

CLARIFICATION QUESTIONS

CITY OF PEORIA, ILLINOIS

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BUDGET CLARIFICATION

THE CITY COUNCIL HAS ALLOCATED \$50,000 TOWARD THIS PROJECT. HOW WILL THIS MAXIMUM BUDGET IMPACT YOUR PROPOSAL?

Our submittal, in response to the original RFP, was formatted to provide (4) distinct plans and deliverables:

- Corridor Plan for MacArthur Highway
- Implementation Plan for the South Village
- Future Corridor Plan for Western Avenue
- Development Scenario Plan for the Southern Gateway Area

Given the budget constraints, we would suggest merging these (4) plans into (1) overall Placemaking Vision which still addresses the various planning and design needs of the specific areas listed above. We also would reduce our public workshops from (4) separate sessions, to (1) overall session, and our (4) separate days of 'one on one' interviews with key not-for-profit stakeholders to (1) day of meetings/interviews with the heads of the various not-for-profits who serve the southside of Peoria.

STUDENT CLARIFICATION

PLEASE SPECIFY OR ELABORATE AS TO HOW YOUR FIRM WILL RECRUIT AND INVOLVE A DIVERSE POOL OF ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS IN THIS PROJECT.

Our intent is to still utilize the (7) collegiate interns who are currently serving in our Summer Intern Program and who cover a variety of disciplines, including Architecture and Municipal Planning. They would be utilized in a variety of capacities, including allowing them to assist in setting up the critical public and not-for-profit engagement components of the project, background information gathering, and ultimately in the development of design decisions.

Should the project not start in June 2019 (as was suggested in the original RFP) and not begin until late summer, we would make a good faith effort to engage a select group of students from Illinois Central College's Architecture Program, subject to their availability based on commitments they may already have for the 2019/2020 academic calendar year. If possible, we would explore opportunities with ICC faculty to make this City of Peoria planning project an 'independent study' class for course credit, for that select group of students.

NON-PROFIT CLARIFICATION

PLEASE SPECIFY OR ELABORATE ON WHAT ROLE - IF ANY - A NON-PROFIT PARTNER WILL PLAY IN YOUR PROPOSAL AND HOW IT WILL HELP TO ADVANCE EQUITY OR AN EQUITABLE OUTCOME.

Our submittal included extensive outreach to a broad cross-section of the not-for-profit community whom we would identify with assistance from City staff. We would still engage the not-for-profit community but would scale back the meetings as outlined in our response to question 1. If appropriate, and with City of Peoria input, we would identify a not-for-profit stakeholder to work directly alongside our design team as we develop and refine the various elements of our Placemaking Vision to ensure equitable outcomes to all communities and stakeholders are met.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CLARIFICATION

PLEASE SPECIFY OR ELABORATE ON THE ROLE THAT LICENSED ARCHITECTS WILL PLAY IN YOUR PROPOSAL AND THE LEVEL OF ON-SITE SUPERVISION LICENSED ARCHITECTS WILL PROVIDE TO ARCHITECTURAL STUDENTS.

Our team includes not only licensed architects, but also other licensed professionals that include landscape architects, engineers, and surveyors. Ed Barry, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, is an architect with over 40 years of experience on a wide variety of community planning initiatives throughout the City of Peoria. Ed would serve as the Principal-in-Charge for this important civic project.

Our entire team of multi-disciplinary professionals would work directly with all of our collegiate interns throughout the duration of the project, thereby exposing them to the wide variety of disciplines necessary to complete an effective community planning effort.