

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(RFP NO. RA-AFSIC-10-2024-Agriculture and Food Security Innovation Center Feasibility Study)

Revised November 27, 2024

1. Question:

If a company submits a proposal for the subject RFP, *but is not awarded a contract*, yet this project (facility) gets approved to be designed, developed and/or managed in the future, will the company(ies) that participated in the Feasibility Study RFP be allowed to bid on future procurements related to this project?

Answer:

If the Revenue Authority of Prince George's County does not select a company's proposal, then the company is not precluded from participating in future procurements related to the Agriculture and Food Security Innovation Center.

2. Question:

If a company submits a proposal for the subject RFP, *and is awarded the contract*, and this project (facility) gets approved to be designed, developed and/or managed in the future, will the company(ies) that participated in the Feasibility Study RFP be allowed to bid on future procurements related to this project?

Answer:

If a company is awarded this solicitation, then that company will be precluded from bidding on future solicitations related to the design, development and/or management of the Agriculture and Food Security Innovation Center.

3. Question:

The RFP references the "[i]dentification of [p]otential [s]ites" as one of the requested services. Has the County already identified a few potential locations for the AFSIC Center? If so, how many and is the intention to prioritize these sites vs. finding new ones?

Answer:

Specific sites are not listed as part of the RFP. If the respondent is not aware of any potential locations for the AFSIC, respondents should build an optimal site profile based on similar case studies or existing agricultural centers. Based on the respondent's expertise, the profile should include but is not limited to demographic data, concept location analysis, logistics feasibility for stakeholders and other relevant data points. Awardees of the RFP will gain access to the Prince George's County Disposition Property List once released.

4. Question:

The RFP requests support with facility, equipment and software requirements. In specific, the RFP requests, “a preliminary concept of the physical and operational elements of the AFSIC Center.” Can you please elaborate on the level of detail are you seeking to achieve at the preliminary concept phase?

Answer:

As outlined in Section 2.4 (D.4) of the RFP, Respondents should provide a preliminary concept of the physical and operational elements of the AFSIC that would achieve the AFSIC vision and program goals. Respondents are encouraged to utilize their expertise and RFP reference information to include recommendations of facility, equipment and software requirements.

5. Question:

What are the supplier diversity participation requirements that apply to this RFP? We have reviewed Section 10A-161 of the Code as well as CB-51-2022 but would appreciate any direct guidance you are able to provide on this point.

Answer:

Section 5.6 of the RFP “Supplier Diversity and Participation” provides that respondents must comply with the Section 10A-161 of the County Code including the participation requirements and all other applicable county requirements. Respondents must review these guidelines for applicability. Additional details regarding CB-51-2022 are available at: Prince George's County Council - Reference No. CB-051-2022 (legistar.com). Submissions should be aligned with the County’s diversity, equity and participation goals.