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Addendum Description

Addendum #2 to respond to vendor-submitted questions.

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Questions & Answers - 1

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Buying Organization Port of Brownsville

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Q1	<p>Question: Relevant Experience May we submit projects that are in the letting or construction phase but have reached 100% design completion?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, fully completed design projects are also taken into account when evaluating the company's experience.</p>	12/15/2025
Q2	<p>Question: Insurance Requirements Technology Liability (Errors & Omissions) is not included in the minimum coverage requirements but is included towards the end of the section regarding insurance coverage. When will this type of coverage be required?</p> <p>Answer: Technology Liability (Errors & Omissions) would only be required if working on any IT specific projects. Although it is unlikely that the coverage would be necessary, we felt it best to advise applicants of the requirements. No proof of insurance is necessary at the time of project closing.</p>	12/15/2025
Q3	<p>Question: Qualifications Should we include sub-consultants? Is the Port looking for a project team to perform all services for a specific scope? Or are we to provide qualifications for services our firm can self-perform without the use of subconsultants?</p> <p>Answer: Both, BND is looking to qualify engineering consultant firms and their subconsultants.</p>	12/15/2025
Q4	<p>Question: Qualifications Are resumes required? If so, do you want them in the body or appendix of the SOQ?</p> <p>Answer: The Port is requesting résumés for key personnel. These may be included as an appendix, if desired.</p>	12/15/2025
Q5	<p>Question: Required Forms Per the RFQ, Form 1295 is only required from awarded vendor(s). However, when submitting electronically, Bidnet lists Form 1295 as mandatory and even prompts for upload of the form. Please clarify, is Form 1295 required with our response?</p> <p>Answer: The Form 1295 may be submitted, but an updated form will be requested at the time of awarding a contract.</p>	12/15/2025
Q6	<p>Question: Clarification Did the District mean to put Park and Recreation on the category checklist form? If so, what is the scope of work for that category?</p> <p>Answer: No. Please disregard any reference to Parks and Recreation.</p>	12/17/2025

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Q7	<p>Question: Requirements general</p> <p>Under the qualifications section - is the District wanting to see numbers of professionals holding each license and certification firmwide? Or just the project team for the District?</p> <p>Answer: The submittal list of professionals holding licenses and certifications will be at the Firm's discretion.</p>	12/17/2025
Q8	<p>Question: Requirements general</p> <p>For the "Average number of active projects for each licensee and certification holder" does the District want that information firmwide? Or just the project team for the District?</p> <p>Answer: The submittal list of projects for each licensee and certification holder will be at the Firm's discretion.</p>	12/17/2025
Q9	<p>Question: Requirements general</p> <p>For "Role of licensee/certification holder", does the District want that information firmwide? Or just the project team for the District?</p> <p>Answer: The role of professionals holding licenses and certifications will be at the Firm's discretion.</p>	12/17/2025
Q10	<p>Question: Clarify which scope governs the checklist</p> <p>Section II Specifications" on page 10 lists a scope. The "Scope of Work Category Checklist" on page 15 lists different items. Which list should we use for the checklist we submit with the SOQ. If both apply, can you please explain how to reconcile differences and how to mark the checklist.</p> <p>Answer: Please use the checklist on page 15 when submitting this SOQ. The projects listed in the Scope of Work are examples only and do not limit the types of projects that may be submitted.</p>	12/22/2025
Q11	<p>Question: Meaning of "Utility & Traffic Construction Standard Detail Review & Design"</p> <p>On the checklist, the category "Utility and Traffic Construction Standard Detail Review and Design" includes review of the construction standard detail manual, best management practices, and design changes for material and system sustainability. Is this intended to cover traffic control plans, or a separate standard detail manual for utilities and traffic infrastructure. Can you please define scope, deliverables, and expected level of design for this category.</p> <p>Answer: The Port of Brownsville currently follows its own specifications, and the selected consultant firm is expected to review and recommend improvements where applicable.</p>	12/22/2025
Q12	<p>Question: Use of key staff experience in place of firm experience</p> <p>For staff who joined our firm recently, do you allow proposers to cite prior project experience of key staff in place of firm project examples when relevant. Can you please confirm how to present and label such examples.</p> <p>Answer: No, the project example is based on the Firm's experience and not on the personnel.</p>	12/22/2025
Q13	<p>Question: Acceptable alternatives to full plan sets in the SOQ</p> <p>The RFQ requests example plans or document examples for each category. Many client plan sets are confidential and large, which limits electronic submittal. Will the Port accept redacted plan excerpts, plan sheets with sensitive data removed, design narratives with key details, or summaries with representative figures. If yes, specify preferred formats, file size limits, and any required client permission letters.</p> <p>Answer: Yes, the interested firm may submit redacted plans excerpts, plan sheets with data removed, narratives or summaries with representative figures. PDF format is preferred.</p>	12/22/2025

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Q14	<p>Question: Subcontractor Services</p> <p>Subcontract Offer – Applied Geophysics (SUBINCO)</p> <p>SUBINCO (Texas PE/PG) offers applied geophysics in support of geotechnical exploration, including MASW and seismic refraction/tomography to define Vs profiles, bedrock depth, rippability, and subsurface variability. Services integrate with borings/CPTs to reduce uncertainty and optimize design. Available on an on-call, task-order basis as a subconsultant.</p> <p>Answer: Subconsultants are also welcome to submit their qualifications independently for the scope of work they are specialized in.</p>	12/22/2025
Q15	<p>Question: Example Plans</p> <p>Can the example plans submitted be for projects other than those submitted for "Relevant Experience"?</p> <p>Answer: Plans are expected to reflect the relevant experience of the firm.</p>	12/29/2025
Q16	<p>Question: Scope of Work Category Checklist</p> <p>1. The Scope of Work Category Checklist includes Parks and Recreation Planning, Third Party Development Construction Phase Observation and Certification, and Third Party Park Inspection services. Please confirm whether these services are anticipated to be performed specifically within Port-owned or Port-managed facilities, or if they are included for potential work outside traditional Port infrastructure.</p> <p>2. Addendum No. 1 introduces Maritime Engineering services; however, the Evaluation Criteria and Scope of Work Category Checklist do not clearly reflect this added category.</p> <p>Answer: Please disregard any reference to the Parks and Recreation Planning.</p>	12/31/2025
Q17	<p>Question: Example Plans Requirement for Non-Design Services</p> <p>The Evaluation Criteria require submission of two (2) example plans per category. For categories that do not typically produce full design plans (i.e., Construction Materials Testing & Geotechnical Services; Third Party Facility Inspection; Development Services Plan Review), please clarify what types of documents are acceptable to satisfy this requirement.</p> <p>Answer: As stated in the Evaluation criteria, "or document examples, where and whichever is most applicable". Documents such as reports are also considered.</p>	12/31/2025
Q18	<p>Question: Required Forms</p> <p>Per the RFQ the Statement of Non-collusion is a required form however it is not included in the RFQ. Can you please provide this form?</p> <p>Answer: Statement of Non- Collusion is attached to Addendum No. 1</p>	01/05/2026
Q19	<p>Question: Geotech and CMT</p> <p>I would like to clarify whether or not you will be accepting Qualification Packages for a portion of the services listed or are only interested in Qualification Packages that were for all of the services listed. We would be interested in providing Qualifications for Geotechnical Engineering Services, Construction Materials Testing and Environmental Consulting.</p> <p>Answer: All consulting firms are welcome to submit their qualifications independently for the scope of work they are specialized in. They do not need to comply with all the scope of work listed.</p>	01/05/2026

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Q20	<p>Question: Clarification</p> <p>1.Can you please clarify what exactly is required in the Statement of Interest? Should this be a stand-alone document?</p> <p>2.Is there a limit on the number of pages that can be submitted for Relevant Experience?</p> <p>3.Is it a total of two (2) set of plans or two (2) set of plans per specialty that can be submitted?</p> <p>Answer: The Statement of Interest should be a simple cover letter stating your company name and the contact information for the primary point of contact.</p> <p>No specific number of pages to be submitted for the firm's experience; it is greatly appreciated if the firm's experience is summarized as much as possible to expedite the qualification.</p> <p>If two sets of plans can represent the firm's experience in all fields, this is more than enough; this will be at the firm's discretion.</p>	01/05/2026
Q21	<p>Question: Multiple Service Categories</p> <p>If we are submitting for multiple service categories, do we need to include separate PDF's for each category? Or one PDF for all categories?</p> <p>In addition, do we select 3-5 projects total or per category?</p> <p>Answer: The submittals should include all services included in an specific project; There is no specific number of plans required; a selection that best represents the consultant's experience will suffice.</p>	01/06/2026
Q22	<p>Question: Example Plans</p> <p>How many example plans are required for each category?</p> <p>Answer: There is no specific number of plans required; a selection that best represents the consultant's experience will suffice.</p>	01/06/2026
Q23	<p>Question: Example Plans</p> <p>What type of documents are required for the Third-Party Inspection example plans?</p> <p>Answer: There are no specific forms required to comply with the Third-Party Inspection plans. It will be at the Firm's discretion to provide proof of their experience.</p>	01/06/2026
Q24	<p>Question: Addendum 1 Submittal</p> <p>Per the requirements listed in the RFQ, Addendum 1 is to be submitted by Friday, January 9. Please clarify how Addendum 1 should be submitted separately from the overall submission prior to the proposal due date of January 15. Should interested firms submit a signed Addendum 1 via email?</p> <p>Answer: Please submit all requested documents at the time of project closing.</p>	01/06/2026
Q25	<p>Question: Clarification</p> <p>XXXXXXXXX intends to submit under the Construction Materials Testing and Geotechnical Services category. In our line of work, we do not provide design plans. Regarding the evaluation criterion "Example Plans – 10 Points", would you recommend that firms in similar situations indicate "N/A" for this section, or would you prefer that we provide example reports instead?</p> <p>Answer: Yes, consultants under the material testing and geotechnical services are not expected to provide design plans.</p>	01/06/2026