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AMENDMENT NINE (9) RFP-013-C-2020 (P) Territorial Solicitation for Architectural and Engineering (A/E) Services for the Hospitals in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

- 1. Question:** The RFP (page 14) mentions that the Governor Juan F. Luis Hospital and Medical Center (“JFL” or “Hospital”) is licensed for 188 patient care beds. Following, the RFP mentions that the building was constructed as a 250-bed facility comprised of primarily double occupancy patient rooms.
 - a. Please clarify the bed capacity for the new replacement hospital. **Response:** This will be determined in the Program Development phase of the project.
 - b. Please clarify if the future patient rooms should be single occupancy rooms. Double occupancy rooms are not permitted as per FGI 2018. **Response:** Design shall be of the latest codes and standards for Hospital Design to include FGI.
- 2. Question:** AHCA and FGI Requirements.
 - a. Please clarify if the project will be AHCA reviewable. **Response:** No
 - b. Please clarify if the project will be designed in compliance with FGI 2018. **Response:** Design shall be of the latest codes and standards for Hospital Design to include FGI.
- 3. Question:** The RFP (page 15) mentions that the conceptual plan for the new hospital shall consider existing services and additional services needed based on the needs analyses done.
 - a. Is there a preliminary program for the new replacement hospital that you can provide? **Response:** No

- b. Is there an estimated size (Square Feet) for the new replacement Hospital? **Response: No**

4. **Question:** Is there a projected construction cost for the JFL replacement hospital project? **Response: No.** Part of the A&E Scope is to develop a construction estimate. The RFP (page 15) mentions that a detailed design plan shall provide for current and future hospital development and growth.

- a. Will the existing 212,300 SF hospital be demolished in its entirety? **Response: The determination will be made based on recommendations of the selected A&E firm.**
- b. Will the existing building remain partially operational during the construction of the replacement hospital? **Response: No.**
- c. If so, what services will remain in place during the construction of the replacement hospital and where are these services located? **Response: The Virgin Islands Cardiac Center and Temporary Hospital Structure will remain in service. Both are located on the JFL Facility grounds.**
- d. Is this a phased construction approach? **Response: The determination will be made based on recommendations of the selected A&E firm.**
- e. If so, is there any renovation work contemplated at the existing hospital to allow for a phased construction? **Response: The determination will be made based on recommendations of the selected A&E firm.**

5. **Question:** The JFL project is considered as a potential full replacement of the existing hospital facility.

- a. Were any specific limitations placed within the FEMA funding package, as it relates to the existing hospital functions or its infrastructure? **Response: No**
- b. Are there any limitations spelled out within the FEMA funding that the A/E teams need to be aware of? **Response: Not at this time**

6. **Question:** FEMA Funding:

- a. Does the FEMA funding for JFL mandate any milestone / deadline dates for the project? **Response: Not at this time**
- b. If the project is not completed by a given date, will FEMA funds no longer be available? **Response: Not at this time**

c. If so, what are those date(s)?

7. Question: The RFP (page 14) mentions that you are in the process of transitioning to a 55,000 square foot temporary hospital facility that will provide inpatient care only.

a. Please clarify if the 55,000 SF temporary hospital will remain in place after the replacement hospital is built? **Response: No determination has been made to date.**

b. Can we receive plans of the temporary facility to assess potential conflicts with the new scope of work. **Response: Not at this time.**

8. Question: The RFP (page 15) mentions an analysis of all existing departments to include direct and indirect patient care.

a. Is this Analysis limited to the existing hospital or does it include other facilities? **Response: The analysis includes the existing hospital and the Virgin Islands Cardiac Center**

b. If it includes other facilities please provide the name and size of each facility to be included. **Response: The Virgin Islands Cardiac Center is approximately 25,000 sq.ft.**

9. Question: The RFP (page 3) mentions the submission of Appendix G: Minimum Qualifications Questionnaire. Appendix G located in the Appendices, is the Women & Minority Owned Business Enterprise Participation Plan and Appendix E is the Respondent's Qualification Statement & Minimum Qualifications Questionnaire.

a. Please clarify if the RFP is referring to Appendix E. **Response: Correct**

b. Is Appendix E due prior to the proposal submittal due date? **Response: No**

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

BIDDERS MUST ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS AMENDMENT WITH
THEIR BID PROPOSAL.