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## **Euer Valley Restoration Project – Phase 1**

**Request for Bid original release date: June 29, 2020**

**Addendum 1 release date: July 22, 2020**

**RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION. Please reference these answers in submitting proposals.**

- 1) In reading the project costs section, it seems like you are only interested in receiving expected hours in the proposal and a final project fee, and a fee schedule would be determined later if we were to be selected. Could you please provide a little more direction on what you are looking for under project costs in the proposal?**

Project costs should reflect a breakdown of staff hourly rate and anticipated hours per task. Consultant firms submitting a proposal for this project should plan on providing a breakdown of information depicting how much it will cost to complete the deliverables listed in Tasks 1-8 (ie: proposed cost to provide the design plans at each stage of completion – 30%, 60%, 90% & 100%, proposed cost to complete the cultural/biological surveys, CEQA, etc). Each category/task should be further delineated by staff hourly rate and # of hours that each staff will contribute to the project.

Fee Schedule - As noted in section 4.1, invoicing and payment will occur on a quarterly basis for work completed within the billing period of each quarter.

- 2) The 5-year trial plan notes that there might be some classified cultural resources that were identified in the Tahoe Donner 5-year trail plan. Would any classified information be made available if we were to be selected for this project?**

Classified information: There has been some preliminary archeological work conducted in Euer Valley. Tahoe Donner Association has conducted the studies and has the compiled information available for the selected consultant.

- 3) Can we have access to the Prosser Watershed Evaluation being conducted by Balance Hydrologics, and when might that be available?**

The Prosser Watershed Assessment is being conducted in parallel with the design for Euer Valley. There may be some information from the assessment that can feed directly into the design elements, however the selected consultant team should plan on developing the design elements independently of the assessment.

- 4) Are the objectives of this project to initiate a larger meadow wide restoration? If that is the case is there potential in this RFP for including relocation of the culvert located at Cowboy Crossing, Figure 1?**

Section 2.1 of the RFB states the need to develop two alternative locations for the bridge/trail system and associated construction.

- 5) Can you clarify the goals of the project, is the primary goal to improve the winter and summer trail access and safety, or is the main goal meadow restoration?**

The primary components of this project (recreation & environmental restoration) will need to be complimentary and will need to be based on existing conditions analysis and opportunities for beneficial recreation and restoration actions within the identified project site.

- 6) Is there any possibility of cooperation with the upstream land owner?**

Cooperation with upstream landowner is unknown at this time. Consultant team should plan on addressing only properties owned and managed by Tahoe Donner Association.

- 7) Are you aware of the necessity to develop management plans for environmental or cultural resource considerations for Nevada County if they are expected to serve as the CEQA lead for the Euer Valley Project?**

Task 6, in Section 2.1 states that: "CEQA documentation and findings of significance will need to adhere to and meet all requirements set forth by Nevada County". If Nevada County is requiring the development of management plans for biological, cultural or environmental resource considerations in order to approve a final CEQA than the selected consultant team will need to meet these requirements.

- 8) The South Prosser access road is not currently included in the scope of work for data review/collection or design development/analysis. Why is the access road and repair/restoration of the road not included in the scope of work when there may be significant environmental or cultural resources along this roadway?**

A portion of the South Prosser access road (above Coyote Crossing) is included in the current scope of work outlined in the request for bid package. If the selected consultant determines that there may be the need for additional data collection, impact assessment and design analysis, we will discuss and come to agreement on a additional scope of work that is separate from the work included in the current request for bid package.

- 9) For Task 7 – Environmental and Regulatory Permitting Assistance are you expecting the selected consultant to only provide information that will feed into the necessary environmental permit applications, or are you expecting the selected consultant to compile the information and submit the permits?**

Aside from CEQA and jurisdictional approval of the wetland delineation for this project, TRWC will be the lead on drafting the environmental permits and submitting them to the necessary agencies (State Water Board, CDFW, ACOE, etc) for review and approval.