

Geotechnical Engineering & Project Delivery Area 2 Q&A

Question - Is it acceptable to use an example project in Criteria 1 performed for Washington State Ferries given that ferry terminals are associated with highways within WSDOT? Would a WSF project be scored lower than a regular highway project?

Answer - WSF project(s) will be scored the same as a highway project.

Question - Under Scoring Criteria 1, Item 1B, can one project be used for multiple seismic design categories listed in this section (similar to the requirement for Item 1A above)? And can we present more than 3 projects if needed to showcase each of the seismic design categories listed?

Answer – Yes, one project can be used for multiple categories and more than three projects can be listed if necessary.

Question - Under Scoring Criteria 3, the first sentence requests qualifications for the SLGE, which are already covered under Scoring Criteria 2. Is the requirement for Criteria 3 to present qualifications for 5 senior staff including or in addition to the SLGE?

Answer – The first sentence of this scoring criteria should have read “Information that demonstrates the qualifications and expertise of the CONSULTANT’s selected senior staff.

Question - Under Scoring Criteria 3, does the requirement for 10 years of experience apply to the SLGE listed in Scoring Criteria 2?

Answer – That was our intent, but we failed to list it in Scoring Criteria 2.

Question - If we request more than 5 Performance Evaluations from WSDOT Project Managers to ensure that we get 5 back in time to submit with our SOQ, and these are automatically distributed to CSO as indicated on Form 272-019, would this disqualify our SOQ because it would exceed the maximum of 5 Performance Reviews allowed in Packet B?

Answer – Per the RFQ Performance Evaluations must be included in your SOQ packet.

Include the following items:

Provide a minimum of three (3) with a maximum of five (5) performance evaluations for either WSDOT projects, non-WSDOT projects, or a combination of both that are either currently active projects or that has a project completion date within the last three (3) years. These must be included in your Packet B.

Question - Is it acceptable for the “Engineer of Record” in Criteria 1 to be the Owner’s (WSDOT’s) representative geotechnical Subject Matter Expert on a Design-Build project (from pre-procurement through design-build implementation), and if so, would it be scored lower if it is an SME versus an EOR

Answer – No, Subject Matter Expert experience cannot be substituted for Engineer of Record experience.