ADDENDUM # 1
Request for Proposal #18P2-003
Issued April 4, 2019

This addendum (#3) is being issued in response to a request by the County of Santa Cruz, Planning Department, to add wording to Request for Proposal (RFP) 18P2-003, An Environmental Impact Report Evaluating the Proposed County of Santa Cruz Sustainability Policy and Regulatory Update of the County's General Plan and County Code:

Response to written questions:

1) Has the County conducted any existing conditions analysis as a part of the SSCC that could be relied on for preparing the environmental setting portion of the Program EIR?  Answer: An Existing Conditions background report was prepared as part of the Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan. The combined document and individual chapters are available on the County’s website here: http://www.sustainablesantacruzcounty.org/sustainablesantacruzcounty/Documents/ProjectDocuments.aspx

2) Does the County have a current existing land use inventory in GIS? If not, will the CEQA consultant be expected to prepare one as a part of the baseline? Answer: The County maintains a detailed GIS system with land use, General Plan designations, and zoning for all parcels in the County.

3) As a part of the CEQA alternatives analysis, does the County expect the consultant to prepare land use alternatives that could result in a reduction of traffic, GHG, or other environmental impacts? Answer: Development of the EIR alternatives is required as part of the contract. The County is in the process of bringing on a transportation consultant to assist with the update of the County’s transportation demand model and development of the transportation scenarios that will inform the land use/transportation alternatives to be analyzed in the EIR. County staff will partner with the transportation and EIR consultants to generate appropriate land use alternatives.

4) Has the County identified a budget for the Program EIR? Answer: The County Planning Department has identified from $350,000 to $400,000 available for costs of the transportation model update and the EIR. The County is seeking additional funds through the State’s SB 2 Planning Grant program in order to pay for the entirety of staff and consultant costs.

5) Please clarity if subcontractors are required to complete Section 5 or Section G, Exhibits A, B, D, F, G. Answer: Subcontractors are not required to complete Section 5, Exhibit G, or the exhibits.

6) Can the County provide a link to any revised General Plan chapters, if available, and if not, when are drafts anticipated to be completed? Answer: The drafts are not yet available; County staff anticipates their completion to coincide with the completion of the EIR Notice of Preparation.
7) Will the County take the lead on required consultation with Native American Tribes? Should the consultant include time to assist the County with materials and/or preparation for consultation meetings? **Answer:** The County will take the lead on the consultation process. The County does not anticipate that additional consultant hours or meetings will be required of the Consultant.

8) What level and type of public interest or controversy is anticipated with this EIR? **Answer:** The public was very involved in the development of the Sustainable Santa Cruz County Plan. We expect continued public interest and input during the EIR process and an extended public review period with public meetings is planned to occur after release of the Draft EIR.

9) Is there a designated budget for this project? **Answer:** See question #4 above.

10) Page 7 of the RFP (Section 2.12) states that compliance with RFP requirements counts for 25 points of the evaluation criteria. Are there more specific requirements we should be aware of than those listed on page 30 of the RFP? **Answer:** In addition to the sections mentioned in the question, Section 3.4 also speaks to submittal requirements. The respondent should ensure response to all required submittal requirements contained within the RFP to ensure acceptance of their proposal.

Please call Phil Santaluce with any questions regarding these changes (831) 454-2723, or send an email to: gsd122@santacruzcounty.us

Addendum #1 authorization:

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