

Clear Creek Watershed Coalition (CCWC) Stream Corridor & Floodplain Restoration Questions and Answers

1. Rating criteria number three scores the proposal on the soundness of approach for the assessment, but an approach section is not included in the submission requirements. Should the approach be included under items 2 and 3 or item 7?

Include information addressing all rating criteria throughout your SOQ. The description of past relevant experience should tie into explaining your firm's approach to a project like this (#4 in the submission requirements). You could also use the additional page of information (#7 in the submission requirements) to briefly explain your approach if awarded this contract. We anticipate that the scope and approach will be flushed out in the interview process as well.

2. Does the cover letter/table of contents count towards the page limit?

No, as long as the cover letter is very brief and meant only to introduce your submittal.

3. Do you have anything specific you would like us to present related to RFP requirement #4b (example of project budgeting and cost estimating procedures with results)?

Provide the project cost estimates and final costs for one or more of the projects you present in #4a.

4. Do you want us to include the Section 3 Form, or just the language included with the RFP? And does this item count towards our page limit?

Include a statement in your submittal or cover letter acknowledging your firm's willingness to sign a contract with the required CDBG provisions and the Section 3 language. There is no need to submit anything else.

5. What modeling has been done for the project areas? If modeling has been done (i.e. HEC-RAS), will it be available?

The modeling efforts that the CCWC is currently aware of include the following. For the most part, model results will be provided to the consultant as relevant / necessary.

1 – SWAT (University of Iowa; very coarse analysis)

2 – ACPF (University of Iowa; will show areas where streambank stabilization activities are potentially appropriate but this will need to be field-verified)

3 – RUSLE (Iowa DNR; for agricultural sediment load, if needed / relevant)

4 – RASCAL (Iowa DNR; based on the NRCS Stream Visual Assessment Protocol) – with streambank erosion calculations based on the NRCS direct volume method

5 – Hydraulic modeling (City of Coralville) - downstream portion of Clear Creek from the Iowa Interstate RR Bridge to the Iowa River. Additional stream reaches may also have been modeled and the WMA is investigating what is currently available.

The WMA Technical Advisory Team would anticipate a preliminary meeting to be held with the selected consultant to review available data. It will be the consultant's responsibility to determine which data / models will be suitable for the project, and whether additional modeling / data collection efforts are needed.

6. Please confirm that we do not need to provide a cost with our submittal.

Project cost is not required. The CCWC seeks to select a consultant with the ability to extract meaningful results for the available \$90,000 budget.

7. Are there schedules or deadlines associated with this project?

The target date for completion is the end of 2018.