

ANSWERS TO SUBMITTED QUESTIONS

Q #	Questions	RFP Reference (Document & Page-Section-Item)	Answers
1	Does the prospective bidder have to belong to a labor union to bid on the project?	[none provided]	No, the prospective bidder does not need to belong to a labor union to bid on the project.
2	What is the estimated price value for this project?	[none provided]	The budget change proposal funded for the Master plan study is \$2,347,000.
3	When is the anticipated start date for construction?	[none provided]	LA Master study does not have any construction services tied to it and is only for the study.
4	Please confirm: Any firm that works on this project will be precluded from participating on a Design-Build Team for any of the 17 capital outlay projects studied in this project.	Document: RFP-SF-2021-13-AL-1-RFP Page: 10 of 10 Section-Item: 6.6	<p>There are factors that suggest the criteria architect (“consultant”) selected to prepare the master plan could later have a conflict of interest pursuant to Government Code section 1090, the Political Reform Act, and/or a common law conflict of interest that would preclude its participation on the replacement of the Stanley Mosk Courthouse, the renovation of the Foltz Courthouse, or one or more of the 17 other related courthouse projects (collectively “subsequent projects”). However, such conflict would not arise until the subsequent contract was entered into. Given the time horizon for the subsequent projects (10-20 years), and the possible intervening factual scenarios, it is not possible to provide a definitive statement regarding preclusion at this time.</p> <p>The Judicial Council does not provide legal advice to potential consultants, who ultimately bear the brunt of an impermissible contract. Consultants who enter into contracts in violation of conflict of interest laws may be subject to civil or criminal penalties, and such contracts may be voided by a court, which may also order repayment of all public funds expended under the contract. Each consultant is responsible for independently determining whether its actions are permissible under Section 1090, the Political Reform Act, and common law conflict of interest principles. Consultants should consult with their legal counsel to the extent they have questions regarding the applicability of any conflict of interest provision to their actions. Additionally, any consultant may request formal or informal advice as to any potential conflict of interest from the California Fair Political Practices Commission.</p>

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5	In Section 5.2 Services the study defines 2 projects as the main focus of this study (Stanley Mosk Courthouse and Clara Shortridge Foltz Courthouse) and 2 additional projects that will include geographic/site review selection are noted (New Santa Clarita Courthouse and New West Los Angeles Courthouse). The narrative in Section 3.1 Project Description defines confirming the need for all projects listed in the Capital-Outlay report (17 total). In reviewing Section 6.6 Preclusion, it is clear that the selected team will not be able to work on projects that were analyzed as part of this study, and we ask if you can clarify if 'analyzed' refers to the 4 projects identified in the services, the 17 projects identified in the capital-outlay plan, or whether it would effectively cover all courthouses in Los Angeles County that may be reviewed as part of the masterplan?	RFP 6.6	See answer to Question 4
6	It is understood that the master planning team will be precluded from the Design-Build phase for Los Angeles projects, but will the team be able to pursue actual Criteria Architect services for individual Los Angeles projects - or will they be precluded from that work as well? (If possible, a yes or no answer would really be appreciated!)	RFP Section "6.6: Preclusion. A Firm and any subconsultants selected as the Criteria Architect on this Project are precluded from being the architect or subconsultant, architect of record, or member of the Design-Build Entity or its team on future projects that were analyzed as part of this study."	See answer to Question 4
7	Please be specific about which future projects the preclusion statement in Item 6.6 applies to. Is this the implementation of Mosk, Foltz, Santa Clarita, West LA, Van Nuys and Chatsworth projects or all follow on work related to all projects listed in the RFP on Page 3 of 10?	Page 10 – Item 6.6	See answer to Question 4
8	Since our proposal is to be submitted electronically via email, is there a file size limit we should be aware of? Or can we email a link to a share site where our file can be downloaded?	n/a	Email size limits are 35MB, therefore a link to documents in your submittal email may suffice.
END OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS			