

**Request for Information 19-ITB-001-LAJ
General Contractors for CDBG-DR Irma Program**

Questions and Answers

The Department's responses to timely submitted questions are provided below:

Question Number	Page Number	Section	Question	Response
1.	Page 20	C.2 Background and Overview	Which City do you have this project?	All projects will be within the regional service areas included in the C.2 Background and Overview. Projects can fall within any of the cities/towns/municipalities listed within the provided counties.
2.			I have reviewed all documents listed as part of this advertisement and I'm confused as to what we are being asked to bid. If we are only submitting qualifications to be accepted into the pool of available General Contractors, then I understand. Are we also expected to provide pricing for what our fee would be to do assessments and supervise projects?	Yes that is correct you are only submitting qualifications to be accepted into the pool of available General Contractors. Yes you are also correct that you are to be expected to provide pricing for what your fee would be to do assessments and supervise projects
3.	Page 20	C.2 Background and Overview	I was looking over the information provided and wanted to know if there was a contact or a listing of the affected properties so that site assessments can be made to determine the necessary repairs for the individual homes to submit a bid?	Once applicants begin applying to the program, we will have a list of specific properties. Damaged properties will be limited to the regional service areas provided in the background and overview section C.2.
4.	Page 20	C.2 Background and Overview	could you please let me know, where is this project located ?	Please refer to the response in question 1.
5.	Page 33, Bottom NOTE	Attachment B Cost Response	Are you requesting "quantities" and "itemizing unit's price"? Can you provide more details about it?	Because any expenses for labor and material are unknown at this time, we are only asking for the pricing of what the General Contractors would charge to manage the construction projects.

6.	Page 16	B.52 Performnc bond	If each dwelling rehab's cost is below \$100,000.00, do we still needs to get a bond?	No, this is on projects where the bid exceeds \$100,000.
7.	Page 27 DEO responsab ility	C.8 DEO responsabili ty	Who does the client's outreach/qualification process?	DEO through its vendor will handle client outreach and qualification".
8.	Page 20	C.2 Background and Overview	is this project located in Tallahassee?	Please refer to the response in question 1.
9.			GLE Associates seeks to team with one or more GC's that will pursue this as a "prime". Is there a way to find out what firms have downloaded the sol. or have expressed interest?	No, however, once the solicitation is awarded to the qualified General Contractors, a public records request can be made to obtain the requested information.
10	Page 47	Attachment K	How is principal place of business defined? Does it represent operational locations or headquarters location? We have three operational locaations are considered principal place of business, then should multiple versions of this form be submitted?	Please, either, include all your information on a single Attachment K, or you may complete multiple Attachment K forms.
11	Page 12	Section B.36	Will the DEO accept electronic submissions on media othe than ompact disc, such as flash drive?	No
12	Page 31	Attachment A	Does 5 continuous years of service apply to single CDBG-DR program or can it be across multiple CDBG-DR program for 5 continuous years?	The requirement of five continuous years of service will be needed to reflect projects similar to this solicitation, meaning repair and reconstruction, working with federally funded programs, etc. CDBG-DR experience is not required.
13			The only provided form for pricing/cost is for the yearly percentage increase (Attachment B); please identify how the individual housing cost proposals are to be presented in the bid package for the assessment/repairs?	Please refer to the response to Question 5.

14			Are there photos of the existing damages as the statement of work has an overview of items that can greatly sway the cost of repairs per each structure?	No, once applicants begin applying to the program, we will have a list of specific properties.
15			Does the Government have an anticipated Gross award for the First Option Year?	At this point in time, DEO cannot determine an anticipated gross award for the first year. However, this program has a budget of approximately \$273 million and is projected to continue for up to six years.
16	Page 45	Attachment X List of Subcontractors	Is there a limitation to how many subcontractors that can be used to complete work timely?	No. Please list all subcontractors in Attachment X. You may fill this form out multiple times.
17			Do subcontractor partners need to complete item 7 as part of the submission?	Yes, as stated in Section C.4.7.
18	Page 13	B.40 References	Three verifiable client references are to be provided. Can we provide commercial references as these STD's are usually more stringent than residential?	Three separate and verifiable references can be used, for which work is similar to that specified in the solicitation.
19	Page 14	B.41 State Project Plan #4	If we support "PRIDE" item 10 however, our subcontractors and our personnel do not comply, will we be disqualified?	The State supports and encourages the use of Florida Correctional work programs. PRIDE is not required, but encouraged.
20	Page 8	B.18 Description of Work being Procured	What is the general size of projects at one time? For smaller companies is it possible to stay under 100K to avoid bonding?	A bundle of homes includes a maximum of 10 homes to be worked on at one time. Projects may vary from repairs to reconstruction of a property as needed, so it is possible that some projects could be under \$100,000. Contractor should review each bundle prior to bidding to determine bonding requirements.
21			For structural damage repairs are we to cover the cost/ responsibilities of a structural engineer?	Yes
22	Page 22	C.4 Contractor	National Flood Insurance Program - should we carry cost for a surveyor to confirm plans meet requirements for elevations?	All contractors and subcontractors must ensure building plans and materials are compliant with NFIP and elevation standards for each parcel.

		Responsibilities		
23			Quality Control Plan - Should our plan follow the three phases of control or be prepared to submit a plan as may already be in place?	Yes, General Contractors should follow a quality control plan as required to assess all construction projects related to this solicitation.
24			Invoicing: 50% and 100% inspections states we will be allowed to invoice for construction services. Please state what this includes. We assume invoicing based on % complete monthly.	Payment will be based on each construction project and is payable upon satisfactory completion of work, as evidenced by a completed site inspection with a status of "pass". Payment will be made at the 50% and 100% completion points for each individual construction project where DEO has proof of successful inspection and the contractor has submitted a complete and accurate invoice package. There will be no payment on a monthly percent completion basis.
25	Page 8	B.18 Description of Work being Procured	Please elaborate on all performance of work locations this contract services.	Each project may include site assessments of repairs. These services include, but are not limited to, the provisions of a General Contractor's oversight and supervision, all labor and associated hardware and materials, required permits, drawings, and equipment necessary to repair a bundle of homes (maximum of 10 homes at one time). The maximum amount of expenditure for each home is \$150,000.00. Once applicants begin applying, DEO will have specific properties and damage assessments. The program guidelines include repairs to properties, as well as reconstruction as needed based on a damage assessment and the maximum expenditure of \$150,000.
26			Background screening: generally speaking, what if any violations would result in rejection of a worker to perform work on an active jobsite.... Especially if participating in the PRIDE program?	In its discretion, DEO will review background checks and make determinations on a case-by-case basis. Participation in the PRIDE program alone will not be used as a basis for disqualification of a worker.
27			Are there any other liquidated damages for not completing a project per schedule whether	Section C.11 applies only to liquidated damages arising under DEO's termination of the contract. Future

			unforeseen/ weather etc. Beyond termination LDS of \$1,000 per calendar day?	solicitations specific to each bundle of up to 10 houses will include terms and conditions relating to timely performance and financial consequences arising from failure to timely perform.