



RFP for P3 Financial and Transactional Advisor Services February 24, 2022

Addendum No. 1

The following questions were received by the County. Responses to questions and/or revisions to the RFP are provided in red text below.

Question #1: Page 4 of the RFP provide an estimated construction cost provided by Hazen and Sawyer, P.C. of \$14.8 million for a 300,000 gpd “expansion”. Would the County please confirm that this estimated cost is the total capital cost for construction a 300,000 gpd plant as an alternative to the 200,000 gpd plant, i.e. that this is not the supplemental cost for adding an additional treatment train and other capital upgrades necessary to increase the 200,000 gpd capacity to 300,000 gpd?

Response: The estimated construction cost of \$14.8 million is for the construction of a 300,000 gpd plant.

Question #2: Would the County please provide any background information explaining the rationale for expanding the facility to a capacity of 300,000 gpd?

Response: The Board of Commissioners has determined that committed capacity and growth projections for the Moyock area warrant an expansion of the plant to 300,000 gpd.

Question #3: Given that the scope of services is “not limited” to the items described on p4 of the RFP, could the County describe what is meant by “fixed costs” in Section 4 of the Fee Proposal (p6 of the RFP)? Is this intended to refer to overheads for the processing and management of the contract?

Response:

Section 4 – Items a. and b. are revised as follows:

The Proposer shall provide:

- a. A fee proposal for the proposed scope of services. Specify any additional expenses such as travel and lodging.
- b. An hourly rate schedule for additional services not included in proposed scope of services.

Question #4: Is there any requirement for the County’s Public-Private Partnership/Financial and Transaction Advisor to be a registered municipal advisor?

Response: Yes, the firm shall be a MSRB-registered municipal advisor firm.

Question #5: Would the County please describe any efforts it has made to secure state or federal funding or financing for this project to date?

Response: The County was awarded \$1,000,000 from the Golden LEAF Foundation for the plant expansion project in February 2019. The use of American Rescue Plan Act funds has been also considered.

Question #6: Would the County please describe any efforts undertaken to secure federal environmental approvals for this project (e.g. NEPA)?

Response: An environmental assessment has been performed and a state finding of no significant impact (FONSI) has been achieved for a 600,000 gpd facility.

Question #7: Does the County intend to interview the preferred firm prior to making a final selection of its advisor? If so, could the County indicate what timeframe it is looking to conduct such interviews and whether these will be conducted virtually or in-person?

Response: No.

Question #8: Does the County require proof of proper registration with the Secretary of State for North Carolina to be provided with the proposal?

Response: The County will verify business registration for the successful proposer during the contract process.