

Informational Meeting Minutes

Project: Capitol Lake Dam Preservation
Location: DES conference Room 2322
Date/Time: March 23, 2016 10:30 a.m.
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General RFQ Information

RFI deadline: Additional questions may be received and their responses will be published on the project RFQ website. There is no formal deadline for questions. However, each question will be evaluated by the project manager and if possible a response will be published. If the question does not allow reasonable time for a response to be published, then either no response will be given or the response will be published and the submittal deadline will be changed to allow all interested firms the opportunity to address the issue in their proposal.

Project Background

In 2008, Moffatt & Nichol prepared the “Capitol Lake Dam Condition Assessment and Life Expectancy” report. That report found deficiencies and made recommendations for maintenance. Some of the recommended maintenance has taken place, and some has not. DES anticipates recommendations for substantial maintenance. The selected firm will also prepare plans and specifications in order to complete the highest priorities that are within budget.

It’s worth noting that the dam facility goes beyond what is visible on the south side of 5th Avenue. It does extend beyond the North edge of the road and includes the pedestrian pathway and a number of utilities.

Please note that Scope Item #2 was revised. The revised RFQ document can be found at:
<http://des.wa.gov/services/facilities/Construction/B1/Pages/EASCurrentProjects.aspx>

Q&A

- Q:** What is the permitted work window for construction at the site?
- A:** The work window will likely depend on the type of work and where it will take place relative to the water. Chinook salmon typically migrate to Tumwater Falls from mid-August to late September so the permitted work window would likely exclude most of the summer. There currently are no permits for construction work at the site.

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- Q:** Regarding Scope Item #4, preparing an analysis of the remaining useful life of the dam considering it's adequacy to provide flood protection, has a recent hydraulic analysis been performed to determine flood flows?
- A:** hydraulic modelling was completed in 2008. However, this effort is focused on the structural condition of the dam and its ability to operate, not hydraulic modelling.
- Q:** Does DES plan to raise the elevation of the dam to account for rising sea levels?
- A:** No. DES has observed that extreme high tides will overtop the dam.
- Q:** Regarding Scope Item #2, safety assessment, is the expectation to analyze the anchors and adequacy of the ladders and railing, or to limit the assessment to the condition and life expectancy of the existing equipment?
- A:** If existing conditions are unsafe for DES personnel operation and maintaining the dam, those deficiencies should be identified. Examples of findings of deficiency may be: inadequate anchorage of a safety system such as a ladder or railing, improper ladder rung spacing, inadequately sized members of ladders or railing, or the complete lack of a required system such as railing when required by OSHA.
- Q:** Are there any major utilities on the dam where a disruption would be an issue?
- A:** Yes. There are sanitary sewer, potable water, natural gas, and possibly others as well.
- Q:** The RFQ states that a Federal Form SF330 is required in the submittal. Is that required for subconsultants as well?
- A:** It is optional for subconsultants.
- Q:** Does the SF330 form count against the 20-page submittal limit?
- A:** Yes.
- Q:** Does DES have a preference for binding type?
- A:** No preference.
- Q:** What is the budget for this project?
- A:** \$150,000 for this assessment. That figure does not include subsequent construction contracts for priority maintenance.
- Q:** Are copies of the 2008 Moffat & Nichol report available?
- A:** Yes. It's one of several reports available at:
<http://des.wa.gov/about/pi/CapitolLake/Pages/CapitolLakeReports.aspx>

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Q: Are MBE goals mandatory?

A: No. However voluntary Diverse Business Inclusion goals have been established as 12% MBE, 8% WBE, 5% Washington Small Business, and 5% Veterans. A Diverse Business Inclusion Plan is also one of the criteria for the Phase I selection.