



**Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority**  
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December 27, 2023

**ADDENDUM NO. 01**

**Request for Proposals 23-14(X)**

**Design and Construction Phase Services and Program Management Services  
Claiborne Pell (Newport) Bridge: Suspension Cables and Anchorages Investigation  
and Dehumidification, Deck and Joints Rehabilitation, Tower Steel Repairs and  
Painting, and Elevator Rehabilitation**

Prospective Proposers and all concerned are hereby notified of the following changes/comments related to the Request for Proposals (RFP) document 23-14(X). These changes/comments shall be incorporated in and shall become an integral part of the RFP.

**Below are questions posed by Prospective Proposers along with RITBA's response:**

- Are there any public utilities located on the Claiborne Pell/Newport Bridge that may require coordination with the utility companies? ***There are no public utilities but, there is electrical and fiber optic cable conduit running across the Newport Pell bridge.***
- Page 4 of the RFP mentions "Respondents may choose to submit proposals for one or any combination of the above identified three project types. Please use Exhibit A to identify the project(s) you are submitting proposals to provide services to RITBA." However, we do not see Exhibit A included in the RFP. Can you please provide us with Exhibit A? ***Exhibit A attached to the Addendum 1.***
- Are firms who submit as a subconsultant for any of the 3 projects included under this contract precluded from also submitting as a prime? ***No.***
- Do the requirements of Paragraph A.m., as highlighted below, apply to firms that will be selected for design or do they also apply to firms that respond for Program Management as well? ***The requirements apply to all.***



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- A. Experience of Proposed Team – 35%*
- a. Provide an organizational chart for the proposed team including any subconsultants.*
  - b. Provide resumes for each key team member that will have significant involvement in this project.*
  - c. For each team member, indicate the percentage of dedicated availability for this project.*
  - d. Articulate experience performing similar projects and the responsible role on each project.*
  - e. Provide demonstrated experience working with the Coastal Resources Management Program (CRMC) permitting and with the Rhode Island Historical Preservation & Heritage Commission (RIHPHC)*
  - f. Provide contact information (phone number & email address) of the primary contact for this solicitation.*
- There is no mention of familiarity with ACOE and US Coast Guard permitting procedures. Should they also be included in the RFQ? ***Neither are required to be included in the RFQ.***
  - Page 4 of the RFP states to use Exhibit A to identify the project(s) you are submitting proposals to provide services to RITBA. Exhibit A was not provided with the RFP documents. Please provide Exhibit A to include with the submittal, and will it count toward the page count? ***Exhibit A attached to the Addendum 1.***
  - Does the Insurance certificate included with our response as evidence of coverage count toward the page count and does RITBA need to be added as additional insured at the time of proposal submittal? ***It does not count towards the page count and firms do not need to provide certificates of insurance at time of submittal.***
  - Can RIPTA please provide some additional information related to the tower elevator rehabilitation? Are there specifics aspects (mechanical, electrical, structural) that need rehab, are there any known issues that we would need to



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address? ***Elevator specifications will be provided to the selected consultant during the design phase.***

- Can RITBA provide summary information or as-built documents for the existing elevator? Specifically, can you share the size/capacity, speed, and ASME A17.1 application (Special Purpose Personnel Elevator, LULA, typical passenger, etc.) of the elevator? ***Elevator specifications will be provided to the selected consultant during the design phase.***
- Can RITBA clarify the Scope of Services regarding commissioning services for the elevator? Does the “technical support services during construction” include procuring a third-party QEI inspector for the elevator’s Final Acceptance Test, or will the contractor be responsible for such services? ***Yes, the “technical support services during construction” including procuring a third-party QEI inspector for the elevator’s Final Acceptance Test will be the responsibility of the selected design consultant.***
- The RFP states “Please use Exhibit A to indicate the project(s) you are submitting proposals to provide services to RITBA.” Where can this exhibit be found? ***Exhibit A attached to the Addendum 1.***
- For the MBE/WBE Participation requirement on page 9, can the 15% be made up of just an MBE or WBE or does the 15% participation need to be split 7.5% MBE and 7.5% WBE? ***The requirement is 7.5% for each.***
- The RFP Introduction states Tower Steel Repairs & Painting however, within the Scope, reference to Towers is not included. Could you clarify the intent and confirm if steel repairs, and painting are only anticipated for towers or are the truss sections of the main spans slated for steel repairs and painting also. How about the approach spans? ***This project will include the main towers and proximate components only.***
- Will the pre-proposal meeting recording be available for viewing? ***No.***



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- What is RITBA schedule for design and construction of this proposed work? ***The schedule is subject to the obligation of Federal funding. RITBA anticipates these projects to be completed within the next five years.***
- Are current inspection reports/testing results available for:
  1. Concrete deck? ***Routine inspection reports are available.***
  2. Have any Forensic/penetradar type tests been completed and if so, are the results available? ***No***
  3. Steel towers? ***Routine inspection reports are available.***
  4. Expansion Finger Joints? ***Routine inspection reports are available.***
- What are the seasonal traffic volumes for average daily and Peak Hour volumes? ***This information will be provided to the selected consultant during design.***
- Have recent deck repairs been made of cementitious or epoxy material? ***Deck repairs have been made with cementitious and asphaltic materials.***
- The RFP requires a high-level itemized construction cost estimate to be submitted with the response, and therefore to prepare such an estimate, the following information would be required: ***The intent is to receive order of magnitude estimates with basic (major components) itemization only.***
  1. Partial depth versus full depth deck rehab areas. ***Limits of deck rehabilitation are from east cable bent to west abutment.***
  2. Anticipated areas and limits of steel painting. ***This project will include the main towers and proximate components only.***
  3. A list of steel member deficiencies, or list of steel member recommended repairs. ***A list does not exist.***
  4. Is there a list of elevator deficiencies, or list of elevators recommended repairs that RITBA can provide? ***A list does not exist.***



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- What time periods are allowed in which to reduce traffic to one lane in one, or both, directions? That will impact production rates for the deck rehab, which will impact our order of magnitude cost estimate. ***Closure times will ultimately be determined during design however, current closure restrictions are 9:00 am to evening eastbound and early morning to 3:00 pm westbound.***
- Hello. For Program Management, we are having difficulty adding a well-qualified WBE/MBE to our team. The firms that we have contacted have agreed to be on other teams for design. They are concerned that if they are selected as part of a team for Program Management, then their design teams will not be able to be selected. Please advise. ***Proposing teams should not be concerned about potential conflicts with the sub-consultant included in their proposal. Any potential conflicts will be addressed post selection. RITBA reserves the right to request a selected team to provide an alternate sub-consultant if a conflict exists.***
- On RFP page 8, under “B. Project Understanding and Approach” Please clarify if item a, b, c applies to PMCM project. Will “a concept schedule from design through completion of construction” and “a high -level, itemized construction cost estimates broken down” required for PMCM project proposal? ***Project understanding and approach applies to all proposals.***



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Exhibit A

Firm Name:	<input type="text"/>		
Disciplines:	Suspension Cables and Anchorages	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Check boxe(s) of services to be provided
	Dehumidification	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Concrete Deck and Joints Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Steel Repairs, Painting, and Tower Elevator Rehabilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Program Management	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**###END OF ADDENDUM###**