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| # | Question | Answer |
| 1 | During the conference call, you discussed the need for “program management.” What do you mean by program management? | In addition to project assessment, design, construction, measurement, and verification, the Judicial Council may also select an overall Program Manager to assist with the ESCO projects. This would include evaluating recently completed audits in order to recommend which projects to move forward, how to structure the contract with the ESCO, site walks, reviewing engineering calculations, and verifying project completeness, among other overall program management activities. |
| 2 | Will the program manager be excluded from project implementation? | Yes |
| 3 | How to you plan to fund these projects? Are you considering using GS Smart funding? | The Judicial Council is considering a number of financing mechanisms for energy efficiency and water conservation projects, including performance-based contracts, facility modification funding, and other available resources. GS Smart funding may be used, but that is not confirmed at this time. |
| 4 | Will you be limiting the number of firms selected? | No, given the variety of projects and geographic locations, as well as the need for both project-level implementation and program management expertise, we encourage all firms to submit your qualifications, so that we may have a diverse pool. |
| 5 | How much will you have to spend on energy efficiency and water conservation projects in the next year? | We anticipate having at least $2 – 5 million in funding this fiscal year (ends June 30, 2016). |
| 6 | Is the DBE form required since this is an RFQ and not an RFP? | The DVBE Certification form is not required to be submitted with the Statement of Qualifications. The DVBE form **WILL** be required to be submitted with any cost proposals that may be requested. Failure to submit the DVBE Certification with a cost proposal will result in disqualification. |
| 7 | Will these projects include both assessment and implementation? | Yes, some of the projects will include the traditional performance-based contract activities, including an initial assessment and implementation of energy efficiency and water conservation projects. |