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To: Secondary System Rehabilitation and Upgrades Phase III Engineering and Design RFP Holders

Date: August 16, 2023

From: Timothy Blake

Subject: Addendum#2 to Secondary System Rehabilitation and Upgrades Phase III Engineering and Design RFP

Affirmation of receipt of this addendum shall be included in the cover letter of your proposal.

Questions Received Thus Far:

1. Can we include 11x17 sheets in the proposal document? **Yes**
2. We acknowledge that the M/WBE goal for Authority projects shall be 30% total to include a minimum of 5% MBE and 5% WBE. We also acknowledge that pursuant to the RFP, the M/WBE must be certified in NYS **AND** by the Erie Co. / City of Buffalo Joint Certification Committee. However, SRF requirements for non-construction contracts as published by the NYSEFC state that to receive M/WBE participation credit, the subconsultant must be certified as an MBE or WBE by NYS Empire State Development (ESD).

Our question is: Will Buffalo Sewer consider modifying their requirements such that the Authority's 30% M/WBE goal may be met by firms that are certified by NYSED **AND/OR** Erie Co. / City of Buffalo? Counting participation from those firms that are State certified but not necessarily locally certified, opens up the pool of qualified subconsultants tremendously. Of course, priority will be given to those that are both State and Locally certified in line with the City's First Source hiring policy.

For this project, We can set the State Certification goals for both MWBE certified by NYS Empire Development at 20%; the NYS goal for DBE at 20%; and the local certification MWBE goal at 30%.

EFC only will accept the state certifications, but their goals are also lower than the ones we have set internally.

3. The Appendix A staffing worksheet asks for an "Anticipated % of Project Time Working on Projects from this RFP" for each proposed staff member. Can Buffalo Sewer please clarify the intent of this information? From our perspective, there are two ways to interpret this request:

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- a. Does BSA want each staff member's percentage of time on the project out of a total available percentage of 100%? i.e. Joe Smith's total hours on the project equals 5% of the total hours allocated?
OR
- b. Does BSA want an approximate percentage of time on the project as it relates to that individuals workload? i.e. 75% of Joe Smith's workload will be working on this Phase III project?

We want to know who we are primarily getting on this project and who is doing a 2 hour QA/QC; percentage should add to 100%.

4. Does proposing on this RFP disqualify us from other BSA RFP's? **No.**

Note: If anyone is interested in scheduling a site visit please contact Tim Blake as soon as possible at:

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