The following information is hereby provided in response to written questions submitted to Battery Park City Authority (“BPAC”) in connection with the Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for the “South Battery Park City Resiliency Project Design Services” project (the “Project”).

RFP Questions:

1. How will the signage and graphics of this project coordinate with the wayfinding RFP that was awarded this spring?
   Response: Proposers should assume that all wayfinding signage and graphics of this Project will match the design that will be developed by the wayfinding signage design team; consequently, Proposers should include appropriate time and effort to coordinate with the wayfinding signage design team regarding signage placement and content. Any signage specific to Wagner Park and its elements, including any educational elements or material, is expected to be developed by the selected Proposer as part of this Project and designed to coordinate with and complement the signage developed through the wayfinding signage Project.

2. Who was awarded that wayfinding RFP?
   Response: 212 / Harakawa Inc. DBA Two Twelve was awarded the Wayfinding RFP.

3. Will it be required to utilize the NYC DOT signage guidelines in anyway?
   Response: It is anticipated that the wayfinding component will be influenced by DOT guidelines; however, the Wayfinding Design Team will be responsible for developing the format.

4. Is there an intention or opportunity to use the signage and graphic for interpretive or learning opportunities about sustainability or resiliency?
   Response: Yes, the selected Proposer will be responsible to identify such opportunities, such as the potential for education signage within the wetland and woodland areas.

5. Does BPCA have an anticipated contract start date?
   Response: A specific contract start date has not been identified, but it is anticipated to start in late 2017.

6. The link to download the “Mandatory Forms” PDF is invalid (page 8). Could you please provide a new link to download these forms?
   Response: The forms can be found at the bottom of the following webpage: http://bpca.ny.gov/apply/rfp-opp/

7. Are the Mandatory Forms required for all firms participating on a team, regardless if they are serving as the prime or are a sub-consultant?
   Response: The Mandatory Forms must be completed by the Proposer / prime consultant, but sub-consultants are not required to complete the forms.

8. “The Proposal…should be limited to no more than twenty-five (25) pages), exclusive of the Transmittal letter and the Appendices listed below.” Are you looking for 25 single-sided or double-sided pages?
   Response: The Proposers are free to choose the printing format (single-sided or double-sided pages), but the 25-page limit would apply to each printed side.

9. Could you please clarify which appendices are exclusive of this 25-page count?
   Response: The Transmittal, Appendices, Mandatory Forms, Resumes, References and Financial Statements are not counted as part of the 25-page submission.

10. Can you also tell me if the entire group of mandatory forms go unbound with the cost proposal package?
    Response: The Mandatory forms should be included in each copy of the Technical Proposals and the originals of the Mandatory Forms must be included with the Cost Proposal.
11. Does the 25-page limit apply to the technical proposal volume only?  
**Response:** See Response No. [9].

12. Clarification on the proposal format and 25 page limit: Page 8 of the RFP, under section “VI. Proposal Format and Contents” states that proposals “should be limited to no more than 25 pages, exclusive of the Transmittal Letter and the Appendices listed below.” Currently the only Appendices listed in the RFP are on page 11 under “E. RFP Additional Information Request” and it only lists one Appendix as “a. Include professional biographies for all employees listed in your Proposal.” Are there only two items that are excluded from being within the 25 pages, the Transmittal Letter and the professional biographies? Please explicitly list the documents that would be included in the 25 pages, and should items such as the mandatory forms, resumes, project sheets and references be separate appendices to the proposal, or as well, be part of the 25 pages?  
**Response:** See Response No. [9]. Project sheets / portfolio sheets will be counted.

13. Will the flood risk management components (i.e. flood wall, deployable structures) of this overall design be required to go through the FEMA accreditation and project closeout process?  
**Response:** Yes. Proposers should include the related services to obtain accreditation and closeout within their Proposals.

14. Operation and Maintenance Plans are normally a requirement of the FEMA accreditation process for closeout; will this funding also be used to cover the development of the Operations and Maintenance Plans?  
**Response:** Yes. Proposers should include this scope of work within their Technical and Cost Proposals.

15. The RFP establishes a goal of 15 percent MBE participation, 15 percent WBE participation, and 6 percent SDVOB participation. May a MBE or WBE that is counted towards satisfying the MBE or WBE participation requirement also satisfy the SDVOB goal, if certified as both an M/WBE and as a SDVOB?  
**Response:** An MBE or WBE that is also certified as a SDVOB may satisfy the SDVOB goal while still satisfying the MBE or WBE requirement.

16. Can you please clarify the scope of work to be completed for the pavilion? We assume this would fall under Phase 2 – Wagner Park Site. Will this also include interior architecture?  
**Response:** The design of the pavilion will be part of Phase 2 – Wagner Park Site. The scope of work for the pavilion must include full design and engineering services for all spaces, including the interior of the public restrooms, community room, auxiliary office and storage space, as well as the general placement of the restaurant’s kitchen and seating areas. However, it is anticipated that the future restaurant operator will perform the final design and build out of its interior and kitchen spaces separately.

17. Also, do you have an idea as to when questions that were submitted earlier will receive responses?  
**Response:** Responses to questions have been provided in Addendum #1 which was posted on August 4, 2017, as well as this addendum, Addendum #3.

18. Section IV.C.5 states that architects and engineers must be licensed to practice in the State of New York. Does this mean that all the disciplines listed in Section 1.A. be licensed in NY beyond those required for permitting such as Environmental/Biological Science, Hydrological Engineering (Modeling)?  
**Response:** It is mandatory that the professionals performing any services requiring New York State licensure in order to obtain approvals from regulatory agencies be licensed to practice in the State of New York.

19. Will this project require BIM capabilities?  
**Response:** Proposers are free to utilize BIM capabilities for the Project; however, BPCA does not consider such capabilities necessary for the Project.

20. It the restaurant envisioned to be a single tenant or a food court? Will the existing tenant remain?  
**Response:** The restaurant is expected to be occupied by a single tenant; however, it may include more than one type of restaurant operation (i.e., a sit-down restaurant, coupled with a more casual walk-up counter or window).

21. Does only the prime consultant need to provide a financial statement? Or do sub consultants need to do so also?
Response: See Response No. [7].

22. Which of the forms, if any, in the Mandatory Forms packet, do sub consultants need to provide?
Response: See Response No. [7].

23. Should the “Response Regarding Use of New York State Businesses” go in the Cost volume, along with mandatory forms?
Response: The Response Regarding Use of New York State Businesses should be included in each copy of the Technical Proposals and the original copy must be included with the Cost Proposal.

24. Has BPCA committed to replacing the current pavilion and ruled out the viability of renovating it?
Response: Based upon the recent assessment performed on the current pavilion, including considerations of the condition of the structure, targeted resiliency standards, and projected future repair, maintenance and retrofit costs, BPCA has concluded that renovating the structure would not be cost effective, nor would it allow for full implementation of its resiliency and parks maintenance objectives.

25. Pending further study, should respondents build off the primary site strategies set out in the BPCA/Perkins Eastman Wagner Park Site Assessment Plan (specifically, the location of the new pavilion, enlarging the lawn, and the overall flood protection strategy)?
Response: Yes, as a starting point; however, Proposers should anticipate that specific aspects of the concept design prepared by Perking Eastman may warrant modification or reconsideration during the course of the Project’s design work.

26. Should respondents expect to provide site-wide wayfinding and an architectural signage strategy for the pavilion? If so, for site wayfinding, will teams be interpreting existing Battery Park wayfinding strategies/system guidelines or be expected to develop a new system?
Response: See Response No. [1, 3 & 4].

27. Is the summer stage to be included in this first phase of implementation?
Response: Yes.

28. Are the Pier A bridge and cultural dock in this first phase of implementation? If so, are teams expected to provide technical and planning support through BPCA’s approval process for these items?
Response: Yes, both the Pier A Bridge and the cultural dock should be included in the first phase of implementation, and Proposers are expected to provide comprehensive technical and planning support through the related approval processes.

29. Are teams expected to develop further resiliency strategies for the Jewish Heritage Museum and/or coordinate with the Jewish Heritage Museum in the development of site resiliency strategies?
Response: Yes, the selected Proposer is expected to further develop, coordinate and design the resiliency strategies for the Museum of Jewish Heritage as part of Phase 2, the Wagner Park Site.

30. Were borings performed and a geotechnical report created during the concept planning phase and, if so, will this information be made available to proposers?
Response: No, borings were not performed and a geotechnical report has not been created. The selected Proposer is responsible to provide the required boring and geotechnical services.

31. What is the cultural dock? And is there a written description of the scope or intent associated with it?
Response: The cultural dock is envisioned as a small floating dock, parallel to the seawall which would allow periodic temporary access for small visiting historical and cultural vessels, as well as emergency services vessels if circumstances warrant. The selected Proposer must further develop the design and determine the feasibility of permitting and viability of use.

32. Will the decision to proceed with Phase 4 add alternate be decided at the start of the project; can we assume that Phase 4 - add alternate will begin at the start of the project?
Response: A timeframe for exercise of the Phase 4 add alternate cannot be provided at this time. Cost Proposals for the Phase 4 add alternate must be valid for notification of exercise at any time within six (6) months of Proposal submission.
33. Will construction contracts be under Wick’s Law?
   **Response:** Yes.

34. Will there be a restaurant concessionaire onboard and part of design process? How are we designing the building space?
   **Response:** A long-term restaurant concessionaire for the pavilion will not have been identified at the commencement of the Project, and the selected Proposer must include expertise in restaurant/food service design, planning and operation. Upon completion of the design development plans, BPCA will solicit bids from restaurant concessionaires, and the selected concessionaire will be responsible for the restaurant’s final interior design and construction.

35. What is BPCA’s vision for the bridge structure?
   **Response:** The foot bridge connecting the Esplanade to Pier A should be modest and scaled appropriately. Apart from bridging the two spaces, it is also envisioned as an overlook of the wetland space and part of the path weaving through the garden.

36. How does BPCA envision the collaboration and scope split between the BPCA Wayfinding + Signage program and this project?
   **Response:** See Response No. [1].

37. Is it correct to assume that the programs and areas for the Wagner Park landscape portion of the project are consistent with the data presented on page 11 (Wagner Park – Use Allocation) of Exhibit B? Is it correct to assume that the programs and areas for the Park Pavilion portion of the project are consistent with the data presented on page 15 (Park Pavilion Programming) of Exhibit B?
   **Response:** Page 11 of Exhibit B is hereby revised and attached below. The remaining pages remain in effect.
The proposed Wagner Park landscape concept of the South Battery Park City Resiliency Plan enhances the quality of the Park experience by:

- expanding the ornamental gardens;
- simplifying the lawn;
- increasing the planted areas to include a new wetlands feature at the Pier A cove; and
- reducing existing paved areas.

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38. Are the following items excluded from the 25 page count:
   a. Mandatory forms
   b. Transmittal Letter
   c. Appendices (biographies)
   d. References (3)
   e. Recent Financial Statement

   **Response:** See Response No. [9].

39. Are the Mandatory Forms part of the Proposal where we are providing 7 copies and on memory stick or do we submit one set in a separately labelled envelope?

   **Response:** See Response No. [10].

40. Do any of the RFP Questions need to be answered by sub consultants or is it only the prime (architect)?

   **Response:** The sub-consultants are not required to answer the RFP Questions, but may choose to do so if deemed appropriate by the Proposer.

41. Are “Mandatory Forms”, “References”, & “Financial Statements” excluded from the 25pp limit?

   **Response:** See Response No. [9].

42. Do the “RFP Questions” apply just to the lead proposer or to the entire team?

   **Response:** See Response No. [40].

43. How is the 30% W/MBE target calculated? As a percentage of the fee proposal? As a percentage of the team members?

   **Response:** The WBE, MBE and SDVOB percentage goals are calculated as a percentage of the total proposed contract value.

44. What is the “new cultural boat dock”? Is there a program? Design parameters?

   **Response:** See Response No. [31].

45. Is the pavilion program in Perkins Eastman’s 7.13.17 report (p15) still valid?

   **Response:** Yes.

46. Is there a reason why the finish floor of the pavilion restaurant was set below “Design Flood Elevation”?

   **Response:** The finished floor elevation was set below the Design Flood Elevation in an effort to limit the buildings overall height and to provide a restaurant seating area that is visually connected to the street side entrance. The dry flood proofing barrier would be integrated into the West façade and extend up to the Design Flood Elevation.

47. Does BPCA wish to pursue LEED and/or SITE certification for this project?

   **Response:** Yes.

48. Does the BPCA anticipate the concurrent design of Phase 2, 3, and 4?

   **Response:** Although BPCA does anticipate a concurrent process, each Phase presents particular challenges and varying levels of coordination with stakeholders. As such the phases may commence at slightly different times and proceed at somewhat different paces. Proposals should be developed based upon this understanding and the likelihood that the phases are not guaranteed to run in total concurrency.

49. What is BPCA’s plan for contract renewal should construction of the project extend beyond the 24-month contract term?

   **Response:** Section IV.B is hereby revised to modify the contract period from twenty-four (24) months to thirty-six (36) months. Should BPCA determine that the Project will extend beyond 36 months, a contract amendment would be issued extending the contract duration. Please review the sample Contract included as Exhibit E of the RFP.
50. Can you define the survey scope anticipated for the project? Specifically, the survey limits around the three sites: Wagner Park, Pier A, and the Battery Bikeway segment.

Response: A full survey, including but not limited to, sewer, utility and topographical information is part of the Project scope of work and must be incorporated into all Proposals. The survey area must include the areas within the highlighted area indicated in figure #1 below:

![Figure #1](image)

51. Once the contract has been awarded, will BPCA supply previous survey information for the area? Will BPCA supply the utility plates for the area?

Response: BPCA will supply all survey records on file; however, the information should not be considered as reliable for this Project. Much of the survey/utility information on file is out of date, based off of past and differing survey datum and partial areas. The selected Proposer will be responsible for obtaining all survey and utility (utility plates) information required to complete the Project.

52. Regarding the insurance requirements for subcontractors. On page 10-11, under section D. 2) Insurance Requirements for the Selected Proposer – the Umbrella Liability Insurance requirement is $5M and on page 11, under Section 3) Insurance Requirements for all Subcontractors – it is stated that all subcontractors must have all insurances listed in Section 2. What will be required from subcontractors to receive approval from BPCA for certain insurance requirements? One of the sub-contractors umbrella insurance is $4M

Response: As set forth in the RFP, the expectation is that all subcontractors will maintain the insurance coverage listed in Sections D (2) and (3). Waivers may be granted by BPCA, in its sole discretion, on a case-by-case basis where the required coverage is not appropriate based on the specific work of the subcontractor. If a request for a waiver is denied, selected proposer’s subcontractor will be responsible to provide the coverage indicated in the RFP. Regardless of any waiver requests, the cost of all insurance coverages for the requirements outlined in Sections D(2) and (3) should be incorporated into the Cost Proposal.

53. Do you require the MWBE/EEO Policy Statement and Diversity Questionnaire filled at this time on pages 55-58 of the RFP?

Response: Yes.

54. In Section II of Exhibit A of the RFP, the scope of services description for Phase 2, 3, and 4 states:

Upon approval of final design and issuance of all necessary governmental permits and approvals, construction documents will be prepared, contractor procurement will be initiated and construction will proceed to completion.
This seems to indicate that work on the construction documents will not start until all permits and approvals are secured. We anticipate that it will take 8 to 10 months to secure some permits and approvals – wetlands is one potential example. The end of Schematic Design would be earliest a package of documents for the wetlands permit application could be issued. The Design Development phase could commence after SD but it would last only 2 to 3 months. Following that, is it BPCA’s intent that all design team activities are suspended when Design Development is completed but permits and approvals are still pending? If so, this would push the completion of the construction documents beyond the timeframes indicated for the phases in section III. E. Please comment and clarify.

**Response:** Proposers may in their discretion propose to proceed with the preparation of construction documents, or some components thereof, in advance of the receipt of all necessary permits and approvals. The commencement/continuation of construction document preparation, if proposed, shall be subject to BPCA’s approval based upon the status of pending applications, as well as other conditions and circumstances, as they exist at that point in the Project. Proposers should, therefore, anticipate the possibility that some length of suspension in the progress of construction documents may be necessary during the pendency of permits and approvals. Should such a deferral in the preparation of construction documents result in the timeframe for this process exceeding the time allocation indicated in the RFP, an amendment of the schedule for preparation of the construction documents will be considered by BPCA.

55. Does the BPCA want the construction scope to include security systems, and therefore want the proposers to provide security consulting services?

**Response:** Yes.

56. Is a deadline extension being considered?

**Response:** An extension of the RFP Due Date is not being considered at this time, but may be in the future. If so, BPCA will post an addendum on the RFP web site.

57. Are water-side improvements intended as part of the scope to support “cultural boat dock”? Is public access to boats intended from any adjoining edge of this project?

**Response:** All water-side improvements are considered to be part of the scope of work for this Project. Public access to a floating dock is envisioned to be from the esplanade, but will not include any regularly scheduled boat services and will be limited to periodic cultural, educational and emergency vessel dockings only.

58. How many meetings are anticipated for the community and stakeholder outreach task? Have these meetings been identified and can they be shared?

**Response:** It is not possible to specify the exact number of community and stakeholder-related meetings the Project will require, as it will depend in part upon the number and complexity of specific issues that may arise during the course of the Project, as well as the number of presentations that BPCA determines would be advantageous to the Project. However, for purposes of the Proposals, Proposers should plan for two initial community/stakeholder kickoff meetings each for phases 2, 3 and 4 (if exercised) of the Project, along with an additional six meetings for each of these phases through completion, for a total of sixteen (16) community/stakeholder meetings for the base Scope of Work and another eight (8) meetings for the Ad Alt Scope of Work. Some meetings may be scheduled to cover more than one Project phase, while others may be specific to a particular Project phase. If additional meetings are required for the Project, the additional cost associated with the additional meeting(s) will be addressed either through an allowance incorporated into or an amendment of the contract.

59. Will the community room require a pantry to support catering or lite food prep?

a. Is the roof deck restaurant related to the ground floor restaurant, or are they two restaurants?

b. Wait service or walk-up?

c. Will the roof deck require a catering pantry to support catered events, or will it have its own kitchen?

d. Will the restaurant concept be a sit down restaurant (existing) or will there be multiple self-serve stations?

e. How many seats do you anticipate in the restaurant(s)?

f. Will the restaurant be wait service or walk-up?

**Response:** Although undefined at the current time, a small-scale pantry may be considered.

a. See Response No. [20]. The restaurant program is currently expected to have seating on both the first and second floors, as well as a portion of the adjacent roof deck.

b. Undetermined at this time.
c. Undetermined at this time.

d. See Response No. [20].

e. Seating capacity should be based on industry standards for the square footages indicated in Exhibit B.

f. See Response No. [59(d)] above.

60. Regarding the insurance requirements for both the Prime Contract holder and Subcontractors, do we need to include some type of proof that each firm is able to meet these requirements?

Response: Copies of the required insurance certificates, as identified in the RFP, must be provided prior to execution of the Contract. See Response No. [52].

61. The RFP identifies three specific work-flow components including performing selected surveys, hydrological modeling and geotechnical surveys. However, there are no specific identified work-flow components identified for other services including environmental/biological science, environmental engineering and marine engineering. Are there specific assumptions that should be made to allow for their inclusion?

Response: Subject to approval by BPCA, the selected Proposer will be responsible to determine the specific work-flow and schedule based upon considerations of both time- and cost-effectiveness. Proposers are encouraged to include a basic work schedule within the Proposal.

62. No mention is made of sub-surface conditions (e.g., presence of contaminated soils, sub-grade utilities crossing the barrier line, etc.). How does the BPCA recommend these unknown issues be addressed in our proposal?

Response: BPCA recommends that Proposers research and review the publicly available utility, infrastructure maps and Appendix C of the New York City Zoning Resolution.

63. The scope of the project is broad and the contract would only be for 24 months, which does not seem at all reasonable to provide CA services. What should the fee be based on – Design only with CA as an add alternate?

Response: See Response No. [49]. Proposals must include all work noted in the RFP, including Construction Administration Services.

64. Can the estimated construction budget be provided?

Response: The construction budget cannot be provided.

65. Are the only project plans available those included in the RFP?

Response: Yes, the plans are provided as a conceptual design only.

66. If not the team lead, do the engineering team members need to be NYS Professional Corporations?

Response: The engineering consultant must be a NYS Licensed Engineer. The specific structure of the business entity is not limited.

67. It appears that a portion of the new on-site building will be underlain by a storm water detention tank. Is this a required project element? If so, can more details with respect to same be provided?

Response: The storm water detention tank below the proposed building was incorporated into the conceptual design to allow for storage of excess storm water within the flood proofed area. While details related to the storm water detention tank concept are subject to modification or reconsideration, BPCA would like to incorporate storm water reuse and a graywater system at this site.

68. Can more details with respect to the bicycle path ad alt be provided?

Response: BPCA currently envisions that the portions of the existing sidewalk and adjacent bicycle path along Battery Place / Historic Battery Park that are at the lowest elevations (<13 NAVD) will be redesigned to incorporate a storm barrier system with deployable elements comparable to the system indicated on page 7 of Exhibit B of the RFP. At higher elevations (~13 NAVD), such as the area along Battery Place east of Washington / Greenwich Streets, it is anticipated that a series of planters and garden walls could be leveraged to create a permanent storm barrier element that does not require deployment. Design of the permanent elements must consider park access and views.

69. Is the indicated flood barrier system the only one under consideration? Can ad alts be provided?

Response: The deployable flood barrier system indicated on page 6 and 7 of Exhibit B meets the design criteria and resiliency objectives established for the Project, i.e., that the system components be stored on site, be easily
deployed, and maintain access to the Park and to the water. Consequently, BPCA is not formally seeking alternate systems for the barrier system. Should Proposers choose to suggest alternate systems or significant variations to the current concept system, the above-referenced criteria must be met.

70. Are the surveys for the Bikeway Segment part of the core contract or should this be listed separately in the fee proposal?

(Response): All work related to the Bikeway Segment should be included within the Add Alt scope and should be listed separately within the Cost Proposal.

71. Can you provide any studies or planning documents for the Bikeway Segment?

(Response): The study and design of the Bikeway Segment may be reviewed in detail under the Add Alt component of this Project. Detailed studies/planning documents are not available.

72. What is the total length of the anticipated barrier wall system?

(Response): Since the exact path of the barrier system is unknown at this time, the total length cannot be provided. Additionally, as noted in Response No. [68], portions of the barrier may be deployable while other lower segments may be garden or planter walls.

73. Is there a bathymetric survey of the project area available? If so, will the selected Proposer be provided with the bathymetric survey? If not, should the Proposers include bathymetric surveying services under the Phase 1 work?

(Response): No, a bathymetric survey is not available. The selected Proposer is responsible to provide all necessary surveys including but not limited to, bathymetric and topographical as part of the Phase 1 work.

74. Can the BPCA elaborate on the scope and scale of the proposed Cultural Dock? Is the dock expected to be the homeport of any vessels?

(Response): See Response No. [31].

75. Does BPCA have a list of other engaged consultants as described in Exhibit A Section III of the RFP?

(Response): Please refer to page 27 of the RFP.

76. Is the 24 month contract time inclusive to construction completion?

(Response): See Response No. [49] regarding contract length. Yes, the contract time includes construction through completion.

77. Is the work of Perkins Eastman to be taken as completion of pre-schematic design services?

(Response): BPCA recognizes that modifications/improvements to the conceptual design may be called for once additional inspection, assessment and engineering is performed and once additional information is obtained thru further community and stakeholder outreach.

78. Could BPCA provide a detailed schedule by phase that will help the consultant team structure their fees upon? Or, if this is not possible, could a construction budget be shared?

(Response): A schedule or budget cannot be provided. The selected Proposer must develop a schedule and include it within the Proposal.

79. Could you please provide an expected number of meetings and/or workshops that you expect the team to be present for per task and phase?

(Response): See Response No. [58]. Subject to BPCA approval, the selected Proposer will be responsible for establishing a detailed community outreach plan, including opportunities for regular community updates and feedback, as well as periodic meetings and presentations.

80. Does BPCA envision additional Environmental/Biological studies outside of those required by regulatory agencies as part of the SOW?

(Response): The Proposer will be responsible for preparing any Environmental/Biological studies required as part of the environmental impact review and/or to support permit applications. Throughout the performance of the
Services, the Proposer will consult with BPCA and its consultants/attorneys regarding the scope and preparation of any required studies and/or permit applications.

81. What zoning variances may be required for completion of the scope of work?

Response: The zoning actions that may be required will depend in part on the final design of the Project. Throughout the performance of the Services, the Proposer will consult with BPCA and its consultants/attorneys regarding any necessary zoning actions. The Proposer will be responsible for preparing all supporting documentation and guiding/managing all necessary zoning actions.

82. Is acquisition of regulatory permits a required component of the project?

Response: The Proposer will be required to prepare the necessary applications, respond to requests for additional information and to attend meetings with the regulatory agencies, as required to obtain the necessary permits. Throughout the performance of the Services, the Proposer will consult with BPCA and its consultants/attorneys regarding any required permit applications.

83. The RFP states in I. Summary, A. Background (Page 4) that The Services shall include, but shall not be limited to: …….(4) coordination with BPCA, its consultants and attorneys, to prepare environmental studies and approvals, as required, for construction of the resiliency measures and related improvements that are the subject of the Services; however the scope of work in the RFP makes no mention of the need to complete environmental studies or to complete an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA).

Response: Section III(C) states that the Proposer will “[p]repare and submit, as applicable, all relevant drawings, applications, documents and materials necessary to obtain required approvals, permits, certifications, consents or franchises.” BPCA considers this to include the materials required to comply with SEQRA. Throughout the performance of the Services, the Proposer will consult with BPCA and its consultants/attorneys regarding compliance with SEQRA.

84. The SEQRA environmental review process normally looks at all project elements combined to identify possible cumulative impacts of projects. The phasing identified in the RFP looks at discrete design / project phases and suggests that costs be broken down in a similar manner. However, the RFP also states that there will be significant concurrency and interaction among the various phases. While one can look at any phase (or combination of phases) in environmental review and its associated impacts, if single independent phases are reviewed they need to have independent utility and logical starting and ending points. It is also costly, time consuming and perhaps counter to common SEQRA practice to look at individual phases unless they would represent stand-alone project alternatives. One would also then need to look and the combined overall project to identify cumulative impacts. Since the sites are close together, field reconnaissance work for example would typically be done at one time on a given issue and not done 3 times for 3 separate phases. Also, community meetings and agency interaction would also likely be accomplished through presentation of multiple phases. Therefore since it may help control costs and schedule, would BPCA accept an alternate structure in developing the environmental review and permitting scope of work and costs?

Response: The identified phases are intended to facilitate scheduling and performance of certain work elements associated with the Project as a whole, not to imply stand-alone utility for each phase. BPCA does not intend to consider the phases separately, but will conduct a single environmental impact review and permitting effort for all of the elements of the SBPC Plan.

85. Please clarify if the selected consultant for this project is responsible for preparing all environmental studies and the SEQRA environmental review for the project.

Response: Yes; see Response No. [84].

86. What official approvals are required? SEQRA? Army Corps of Engineers? Other?

Response: At a minimum, the final design will be subject to environmental impact review and will require permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Throughout the performance of the Services, the Proposer will consult with BPCA and its consultants/attorneys to determine specific permitting requirements.

87. Has BPCA engaged any of the permitting agencies with jurisdiction (for instance, related to proposed fill and water coverage)?

Response: No.
88. Were preliminary meetings held with USACE and NYSDEC regarding the concept design of new wetlands and cultural boat dock?

Response: See Response No. [87].

89. The RFP states in I. Summary, A. Background (Page 4) that The Services shall include, but shall not be limited to: ……(4) coordination with BPCA, its consultants and attorneys, to prepare environmental studies and approvals, as required, for construction of the resiliency measures and related improvements that are the subject of the Services; however the scope of work in the RFP makes no mention of the need to complete environmental studies or to complete an environmental review under the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA). Please clarify if the selected consultant is responsible for preparing all environmental studies and the SEQRA environmental review for the project.

Response: See Response No. [84].

90. Will the SEQRA work be done under this contract or by someone else under separate contract?

Response: See Response No. [84].

By signing the line below, I am acknowledging that all pages of this Addendum have been received, reviewed and understood, and will be incorporated into the Proposal submitted. This document must be attached to the Proposal for consideration.

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