



Addendum 2: Questions & Answers

January 30, 2023

RFQ 22-05.03: Provide Project Management & Engineering Services For the Marquette Greenway Project (MGP)

Q1. Are projects on specific schedule to have funds obligated for PE and CN? Where can this schedule be found?

A1. All funds must be obligated, and PO issued by Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) by June 30, 2024, and all funds must be expended by June 30, 2029. Other than that, there are no schedules. We are expecting our Project Manager to expedite all schedules to accomplish these goals.

Q2. Does LPA/Consultant Agreement have a specific format or will any format be acceptable?

A2. NIRPC will work with our consultant on a contract. The contract must be approved by FHWA and Department of Justice (DOJ) before a purchase order can be issued.

Q3. Will LPA/Consultant Agreement be reviewed by anyone?

A3. The consultant contract will be reviewed by our attorney and as stated above by FHWA (both Indiana Division and Federal Division) before being sent to the DOJ for their approval.

Q4. What design standards should be followed? AASHTO?

A4. We believe that AASHTO standards will be the primary standards being followed, however FHWA-IN is closely familiar with INDOT Design Manual, so there might be some overlap.

Q5. Is there a Design Exception type process to follow if design deviates from design standards?

A5. All processes, including the Design Exceptions process will need to be worked out by the Project Manager and their team.

Q6. Who will review design calculations, plans, etc.? When?

A6. The Project Manager and their team will be pre-reviewing all designs and calculations prior to any submission to FHWA. FHWA will be reviewing all plans, specifications, and estimates (PS&E) as well as any documents required. All permits will need to be filed and approved by the respective agencies.

Q7. Is there periodic reporting required for Consultant? LPA?

A7. All parties will be required to report to NIRPC and FHWA quarterly. NIRPC will schedule these meetings.

Q8. Is there any specific format for Contract Book? AIA? EJCDC?

A8. The Project Manager and their team will be tasked with developing all procedures, processes, forms, formats, schedules for NIRPC and FHWA.

Q9. Will there be federal oversight during construction? What does that look like?

A9. Yes, assume that will be federal oversight during construction. As we get closer to construction, we will work with FHWA to determine the involvement and structure of that involvement.

NEPA Questions:

Q10. Without INDOT involvement no INDOT/FHWA programmatic procedures apply, correct?

A10. The Project Manager and their team will develop these procedures with the concurrence of FHWA. FHWA will be overseeing and approving the NEPA process and any documents.

Q11. Would it be acceptable to use the INDOT CE template (providing all references to INDOT are removed)?

A11. This is to be decided with an agreement between NIRPC, the Project Manager and their team, and FHWA. The same is true with all permits to other agencies.