

**Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program, Inc.**  
**Request for Qualifications**  
**#P2324-01**  
**Pensacola Bay System Oyster Restoration Initiative**

**Questions and Responses Version 2**  
**January 19, 2024**

Are teams or sub-consultants excluded from applying? Is there a preference for a single consultant entity to perform the scope of work?

Only one contract will be issued for the scope of services included in the RFQ. Firms are allowed to team with other firms of their choosing if they so desire.

Please confirm whether design is for 100 hectares or 600 hectares for this phase/funding of the project. Design is for the entire 600-hectare Initiative.

Please confirm- has the Initiative's Project Area been defined? PPBEP has worked with its Oyster Subcommittee to develop a vision map of preferred restoration areas, as described in the RFQ. The Project Area for the entire Initiative and Phase I will be defined during the project planning phase based on criteria developed by the project team. Ultimately, the Project Areas will be reviewed by the Oyster Subcommittee, Regulatory Work Group, and Project Team, with final approval by PPBEP.

Please confirm if the following completed information will be provided:

- Bottom Type Mapping
- Habitat Suitability Model
- Spatially Explicit Water Filtration Model
- Vision Mapping

All of the resources listed will be provided to the selected firm. The final oyster vision map will be uploaded to the PPBEP website by 12/16/24.

We would like clarification on the role the selected firm would play related to Construction Oversight (SOW Item #7). We initially interpreted this as the Engineer of Record, but we are curious if the firm would also serve as "Owner's Representative" for PPBEP. Are you able to provide any details regarding the role of the firm in managing construction activities? Would this be limited to resident inspection services or would this also include full-time construction management? PPBEP intends to discuss and negotiate construction oversight as an optional service to be provided by the selected firm. However, PPBEP intends to work with the selected firm to evaluate the opportunity, role, and value of retaining a construction manager at risk (CMAR). Ultimately the construction oversight approach will be decided following PPBEP's decision whether to retain a CMAR or not.

Also curious if there is a chance that the SOQ deadline might be extended given the overlap with the Holidays. Currently, the deadline remains January 26<sup>th</sup>. However, if firms believe an extension is necessary, they should request an extension no later than the close of business January 22, 2024 stating the reason why an extension is requested. If PPBEP deems it appropriate to extend the submittal

deadline, PPBEP will notify all firms and post the extension to the PPBEP website no later than January 24, 2024.

If a company/group is on the oyster subcommittee, are they conflicted out of this RFQ? No, a company/group that participates in the Oyster Subcommittee is not conflicted out of the RFQ. PPBEP's committees, including the Oyster Subcommittee, are open to all interested parties. PPBEP's committees and subcommittees are fact finding in nature and there are no formal appointments to committee membership.

Could we include 11" x 17" size pages for the org chart and a team qualifications matrix and would each 11" x 17" page count as one or two pages each? Yes, you may. each 11x17 page would count as one page.

Can we use a smaller font size of 10 pt on the org chart, tables and graphics? Yes, please just ensure the font is legible.

Please confirm if the 30-page limit includes resumes. Yes.

Please clarify if the intent is to provide 100% design plans of the entire 600 hectares or just a targeted 100-hectare area for Phase I. Design is for the entire 600-hectare initiative.

Please clarify the intended duration and level of involvement of construction oversight, e.g. is this anticipated to be daily oversight or periodic. PPBEP intends to discuss and negotiate construction oversight as an optional service to be provided by the selected firm. However, PPBEP intends to work with the selected firm to evaluate the opportunity, role, and value of retaining a construction manager at risk (CMAR). Ultimately the construction oversight approach will be decided following PPBEP's decision whether to retain a CMAR or not.

Will the consultant have access to the models mentioned in the RFQ? Yes, PPBEP intends to make all models and data available for distribution accessible to the selected firm.

Will the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program be providing data from previous and ongoing restoration efforts within the Pensacola Bay? Including the current TNC oyster restoration projects in Pensacola's East and Blackwater Bays. Yes, PPBEP intends to make all models and data available for distribution accessible to the selected firm. However, access to data from other projects not administered by PPBEP is at the discretion of the project owner.