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**Amendment 1- RFP-032-T-2021 (P) - Qualified Contractors for the Development of a Comprehensive Land and Water Use Plan for the US Virgin Islands**

**INSERT: SEE ATTACHED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

**ALL OTHERS TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.**

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

## Question 1

1. Can the department confirm whether the planning process for the three districts is envisioned to occur concurrently or sequentially? Under a Phase III scoping bullet point related to charettes infers a concurrent process across all three islands, however previous public presentations on the CLWUP described more of a phased approach starting with St. John before moving onto STT or STX.

### Answer

The planning process and Plan development is envisioned to occur concurrently. The charettes would be required to occur over a one to two week starting on St. John.

2. Can you describe some of the anticipated marine uses and/or zoning that the CLWUP is likely to focus on?

### Answer

The plan will be guided by policies that recognizes the territory's land and water resources are limited and should be developed, conserved, and preserved in a manner that meets short and long-term needs of the residents of the territory. The marine environment has been identified as a resource that is vital to long-the territory's short- and long-term growth and development. The policies in the Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Act and recent policy statement such as in Act 8301 (Sustainable Blue Economy) are representative of those policies.

3. Can you provide a link to the 2040 USVI Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan (CTMP) or to the USVI blue economy study referenced in the scope of work?

### Answer

Copies of the 2040 Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan and Act 8301 will be posted to Department of Property and Procurement Website.

4. The RFP states the contractor must "identify relevant statutory requirements and constraints" and "the CLWUP must be submitted in legislative format for adoption." Does the VIDPNR envision or recommend this task being handled by a lawyer in the VI?

### Answer

The final CLWUP components that requires legislative approval must be submitted in Virgin Islands Code format for submittal to the Virgin Islands Legislature. The Department has no current opinion on whether task should be handled by a lawyer in the Virgin Islands.

5. Can the department provide more detail on the expected land use mapping responsibilities of the contractor and the level of coordination with DPNR's GIS team?

Answer

The contractor will be responsible for mapping of the zoning land use system selected. The contractor will have a DPNR GIS team that will be responsible for digitizing maps.

6. Can you clarify the extent of the contractor's responsibilities (excluding Phase 5) after the materials are submitted to the legislature for adoption? Should we anticipate several rounds of revisions as part of the adoption process, or does the proposed 16-month timeframe assume one submittal? What is the Department's estimated timeframe for the legislative adoption process?

Answer

The 16-month time frame assumes one submittal of the final product to the Legislature. The Department cannot estimate the timeframe for the legislative adoption. Once the document is officially transmitted to the Virgin Islands Legislature, it is within that body's purview to determine timeframe for official consideration and possible adoption of the CLWUP.

7. The last sentence under Scope of Work in the RFP states "Consideration should be given to phasing and staging the Project to engage each island while providing necessary time if needed, obtain other official entities support and authorization." Can you expand on who "other entities support and authorization" refers to?

Answer

It is anticipated that the CLWUP will propose to entities that are currently involved in decisions on permitting development on land and water areas. The process envisions that the Department would seek their official and/or unofficial support of the final CLWUP.

8. Since this is a digital submittal, do reference letters need to be notarized?

Answer

Yes, the references are required to be notarized.