COUNTY OF DELAWARE ADDENDUM # 1 DARBY CREEK LOOP TRAIL – FINAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS (eDPW-073025)

The County of Delaware advertised on the County of Delaware's website/PennBid and in the Philadelphia Inquirer and Daily Times newspapers the Invitation to Bid for: DARBY CREEK LOOP TRAIL – FINAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS (eDPW-073025) **on** June 10, 2025. Submissions are to be received via PennBid on Wednesday, July 30, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

*****BID QUESTIONS, CLARIFICATIONS AND ANSWERS*****

Questions #1: What is the source of construction funding for this project?

Answer: The DVRPC TIP.

Questions #2: Will the project require PennDOT approvals during the design process?

Answer: Yes.

Questions #3: Will the project use ECMS for bidding?

location?

Answer: Yes.

Questions #4: Can the County provide the available survey data in cadd format or in pdf showing the limits of the existing survey work?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes, for the County Park, the private alley behind Chestnut St. and the trail easement at Lansdowne Towers.

Questions #5: On Page 2, the RFP indicates a schedule of 24 months at a cost of \$370,000, but on page 7, it indicates a schedule of 18 months and a budget of \$450,000. Could you please clarify the correct schedule and budget?

Answer: 24 months and \$450,000

Questions #6: We understand that utilizing DBE firms is encouraged, but is there a participation percentage goal?

Answer: The County of Delaware currently does not have a participation percentage goal. Appendix Q is for information purposes currently.

Questions #7: Has a designer been selected for the County Park on Springfield Road that the loop trail will connect to?

Answer: Yes

Questions #8: The proposed termini of the trail tie into areas that are fronted by PennDOT roads. Penn Pines Park in the north is bordered by Providence Road, which is also a link on the Bicyclist Baltimore Avenue Route, and the County-owned parcel in the south is fronted by McDade Boulevard. Will this project include crossings of the roads or other work in the PennDOT Right-of-Way and thus require HOPs?

<u>Answer:</u> Yes, eventually, but only at MacDade Boulevard and not to be included in this contract. A preliminary design concept has been developed by MBI for DVRPC that shows a preferred crossing at Darby Town Center with a new traffic light. That idea will be developed concurrently with this design work and become a second phase of the work.

Questions #9: Are funds available for the construction of the trail, or will assisting the County in obtaining grant funding be part of this effort?

Answer: It will be funded by the TIP. Fund raising is not part of the contract.

Questions #10: Are the CM efforts associated with public bidding (pre-bid informational meetings, response to RFIs and questions, assembling front-end bid documentation, etc.) included in the project?

Answer: Yes

Questions #11: Will the CM/CI be bid out as a separate effort, or is the County using internal or on-call consultants for those tasks?

Answer: CM/CI will be bid separately

Questions #12: In addition to the three (3) public meetings are other outreach methods desired?

Answer: See the RFP for the required number and type of public meetings

Questions #13: Will a project-specific website be required? If not, will DCPD post information on their site?

<u>Answer</u>: No, a project website will not be needed. The County's Planning website will be used to post information agreed to in project team meetings

<u>Questions #14:</u> The title of the RFP is for "FINAL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS" but in multiple places in the body of the RFP it is mentioned to provide PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DESIGN. Can you please clarify if this RFP is for final design only?

Answer: It is for both final design and construction bidding documents. We apologize for the confusion.

<u>Questions #15:</u> Who will be performing the submissions including, but not limited to ADA review submission, the Utility Review Submission, Construction Review Submission, the Bridge Review Submission, etc.?

Answer: The selected consultant will be responsible for making submissions.

Questions #16: Will translation be required for the public meetings and will the consultant be responsible for providing translation services?

<u>Answer</u>: Translation is not a requirement for public meetings. If warranted, the County will provide this service.

Questions #17: This project is entirely off road, so what is expected for the Maintenance and Protection of Traffic (MPT) submission?

Answer: Penn Pines Park will be the northern trailhead and a staging area. It is a public park with a large parking lot that will need to remain partially open during construction. Chestnut Street runs parallel to the likely trail alignment in Bartram Park and is likely to be a staging location. MacDade Boulevard and Chestnut Street are adjacent to likely capital improvements on the County parcel located there. In each case appropriate traffic controls should be specified.

Questions #18: Are consultants representing the impacted municipalities (Upper Darby, Yeadon, Darby) considered "conflicted out?"

Answer: No

Questions #19: Where is the street crossing planned on MacDade Blvd.? Is a new traffic signal required at this location?

<u>Answer:</u> See Question #8. The exact location of the road crossing has not yet been determined, and it is anticipated that a new signal would be warranted.

<u>Questions #19:</u> Other than the graphic on page 8 of the RFP, is there any other background information that describes the intended trail route, such as a Feasibility Study or higher-resolution concept drawing?

Answer: No

Questions #20: Has a construction budget been established?

Answer: No

<u>Questions #21:</u> The RFP states that the southern terminus of the trail will be at MacDade Boulevard on land owned by the County. It appears this is the property at the corner of MacDade and Chestnut Street. Can you confirm this is the property?

<u>Answer</u>: This is correct, the County purchased the triangular shaped parcel at the corner of MacDade and Chestnut.

Questions #22: Judging from available parcel records and aerial photos, it appears that an access easement may be needed over the Darby Town Center retail property. Can you confirm that this is expected? If not, can you clarify the location of the "alley" that is referred to in the RFP?

Answer: The County has procured the triangular lot at the corner of MacDade and Chestnut in addition to easements on the private alley that runs between the row of houses along Chestnut Street and the Darby Town Center and connects the MacDade parcel to Bartram Park. Use of Darby Town Center land is not required.

Questions #23: Regarding the public meetings. The RFP indicated that the Design Concepts meeting will be held after Task 5 and the Final Design Presentation would be after Task 9, but there are only four tasks identified. Can you clarify when the meetings are anticipated and what is expected for each meeting?

Answer: We apologize for the inconsistency. Three meetings are the correct number, the first to be held soon after the project's inception and to describe the intent, explain the conceptual design and to take public input. It will be led by the Consultant. The second will be held upon development of the final design to describe the design and take public input. It will be led by the Consultant. The final meeting will held upon completion of the construction documents and will explain the construction process and timing.

Questions #24: The RFP references the 2010 AASHTO Design Standards to be employed in designing the trail. However the new Standards came out last year. Much has changed in almost 15 years between both editions. Will the County want to use the latest standards?

Answer: Yes

Questions #25: Appendix L is listed in the Checklist/Certification Form as Letter of Intent. The Letter of Intent Appendix cites the Letter of Intent as Appendix M. Is there a missing appendix form?

<u>Answer:</u> The checklist is correct. Letter of Intent should be Appendix L. A revised version of the form has been uploaded for simplicity. Please use this form when submitting your proposal.