

BENTON COUNTY – PROGRESSIVE DESIGN-BUILD

THREE RIVERS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RECOVERY CENTER PROJECT

1. On Question 10: "Benton County will include a requirement in the RFQ for proposers to describe their past utilization of OMWBE certified Business" What are your requirements for this project?

For the RFQ, we will require proposers to provide the percentage of DBE/MBE participation achieved on up to 5 recent projects. If the values were not tracked, proposers will be asked to provide a narrative describing what attempts were made to utilize DBE/MBE firms. The values and narrative will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis. (After these goals have been more widely implemented, our future RFQ's will include points-based ratings for this category.)

2. On Question 10: The County is going to require development of an inclusion approach to track and report utilization. Please share an example of this on a current project.

To date, the County has not required tracking and reporting DBE/MBE utilization on past projects until our most recent procurement for the Benton County Justice Center project approved by the PRC in 2022. We are not yet under contract with the highest scoring DB team for that project, so we have not established an inclusion approach for tracking and reporting utilization.

3. On Question 10: What is the total score weight of the Inclusion as a percentage in this RFP? What are your scoring components and what is the point break down?

For this RFP, we intend to include 10 points for the inclusion approach, which will comprise 10.5% of the RFP points. RFP scoring components are:

Overall Management Approach	30 points
Design Development & Management	15 points
Project Controls, Cost Tracking and GMP Development	30 points
Scheduling, Sequencing & Construction Management	10 points
DBE/MBE Inclusion Approach	10 points
Total RFP Points	95

4. On attachment C, the team shows their past history. Please provide the DBE/MBE goal and outcome or each past project. Your application sets no goals and we want to look at what has been accomplished in the past.

Benton County has only included DBE/MBE goals in FHWA funded projects. These goals are generally between 10-11% which the County has been successful in meeting. We have not established a specific goal at this time for the current project; however, we are working with Hill International to develop and participate in an OMWBE outreach event in the Tri-Cities area, which we believe will help inform the establishment of appropriate inclusion goals prior to completion of

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the RFP documents. Hill is participating in a similar event in Spokane hosted by a local contractor on 3/30/23 and will incorporate lessons learned from that event.

5. Great job hiring a WBE (Thaxton) as a legal team member. Who is your inclusion champion?

Benton County currently does not have a designated inclusion champion. We currently are monitoring our DBE/MBE goals through our Purchasing Department. We have recently created an administrative assistant position who will be focused on grant support. This position will be working closely with our project team and will take on the duties of the inclusion champion.