Municipal State Aid Project – Glenwood Street

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions about Request for Proposals No. 09-19DS

1. Will a project memorandum be part of the Consultant’s scope?

   It is anticipated that a project memorandum will be necessary. Reconnaissance consultations with local & state agencies by the Consultant will be necessary to confirm this, and required permits & applications will be part of the consultant’s scope. (Scope of Services, Item 2)

2. What geotechnical explorations will be “necessary”?

   The size and scope of the exploration plan is up to the individual Consultant. Due to the reconstructive nature of the project, the City does not anticipate the need for an extensive exploration.

3. What traffic control/safety precautions will be necessary during the Consultant’s on site work?

   All on-site work by the Consultant or their subs (geotechnical, survey, etc.) must meet the requirements of the most recent Minnesota Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MN MUTCD). Adherence to the MUTCD may entail the use of flaggers.

4. What aerial photography will be made available to the chosen Consultant?

   The City has previously contracted for the production of aerial photography and mapping of the Glenwood project corridor. Black and white contact prints, planimetric mapping for output at a horizontal scale of 1″=50′, contours at a 1′ interval, and a digital terrain model (DTM) will be acquired by the City and made available to the chosen Consultant. Control used to produce these maps will also be available.

5. Is it possible to build the project in one year?

   A two year construction is being used in the proposal to address the overall volume of work involved in the project, and the amount of utility funds required for the proposed reconstruction. These situations make one year construction unviable at this time. Two year construction should be the basis of a Consultant’s proposal.
6. Does the City have a plan for staging the two year construction?

   It is anticipated that, due to the local network of streets and availability of detours, work would be divided into two years by project number, building 0244TR in one year and 0647TR in the other. Actual staging plans and the details of the staging plan are left up to each Consultant.

7. Will design of a street light system be part of the Consultant’s scope?

   No. The City will not be installing any new lights or lighting systems. Existing lights & poles will be moved, when necessary, by the utility which owns them.

8. What is RTVision’s OneOffice and how will it be used on this project?

   RTVision’s OneOffice is project management software used by MnDOT, St. entering daily and weekly Louis County, the City of Duluth, and other local agencies. It is anticipated that software will be provided to the chosen Consultant by the City for use construction journals and item quantities.

9. What Schedule of Materials Control will be used?

   For each test/material, the stricter of the Federal, State, and Local testing requirements will be used. MnDOT Independent Assurance requirements will need to be met.

10. Will the Consultant’s scope of services include DCP work?

   Yes. The Consultant is to be responsible for all applications, submittals, etc. required by state agencies, including those required by MnDOT through the Delegated Contract Process. (Scope of Services, Item 2)

11. Will gaps in the sidewalk network be filled?

   No. Sidewalk that is currently in place will be reconstructed with the street to current ADA standards. No additional sidewalk will be built.