

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

## **Request for Qualifications-Bids:**

Asset Inventory & Assessment Drinking Water
Asset Inventory & Assessment Wastewater
Viable Utilities Reserve Wastewater Construction

## ADDENDUM #1

The intent of this addendum is to provide additional responses to submitted questions as well as provide attention to attachments:

ATTENTION: Please print, sign and attach this addendum within your submitted bid application.

NOTE: PROPOSAL EXTENSION FOR TUESDAY MAY 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Question: Can a firm bid on one of the two separate projects listed within the RFQ?

Answer: Yes, a firm is welcome to bid on either project as a separate bid.

<u>Question</u>: In the RFQ, there is a reference to "Lead and Copper Rule Revision compliance planning and inventory." Please confirm whether the intent is for the selected consultant to prepare the LCRR/LCRI service line inventory or any regulatory compliance tasks related to Lead and Copper rules as part of the project?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes, it is the intent for the selected consultant to prepare the LCRR/LCRI service line inventory related to Led and Copper rules.

**Question**: Would the Town prefer to engage a single firm for all three projects, or is there an opportunity for multiple firms to be selected based on specialization or project alignment?

<u>Answer:</u> The town prefers to engage with a single firm however it is possible for the winning bid to subcontract out services as needed.

<u>Answer</u>: Firms are welcome to bid on separate components of the RFQ. If a firm is interested, they may bid on the AIA's or the VUR separately.

**Question**: Given that PTRC appears to oversee the RFQ process, is it safe to assume they will also manage the grant administration? We noticed on page 5 that firms are expected to prepare reimbursement requests for Town approval—would you like proposals to include grant administration services, or will that aspect be handled separately?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes, PTRC will assume grant admin and program management. Your firm will need to submit invoices for proper reimbursement. There is no need to include grant admin services within the proposal.

<u>Question</u>: We understand the engineering report for the VUR project is due by July 1. Given that these reports typically require several months to prepare, especially if project parameters are still being finalized, would the Town consider an extension or phased submission approach to ensure thorough development?

<u>Answer</u>: While the engineering report is due July 1st there is some room for an extension. I was concerned about this as well considering we are still within the procurement stage. The Town of Milton has some very urgent needs and would try to stay within at least a month of this deadline to keep the project moving along.

<u>Question</u>: Pages 6–7 request experience with design-build contracts. While we are happy to provide relevant experience, we've observed that design-build is less common for DWI-funded projects. Additionally, page 9 of the RFQ mentions "A licensed general contractor must oversee the project." Is the Town specifically pursuing a design-build delivery model for any of these efforts or is the Town expecting a design-bid-build delivery?

<u>Answer</u>: Yes, the town is looking for a Design Build delivery model. On page 6 (apologies for no page numbers) under section number 5 Price and on page 7 under Submission Guidelines letter E Design Build is listed. A licensed general contractor is required for projects costing over \$30,000.

**Question**: On page 9, a 5% bid bond is mentioned. Since this is an RFQ rather than a sealed bid for construction, would the Town consider waiving the bond requirement or clarifying its intended purpose in the context of this procurement phase?

<u>Answer</u>: A bid bond is required, please note the project involves three separate projects to include a VUR wastewater construction. This formal bidding process will require sealed bids as stated in the RFQ on page 9.

<u>Question</u>: The RFQ references several attachments on page 9, but we weren't able to locate them in the issued materials. Could you confirm whether those will be provided in a future addendum or were omitted unintentionally?

<u>Answer</u>: Please find attachments at our website where the RFQ is posted. <u>RFQ: Milton Asset Inventory & VUR | News | Piedmont Triad Regional Council, NC</u>. Please note the attachments are hyperlinked.

<u>Question</u>: On page 8 of the RFQ, the Format section mentions the page limit is 15 pages. On page 9 of the RFQ, the page limit is listed as 20. Can you confirm the total page count, 15 or 20?

Answer: Page count is 15 please.

**Question**: Would the Town consider extending the RFQ deadline to allow adequate time for proposers to incorporate clarifications provided through this Q&A?

<u>Answer</u>: This RFQ has already been extended once. Another extension is not likely possible. An addendum will be posted and sent out tomorrow morning 05/02.

## **END OF ADDENDUM**

## **Contractor's Acknowledge of Addendum:**

This addendum now becomes a part of the original RFP/RFQ.

The addendum acknowledgement shall be signed by an authorized company representative, dated, and returned with the response.

Company Name	Representative Name & Title
Signature	Date