

Addendum #1
Answers to Questions re: Baldwin Creek RFP
May 23, 2011

Are the dams historic which may require special permits?

No.

Does the PM/PE have to be an Ohioan?

The PE should be licensed in Ohio.

Who will be on the evaluation team?

The Project Advisory Team will serve as the Evaluation Team. This includes representatives of Cuyahoga SWCD, the City of Berea, Cleveland Metroparks, the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District and the Rocky River Watershed Council.

Will the evaluation questions be weighted?

Yes, but the final weighting will not be determined until June 3, 2011, prior to the opening of bids/proposals.

Tasks and subtasks-Does the proposal need to verify how the cost and hours need to be submitted. Is it by task, sub-task and/or by firm, and total hours on each task, especially if this is cost competitive. How detailed.

Hours/cost should be submitted by sub-task.

Is there a minimum goal for MBE/FBE separate or total. Is it mandatory.

There is no minimum goal or required minimum.

Font size, margins, single-sided, page number? (30 page limit)

There are no specified limits on font type or size. Please be reasonable. There is a limit of 30 pages, as stated on page 8 of the RFP. Double-sided is preferred.

Can we look at previously funded proposals.

Cuyahoga SWCD is a political subdivision of the State of Ohio. As such, previously funded proposals are public record and may be obtained through a public records request.

Other assistance- Biohabitats seemed to do a lot of work. Does that give them special preference?

No entity will receive special preference or consideration based upon previous involvement. It is the intent of Cuyahoga SWCD to award the contract to the proposal that best addresses the stated project goals in the most cost-effective manner.

Does the contractor need to be part of the team. Or bid out later?

The construction portion of the project will be bid separately once design and engineering work is completed. This RFP is for Design, Engineering and Construction Oversight Services.

The 2009 Project Profile report indicates an estimated project cost of \$506,000. Does this value apply as the project estimate for the solicited RFP? If so, does this value represent design & permitting only, or is this the total estimate including construction costs?

Approximately \$510,000 in funding is available for the entire project, including design, engineering and construction/implementation of the project.

The proposed project schedule for the Baldwin Creek Dam Removal RFP indicates you wish all design work, plans and specs to be completed and ready for bidding within 2.5 months of award. This seems very optimistic given the alternatives evaluation, public involvement, assessment, SWP3, and other prior tasks required. What is the reason behind such an aggressive schedule? Is it SWCD's intention to construct the project in 2011? Is there flexibility in the schedule as proposed?

It is the intent of Cuyahoga SWCD to construct the project in 2011 if at all possible. We understand this is an aggressive schedule, and there is flexibility, but the preference is to construct the project in 2011.

Will Cuyahoga SWCD also be administering the construction contract for the Baldwin Creek Dam Removals project, or will it be NEORSR?

Cuyahoga SWCD will be administering the construction contract.

Will design drawings and contract documents need to meet NEORSR standards?

No.

Is the Project Advisory Team pursuing any additional funding sources for this project other than those listed in the RFP?

No.

Please provide sample contract terms and conditions for the requested professional design and construction oversight services.

Contract terms and conditions are still being finalized. They will be provided upon completion.

The RFP lists as a project goal "Stabilize streambanks and/or prevent additional streambank erosion upstream of South Rocky River Dr. in Berea (both right and left banks)." Does SWCD wish that the consultants include slope stabilization measures for the top 15 feet of the bank adjacent to 193 S. Rocky River Rd (i.e. the slope with the garden stakes and wood boards)?

Yes, if necessary to meet the project goals as stated in the RFP.

Please clarify General Term and Condition No. 5 in the RFP: "The SWCD reserves the right to consider all elements entering into the question of determining the responsibility of a Design/Build Team."

This statement was included in the RFP in error. Please disregard General Term and Condition No. 5.

Verify project limits starting from River Mile 0.0 (confluence East Branch Rocky River) and ending at River Mile 0.4 (upstream side of Dam#3). Hence, is the total project limit 2112 feet?

Baldwin Creek is on City of Berea property for ~1600 feet upstream of Dam #3. This reach upstream of Dam #3 is the section referred to in the second bullet under Project Goals. It is anticipated that little or no additional stabilization or habitat improvement work will be conducted on Metroparks property between Dam #2 and Dam #3, except as necessary in support of dam removal/fish passage activities at the dam sites.

Will this project be billable on a percent complete basis for the authorized lump sum?

Yes.

Clarify Consultant Responsibilities, Item #2, “present its products through iterative design refinements.” Does this mean there will be designated milestone reviews, such as 30%, 60%, 90% and 100% completion periods?

This is not intended to denote specific milestone reviews. Rather, the intent is that the consultant will be in open dialogue with Cuyahoga SWCD and the Project Advisory Team throughout the design process.

Will the SWPP need to be reviewed/approved by an outside source since CSWCD is leading this project? *Cuyahoga SWCD will review the SWP3 to ensure it meets internal standards. The City of Berea will separately review the SWP3 and its approval is also required.*

Does the schedule assume acquisition of NWP27 by September 2, 2011?
That is the ideal timeline.

The RFP indicates that CSWCD will secure all permits for the project. Does this include the Section 404 permit, as well as all local permits such as grading and floodplain development permits?
Yes. An additional point of clarification – the consultant will be responsible for securing/filing any necessary Construction General Permit(s)/NOI.

Any existing known utility conflicts?
None.

Are there available records for the dam and bridge structures?
The city has some records for the dams. We will attempt to make these available digitally this week and/or provide hard copies at the May 25 on-site pre-bid meeting.

What do you see as the biggest challenge(s) or risk(s) with the project?
Refer to “Project Goals” in the RFP.