**Q&A**

To: All Proposal Holders

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Project: **Lycoming County Levee Rehabilitation**

This Q&A contains information pertaining to the issued Request For Proposals (RFP) .

**Q:** What is the basis for the determination to use 60 cross piles?

**A:** Please refer to documents shared on SEDA-COG website for any technical questions. Please note that any information not included in the public documents made available on the SEDA-COG website will not be answered, as to keep in compliance with open and fair federal procurement guidelines.

**Q:** Are documents such as FEMA LAMP Study, USACCE Feasibility Study, ASACOE operations and maintenance standards available for review by proposal holders?

**A:** There is no FEMA LAMP study. The USACE can be viewed at <https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil/#/levees/system/2305320001/system>. Other reports/studies will be available for review at <https://seda-cog.org/request-for-proposals/> on September 25, 2020.

**Q:** Will there be a pre-bid meeting and proposed site walk prior to the bid submittal date?

**A:** There is no pre-bid scheduled for this RFP. Lycoming County may choose to hold interviews with proposal holders. To visit the site, proposers should contact the Lycoming County Planning Department to notify date and time of planned visit.

**Q:** The work includes the engineering design, delineation of wetlands, permitting, construction bid documents and construction with construction oversight.” The standard engineering estimate sheet has no bid items related to any “construction”. Are we to understand that the services will NOT include construction, but rather only engineering services as relates to the defined levee rehabilitation design, permitting, bidding and design engineer support services during construction?

**A:** There is no construction component of services, only engineering pertaining to bidding of construction and oversight of the project during construction, including inspection to process invoices.

**Q:** When does the county plan to award the contract?

**A:** There is no set date for award, however it is Lycoming County’s intention of awarding within 30 days after bid opening.

**Q:** When does the County plan to begin actual construction of the proposed remedial measures?

**A:** There is no scheduled date for construction to begin. An addendum has been issued to correct an error made pertaining to the construction start date. Proposal holders should provide an estimate timeline of when construction should begin based on completion of design and award of permits.

**Q:** Is there a location map available?

**A:** Location maps can be found at <https://levees.sec.usace.army.mil/#/levees/system/2305320001/system> and will also be made available on the SEDA-COG website.

**Q:** The RFP notes that bonding is required which is not usually a requirement for engineering services.

**A:** Professional Liability Insurance and Bonding are required for this project, per EDA guidelines. Insurance and Bonding must be from a company listed on the US Treasury Circular 570, as required by EDA.

**Q:** It has been noted that the use of a single-sided MSE Wall in this area, rather than trying to convert the I-wall into a T-wall would be easier, less expensive, less intrusive, and more stable. Is the county opposed to the proposal of this alternative design?

**A:** Proposers should review all documents available on the SEDA-COG website. If proposers should have alternate suggestions of how this project should be constructed, please provide cost estimates for both proposals.

**Q:** Is this bid being considered a design-build bid, as the RFP indicates scope should include construction oversight, and the standard bid page requests a “frequency of visits”.

**A:** This is not a design and build project. The oversight/inspection time is for the engineer to visit the site to ensure construction is accurate, to process payment apps.