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TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK DESIGN CONSULTANT

RFP # CSC2008\_1847

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES 2<sup>nd</sup> Set

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- Is the selected proposer to orient their information gathering of current wireless telecom infrastructures to public networks (e.g. Verizon Wireless, Sprint/Nextel, etc.), to private networks such as public safety land mobile radio systems, or to both public and private together?

This project intends to evaluate and plan for all wireless use, not use limited to safety, municipal, or consumer use. Bear in mind that the Council is the governing body with jurisdiction over the construction of new telecommunications facilities in the state, unless the facilities are municipally-owned and intended primarily for municipal use. It is also important to note that our overall charge is to promote tower sharing, where feasible, in order to avoid the unnecessary proliferation of tower sites.

- Which counties are wholly or partially within the region of the State that will be the subject of this work?

Litchfield County and Hartford County

- Has a budget for the consultant's work been established or earmarked?

A budget has not been determined and will be based on bids received and the award granted.

If the Council has an expected lump sum-cost for the RFP's "Scope of Services", what is this cost/budget for the consultant's work?

The Council has no such expected lump sum-cost for the RFP's "Scope of Services."

- What is the objective of the wireless coverage for the "development plan" (e.g. private, public safety, land mobile radio or public/PCS-oriented system?)

The Connecticut Siting Council is responsible for approving proposed telecommunications facilities throughout Connecticut at with minimal damage to the environment; promoting the sharing of telecommunications towers in order to

avoid their unnecessary proliferation; and balancing the need for adequate and reliable public utility services at the lowest reasonable cost to consumers with the need to protect the environment and ecology of the state and to minimize damage to scenic, historic, and recreational values. Thus, having such a development plan in place, as described within the scope of this RFP, will aid in this charge and will assist our decision-making process.

- Is the “wireless coverage” to be represented by the plan to focus on voice, high-speed data, or both?

This RFP is for the design of a network of infrastructure for wireless telecommunications, pursuant to the provisions of Conn. Gen. Stat. Sec. 16-50i (a)(6), and the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47, Part 22. To the extent that various telecommunications carriers are opting to deliver IP services to their subscribers via their networks, the design of this network should appropriately factor that issue into its design.

- Are only state-owned sites to be inventoried, or must we include local government towers?

To the extent that the Council seeks to promote tower sharing, all facilities should be evaluated and considered.

- Are privately-owned towers (e.g. cell sites, SMR towers, etc.) to be included?

Yes.

- Are public utility radio systems to be included in the inventory?

Yes.

- Is the “wireless design” to focus on government access only, or include public access as well?

Both.

- As part of the plan, will the consultant be required to conduct any tower structural analyses of any tower sites where existing structural reports are not available or do not exist?

No. The selected consultant may, however, be required to determine if there is additional tower sharing capabilities.

If so, how many sites should the proposer assume will require the preparation of such reports (to establish a lump-sum cost proposal?)

None. Structural analysis reports will not be required.

If so, should the proposer assume that the Siting Council will provide all existing tower structural analysis reports?

Not applicable.

- Does the Siting Council have a list of sites that are to be included in the proposer's inventory and wireless design tasks?

The Connecticut Siting Council two databases that can be found at <http://www.ct.gov/csc/cwp/view.asp?a=895&Q=248312&cscNav=>

One database contains sites that are under our jurisdiction. The other database contains antennas within the state, including rooftops. Evaluation and study of this information should be included in the report to ascertain current coverage and future needs.

- Will there be a conference meeting prior to the RFP due date?

No. After proposals have been received, the Connecticut Siting Council may interview certain proposers based on their submittals. At that time, the proposers will have an opportunity to prepare a presentation (optional), and be asked questions regarding their bid to determine which proposer will best serve the needs of our agency.