



St. Charles County Government, Missouri
 Public Safety Communications and Disaster Recovery Data Center Project
 RFQ Proposal 11-079 Response to Vendor Questions

Q/A No.	Questions/Clarifications/Answers
1.	<p>Q: What is the staff makeup of the Evaluation Committee?</p> <p>A: <i>The Evaluation Committee will be composed of members from Facilities, Public Safety Communications, Information Systems, Finance and Executive departments and divisions.</i></p>
2.	<p>Q: When is the last date the county accept questions?</p> <p>A: <i>Given the due date for response is March 18, 2011, the County will accept final questions no later than March 15, 2011 at 4:00 PM to ensure a timely response for final adjustments to responses.</i></p>
3.	<p>Q: What is meant by a “hardened facility”?</p> <p>A: <i>Per BICSI, hardening is the protection from physical forces, security breaches, and natural disasters. The location of the hardened facility will substantially lower the County’s risk, thus particular interest should be the protection from natural disasters (earthquake, tornado, etc.).</i></p>
4.	<p>Q: What level of class/tier is the County interested in?</p> <p>A: <i>For the selected firm, Phase 1 suggests the County’s expectations regarding an analysis to provide cost estimates in regards to the Project Scope. As part of this study, the A/E firm will be expected to provide risk versus cost trade-off analysis for reliability as it pertains to risk tolerance.</i></p>
5.	<p>Q: How important is LEED design for this project?</p> <p>A: <i>The County prefers strong LEED integration for the project. For the selected firm, Phase 1 will also include analysis regarding LEED integration as well as return on investment for a lower operating cost and system sustainability.</i></p>
6.	<p>Q: What is the total quantity of data centers to be designed?</p> <p>A: <i>The County has selected two locations for facility installation. Each location has two potential sites of which one site will ultimately be chosen at each location at the end of Phase 1 resulting in two, geographically separated data centers.</i></p>
7.	<p>Q: What is the age of the building for the expanded data center location?</p> <p>A: <i>The building is approximately 15 years old.</i></p>
8.	<p>Q: Have there been grounding issues with the building for the expanded data center location?</p> <p>A: <i>No.</i></p>

9.	<p>Q: Was the RFQ sent to any AE firm in addition to it being published publicly on your website?</p> <p>A: Yes.</p>
10.	<p>Q: Has any engineer, architect, contractor helped you with a study or any other services related to this facility?</p> <p>A: No.</p>
11.	<p>Q: Are there any preferences given to firms located in St. Charles County?</p> <p>A: No, preference will be given to firms that display the highest qualifications and experience with similar projects.</p>
12.	<p>Q: What more can we learn about the facility? Can you provide more information about the facility and needs and input given?</p> <p>A: A walk-through of the greenfield location is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 2011 at 1:00 PM CST. To schedule other walk-throughs, please send an e-mail to purchasing@sccmo.org.</p>
13.	<p>Q: Is the site selected?</p> <p>A: No. The County has selected two locations for facility installation. Each location has two potential sites of which one site will ultimately be chosen at each location at the end of Phase 1 resulting in two, geographically separated data centers.</p>
14.	<p>Q: Are you requesting that we submit following the SF330 format or are general qualifications acceptable?</p> <p>A: Submit the SF330</p>
15.	<p>Q: Per 3.3.3.d. would you like us to include resumes for sub-consultants or are you just looking for the names of our proposed sub-consultants?</p> <p>A: Names of proposed sub-consultants will be sufficient for now. We might request resumes if needed during the evaluation process.</p>
16.	<p>Q: Could you please clarify the number of copies requested? Under instructions it states 1 original and 2 copies and in the terms and conditions it asks for 2 signed copies of the quals (1 original).</p> <p>A: One original and two copies should be submitted</p>