

**Chelsea Waterside Park – Phase 2 Design
Project/Contract # A4898
Questions & Answers
June 28, 2019**

1. Q: What is the construction estimate for the Project?

A: The construction estimate for the Project is not being disclosed at this time. Respondents should base their fee on the Scope of Services provided in the RFP.

2. Q: We understand the capital budget for the park is approximately \$8 million. Is this the total budget including soft costs, or is it the construction budget for this project?

A: Please see response to question #1.

3. Q: Does the Project have M/WBE goals?

A: Yes, please refer to Part I, section 2.2.7 of the above referenced RFP. Please note that the M/WBE goal is a New York State goal and may only be satisfied only by New York State certified MBEs and WBE. Firms being proposed to meet the contract M/WBE goals must be certified by time of contract. New York City certification will not satisfy this Project's M/WBE goal.

4. Q: Can an M/WBE Prime satisfy the MWBE requirements?

A: Yes. Primes that are New York State Certified MBE or WBE may self-perform to meet the contract M/WBE goals. If a firm has a dual State certification as both MBE and WBE, credit is only applied to one category.

Please note that there is also a 6% SDVOB goal.

5. Q: If a prime and/or subconsultant has previously submitted their NYS M/WBE certification and is awaiting approval/renewal from the Empire State Development's Division of Minority and Women's Business Development, is the HRPT able to expedite the request? If not, are there additional options available through partner NYS agencies to assist with this process?

A: Firms being proposed to meet the contract M/WBE goals must be certified at the time of contracting with the Trust. The Trust expects that

respondents will make best efforts to ensure that the firms being proposed to meet M/WBE goals are appropriately certified. The directory of MWBEs can be viewed at: <https://ny.newnycontracts.com>.

6. Q: At what point must the M/WBE certification be in place? The NYS guidelines indicate that expedition can be undertaken once the contract has been awarded. Please advise.

A: See response to question 5. Respondents may contact the Division of Minority and Women's Business Development at (212) 803-2414 or visit their website at <https://esd.ny.gov/doing-business-ny/mwbe> for more information on the M/WBE certification/recertification process.

7. Q: Who was the design firm for Chelsea Waterside Park Phase 1?

A: Michael Van Valkenburgh Associates, Inc. (MVVA).

8. Q: Are previous design firms from Phase 1 precluded from proposing or being awarded the contract?

A: No, prior design firms are not precluded from proposing or being awarded the Phase 2 project. Phase 2 is completely distinct from the Phase 1 project component.

9. Q: Will the sign-in sheet for the pre-proposal meeting be available and, if so, when?

A: The sign-in sheet will be provided to attendees and planholders by close of business June 20, 2019. If you became a planholder after such date, you may request a copy of the sign-in sheet by email at A4898RFP@hrpt.ny.gov

10. Q: Can firms propose as joint ventures?

A: Yes, firms may submit proposals as joint ventures. Please note that the Trust may request to review proposed JV agreement.

11. Q: If proposing as a joint venture, is each JV firm required to submit the forms found in Exhibits 1-7?

A: Yes, with the exception of the Fee & Cost schedule (Exhibit 2) and the Subcontractor Utilization Plan (Exhibit 7.3) for which only one submission is required. All other forms must be completed and certified to by each JV firm.

12. Q: Are proposed subcontractor required to complete and submit the forms found in Exhibits 1-7 of the RFP?

A: No; however, subcontractors of the awarded Consultant will be required to comply with EEO and MWBE reporting requirements during the term of the contract.

13. Q: Regarding security cameras, are they part of the design work or are they to be incorporated from another project?

A: Please note that this response has changed from the verbal response provided at the pre-proposal meeting. The design team will need to include a security consultant to design a camera system that ties into the existing Parkwide system.

14. Q: Is public outreach necessary?

A: Yes, the community is very engaged and we expect that there will be meetings with various community groups, including the Chelsea Waterside Park Association. The Trust will assist with coordinating these community meetings.

15. Q: How much discussion with community has there been so far? Has there been pre-work conversations with the Community Board?

A: There have been no discussions with community groups specific to design of Phase 2, but the community is aware of the Trust's intention to complete the project and the major scope items included.

16. Q: What are the limits of the survey? Do they cross the street or should we assume the orange boundary on the map shown in Exhibit 1 of the Scope of Services as the extent of the survey?

A: The survey needs to provide all necessary information needed to inform the design of the site and be adequate for filing the comfort station with DOB. For the purposes of the RFP response, please assume that the extent of the survey will be as shown in Figure 1, below.

Figure 1.



- Project Area
- Survey Area

17. Q: Following up on question 11, what about other existing design material, like the as- builts?

A: The Trust will provide the selected design team with all available existing materials including as-builts for the current park design.

18. Q: Is a utility survey provided?

A: Yes, the Trust will provide the selected Consultant with all available documents, including a utility survey; however, please note that some of the documents may be outdated and the Consultant is expected to verify existing conditions.

19. Q: Since this is Phase 2 design, is there a plan available that was prepared for Phase 1 Design?

A: The Phase 1 project scope was the reconstruction of the playground. Phase 2 is completely distinct from the Phase 1 project. All available plans for previous projects at Chelsea Waterside will be made available to the selected Consultant.

20. Q: Is there a plan that shows the boundary of the State land?

A: All available plans will be provided to the selected Consultant. In addition the scope of work calls for the consultant to complete a current survey. Please see response to question 16 for additional information.

21. Q: Will the comfort station need to comply with LL86 (LEED Certified or Silver)?

A: No, Local Law 86 is not applicable to this Project.

22. Q. Can you provide more information about what is intended by “flood resilient” comfort station? Is this to state that it is built at the existing grade (and would require DOB waivers)?

A: The majority of Hudson River Park is low lying including Chelsea Waterside. The intention of mentioning flood resiliency was to bring your attention to this fact, not to suggest a particular design strategy for dealing with it.

23.Q. Are there any programming needs to be accommodated in the comfort station? Operations? Park programs?

A: The comfort station program will be as described in Section II A. 1. of the RFP.

24.Q. Will the park lighting be standard NYC DOT security lighting or is it intended to be custom, to be maintained by HRPT?

A: The lighting will be maintained by HRPT and should be complementary or consistent with the lighting used throughout the park.

25.Q. Is there an existing RPZ, if so is it sufficient for the new CS? If not, will a new RPZ be required for the comfort station?

A: There is an existing RPZ sized for the current spray showers within the playground. The Trust assumes that the comfort station will require a new RPZ.

26. Q. Is there a larger security plan to be aware of? There is a request for security cameras. Will HRPT monitor and maintain these cameras. Is a security consultant desired as part of the design team?

A: A Parkwide security camera project is underway. The Parkwide project will not provide cameras for Chelsea Waterside and therefore a security consultant will be needed to design a camera system that ties into the larger system.

27.Q. Is the site squarely within the SDOT ROW for 9A? If so, please confirm there is no PDC review. Confirm the extent of design review beyond community and HRPT.

A: No, PDC review is required. The design will be reviewed by HRPT staff, HRPT Board of Directors as well as the Community Board and other community groups. Please see review the RFP for additional details.