

JOHNSON STREET – SANDY RIDGE ROAD PROPOSAL Q & A

High Point / Guilford County, NC

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Q: Do 11 x 17 sheets count as one page, or two?

A: *Up to five 11 x 17 pages may be included in the proposal for organizational charts, schedules, and other graphics. Each sheet counts as one page.*

Q: Can you tell me where I can find the forms you require other than the RS-2 Form?

- Lobbying Certification
- Non-Discrimination Clause
- Debarment and Suspension Certification

A: *We will post pdf versions of the other required forms on the website for download.*

Q: Regarding corporate registrations with the State of North Carolina and NCBELS, is a statement adequate or do you want something more?

A: *Include copies of corporate registrations in the proposal with the other forms. These will not count towards the 25-page limit.*

Q: Does the project include improvements such as sidewalks, curbs, ramps, street lighting, and traffic signals? Does the project include “streetscape” enhancements such as decorative paving, lighting, walls, signage, and landscaping? Does the project include undergrounding the existing overhead utility wires?

A: *Assume that the project will include most and possibly all of these features, and add bike lanes to the list. Of those listed, [decorative, rather than functional] walls, signage (beyond typical traffic signs), and underground electric/comm are the least likely to be included, but could be incorporated for some parts of the project.*

Q: Is this project going to require both traffic modeling and traffic counts? It seems that there is a good bit of data available regarding traffic counts and projections. Also, it is not usually necessary to model for a widening project.

A: *Yes. The feasibility study completed in 2002 did not include a modeling effort. However, the existing corridor overlaps with other projects in the area, interacts with a major interstate (I-40), and borders a significant growth area. It is also expected to relieve congestion on the NC 68 corridor and provide an alternative route to access Piedmont Triad International Airport. A traffic forecast compliant with NCDOT’s requirements for NEPA is a viable way to demonstrate need through these various relationships. Accurate traffic count data at key stations and intersections along the corridor will supplement the forecast, and will be useful during operational analyses.*

Q: Under Project Overview (first seven bullets), it seems that bullets 4-6 address final plans; however, normally only preliminary plans are prepared as part of the NEPA documentation. In addition,

the 13th bullet addressing NEPA requirements makes reference to functional, preliminary, right-of-way, and final roadway design plans. Do you anticipate that final roadway design plans will be included as a task in this contract? Normally, NEPA studies are carried through preliminary plans and final design is in a separate contract.

A: *Yes. Using task-oriented work orders, it is the City's intention to transition directly from the NEPA process to successive design phases, culminating in final plans and ready-to-bid contract documents.*

Q: Based on the RFP, it would seem that this contract will be for a transportation study that goes from the NEPA compliance through final design. Has NCDOT and FHWA concurred in such an approach?

A: *NCDOT's Contractual Services Unit reviewed drafts of the RFQ and expressed no serious concerns regarding the approach presented by the City. At this point FHWA has not been directly involved.*

Q: Will the resume section count towards the 25-page limit? We realize that resumes should be concise and relevant to the project but if they're included will likely make up a significant portion of the proposal.

A: *Resumes count as part of the 25 page limit. Focus on your project manager, a few key task managers, and maybe a couple of your lead subconsultants. No need to bog the rest of the proposal down with too many resumes.*

Q: Will the City need help with the actual right-of-way and easement acquisition, or are they just looking for the development of the plats to be used for the acquisitions?

A: *No, only preparation of easement and right-of-way plats. At this time we are not anticipating assistance with acquisitions.*

Q: Should certificates of insurance be included in the proposal or will such proof of coverage be deferred until selection? If needed, do subconsultants also need to provide them with the proposal?

A: *Certificates of insurance do not have to be included in the proposal.*

Q: Do tab dividers count in the page limit?

A: *Plain tab dividers used to separate sections of the proposal do not count. However, they will be considered as part of the page count if used to display or convey any content relevant to the project. For example, if you use a divider to also show an organizational chart, or photos of specific projects of similar work performed, then it will count.*