PROPERTY DAMAGE, ON OR OFF THE SITE, IN U.S. DOLLARS**

Per Occurrence

**50,000 USD**

Cumulative

**100,000 USD total amount required?**

### **(3)WORKERS COMPENSATION**

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**Workers' Compensational and Occupational Disease Statutory, as required by Panamanian law**

**This will comply with Panamanian SS as long as our employees are registered in the Social Security system correct?**

Answer: Yes, all amounts mentioned are required. Yes, registration with the Panamanian Social Security will be considered acceptable.

**Question 10. Is there a monthly retaining on invoicing or this project if so how much?**

Answer: No

**Question 11. Will the bonds and insurances be paid in full, once presented to the COR with no retain age held.**

Answer: No bonds are required for this solicitation. As described in Section E-Deliveries or Performance, p.6, insurance certificates should be submitted 10 days after award.

**Question 12. Contract is 95 days from NTP?**

Answer: No. The period of performance starts after award. Please refer to p.56 of the solicitation document, where the Period of Performance is described in detail.

**Question 13. Under section G.9.0 ZONING APPROVALS AND PERMITS the government will provide and pay for all Panamanian government drawings and approvals to include the work permit.**

#### **G.9.0 ZONING APPROVALS AND PERMITS**

**The Government shall be responsible for:**

- Obtaining proper zoning or other land use control approval for the project**
- Obtaining the approval of the Contracting Drawings and Specifications**
- Paying fees due for the foregoing; and,**
- For obtaining and paying for the initial building permits.**

Answer: No. The financial proposal should consider all applicable costs. Bidders are also reminded that the improvements will be done on a Mission premises.

**Question 14. Are there any damages for being late in completing the project?**

Answer: Please refer to contract clause 52.249-10 which details all consequences for late delivery.

**Question 15. There is no line item in the bid proposal for Health and Biosafety Protocols to the**

**Ministerio de Salud (MINSA) what line item do we apply the cost for this.**

Answer: Please consider this in Line item 8 – Administrative costs and profit. You may add a short note explaining the breakdown, if necessary.

**Question 16: Area for “CASETA” , were will be located?**

Answer: a Shed for the contractor’s materials and tools will be determined between the awarded Contractor and the COR, its location shouldn’t affect any proposals at this stage.

**Question 17: Material Delivery procedure?**

Answer: Awarded contractor should coordinate the delivery of all materials with the COR, and should be included in the Gant chart to be included in the

**Question 18: Existing Utilities drawing. Clearance for digging will Government provide.**

Answer: Existing Utilities drawings cannot be provided to the contractor, other than what has been provided and indicated already.

**Question 19: Require compactation stages required and if is required to do a computation test**

Answer: Please refer to Attachement #1, Statement of Work, Part Three-Execution. The percentages of layer compact are indicated and the awarded contractor should comply with this requirement. No additional tests or computations are required.

**Question 20: Type of grass required.**

Answer: The type of grass required for the backfills is the same as it is in place.