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Addendum# 1

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COMMODITY: DESIGN SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK & WALKWAY REPAIRS ADA IMPROVEMENTS

This addendum is being posted to answer the questions received by the deadline listed in the above RFP. Please see the following page.

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RFP101344 - DESIGN SERVICES FOR SIDEWALK & WALKWAY REPAIRS ADA IMPROVEMENTS – QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. Is the Consultant responsible for Temporary Traffic Control Plans for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic?

Yes, the Architect shall work with URI stakeholders to put together any necessary traffic control plans as part of construction feasibility and implementation.

2. What is the expected scope of the wayfinding signage component?

The scope of the package will be minimal and limited to implementing URI standards.

3. There are a number of Non-ADA Compliant ADA ramps outside the 8 locations outlined in blue on the 2023 ADA Improvement Areas plan prepared by Pare. Are any of these non-ADA compliant ramps to be included in the scope of design?

Yes. The areas outlined in blue in Attachment A are possible locations for improvement. During the pre design phase, it shall be part of the Architect's services to review and analyze the URI Sidewalk Assessment study performed by Pare Engineering and working with URI PM and project stakeholders, establish and prioritize the projects. Attachment A is a sample plan image used to convey some of the GIS data.

4. Are any of the foot paths or stairs outside the 8 locations outlined in blue on the 2023 ADA Improvement Areas plan prepared by Pare to be included in the scope of design?

Yes. The areas outlined in blue in Attachment A are possible locations for improvement. During the pre design phase, it shall be part of the Architect's services to review and analyze the URI Sidewalk Assessment study performed by Pare Engineering and working with URI PM and project stakeholders, establish and prioritize the projects. Attachment A is a sample plan image used to convey some of the GIS data.

5. The RFP mentions potentially building entrances, but we don't see anything specific in the Pare sketch. Is there any scope of work that would impact the buildings and require any historic input?

No. Walkways and paths leading to building entry points are within scope but this project will not include any scope that requires any input from RIHPHC.



- 6. Page 5 references plazas as a hardscape item that may require replacement. Should the design team include programming for plazas and other outdoor spaces?**

No. The term plaza was used to reference hardscape areas that are considered larger than a walkway. An example will likely be the southwest corner of the URI quadrangle, where the canon is located. This is a focal point and one of the main access points to the Quad but with poor ADA curb access and in poor condition.

- 7. Page 7 states that the “Registered Prime Architect” is to be project lead with subconsultants. Please outline the roles and responsibilities of the Architect during the project phases (Pre-Design Schematic Design, Design Development, Construction Documentation, and Construction). Will the Architecture firm be required to attend stakeholder meetings / programming efforts as part of this project as described in Attachment C for “Analysis, Programming and Concept Design”?**

Yes, the Registered Prime Architect, as the point of contact will be required to attend meetings from programming through design and construction. As with typical design projects, the sub consultants will report to the Registered Prime Architect who is on point for the design and coordination of all the sub consultants.

- 8. May the Prime Consultant be a Civil Engineering firm for this contract?**

No.

- 9. Page 8 references a visit at another university. Can detail be provided if this “comparative facility” will be within the state of Rhode Island and what information the building committee hopes to collect during this visit?**

Attachment C ‘design services matrix’ # 28 states that travel to other projects is not required. Please disregard the note on page 8 of the RFP and do not include a separate cost for travel. Thank you.

- 10. Page 9 includes itemized allowances. Please confirm these allowances should be carried once to cover all 5 contracts developed.**

Yes. Please carry these allowances only once.

- 11. Page 15 describes the ISBE responsibilities. Please confirm minimum WBE/MBE firms participation for this RFP.**

Vendors are responsible for reviewing the applicable legislation (RIGL 37-14.1-6) and complying with the requirements.



12. May subconsultants retained through the itemized allowances be utilized to meet the MBE/WBE requirements and ISBE participation?

No.

13. Will stakeholder meetings be required for each of the 5 contracts or part of an initial schematic design phase/ programming phase?

We anticipate that the bulk of stakeholder meetings will be held upfront during a schematic and programming phase for all five contracts at the start of the project. There will likely be several check in meetings with the stakeholders over the course of the 5 years.

Please note that there will be an expectation to deliver a constructed project in summer 2025 so design of all five contract drawing sets should not impede the ability to deliver the first project successfully.

14. Will the sidewalk scope be limited to site improvements and minor stormwater management improvements to meet RIDEM requirements and facilitate proper drainage?

No.

15. Will the scope of work include utility (steam, water, sewer, gas, etc.) replacements and miscellaneous utility work related to buildings anticipated to overlap and be included within the 5 contracts?

No. Utilities work is not in the base scope of work. Allowance for unknown and limited utilities design work is included in the RFP if required. Some electrical design work is expected pertaining to pedestrian lighting and URI 'blue security phone/lights'.

16. A code consultant is outlined within Attachment C as an additional service, please confirm if any interior building entrance improvements are anticipated to be part of this scope? Please confirm these Additional Services may be provided at a later date and not included in this response.

Interior building entrance improvements are not within the scope of the project.

A code consultant for permitting is a basic service. Designs must meet all codes including ADA for permitting. Additional services may be provided, at a later date, to assist with obtaining any variances recommended by the Architect.

17. Graphic Design is outlined within Attachment C. Is design of any digital signage included in the scope?

No.



18. Hazardous Material Coordination is outlined within Attachment C. Will the Owner retain a separate consultant to sample for contaminated materials, perform laboratory testing, and evaluate hazardous materials within the project area? Please confirm whether the respondent should include any costs for these consultants.

No- The cost for consultants shall be taken from the allowance for Geotech and soils testing and the consultant shall be managed by the Architect.

19. Detailed cost estimating is outlined in Attachment C. Please confirm the Owner will retain a cost estimator and the respondent should also retain an independent cost estimator.

The Architect shall retain an independent cost estimator. URI will not be retaining an Owner's cost estimator in addition at this time.