

Engineering Geology & Landslide Geotechnical Project Delivery Q&A

Question - Would it be acceptable to have the Consultant Agreement Manager (see Scope of Work - Section A) position filled by a senior, licensed professional geotechnical engineer with appreciable landslide assessment and mitigation experience, rather than by a licensed engineering geologist with the same level of experience? Our team would still provide technical disciplines (engineering geology, geology, geotechnical engineering) required by the RFQ.

Answer - It is not acceptable to substitute a senior, licensed professional geotechnical engineer with appreciable landslide assessment and mitigation experience with the required licensed engineering geologist possessing the required experience.

Question: Can “Field Exploration Inspection/Inspector” in Exhibit A, Section I be more clearly defined?

Answer - Someone capable of accurately describing the subsurface conditions encountered while drilling test borings, and the creation of detailed and accurate test boring logs. Someone possessing an engineering or geology degree, a geologist, engineering geologist, or a geotechnical engineer would be appropriate. Someone with demonstrated experience and knowledge in drilling and subsurface characterization may also be acceptable on a case by case basis with the approval of the State.

Question - Are additional services and subconsultants limited to those specifically listed in Exhibit A, Section I?

Answer - No, the services are not limited to the provide list. If the service or subconsultant would be beneficial and appropriate to the work being conducted, additional services would be welcome.

Question - Does the RFQ response need to designate or quantify the level of participation by each DBE firm? If so, and the 17% goal does not seem attainable, do we need to submit GFE documentation with the RFQ response (e.g., narrative, call logs, DBE Utilization Certification form, etc.) ?

Answer - The contract states that it will be the contractor’s responsibility to achieve the DBE goals. The State is willing to work with the contractor to help them achieve their DBE goals, but it’s not the State ’s responsibility.