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Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2008
Time: 9:00AM
To: All Attendees
From: Bharat Parekh

Pre-Proposal Meeting April 8, 2008 Minutes

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On April 08, 2008 a Pre-Proposal Conference was held at the Jacob Javit's Center at 9:00 am. Wendy Leventer, Senior Vice President for Planning and Design of Hudson Yards Development Corporation (HYDC) and Dino Ng, P.E., Assistant Commissioner of Infrastructure, New York City Department of Design and Construction (NYCDDC) chaired the meeting. Wendy Leventer gave a PowerPoint presentation giving an overview of this two-step RFP. Aron Kirsch, Vice President of Planning & Construction and Louis D'Amico, Senior Vice President for Construction of HYDC, also responded to the questions at the meeting. Aron Kirsch also conducted the site visit and responded to the questions. The questions asked at the pre-proposal conference as well as the site visit are listed below:

Q: Which agency is the general Manager for this project?

A: NYCDDC will be the New York City agency involved in the day-to-day design management and construction management of this contract.

Q: Is there a sign-in sheet and would the attendees get a copy of the sign-in sheet?

A: Sign-in sheet is in the back of the room. A PDF of the sign in sheet will be posted on DDC's web-site within one week of today.

Q: How many firms will be short-listed at the end of Stage 1?

A: Up to five firms will be short-listed at the end of Stage 1.

Q: What kind of coordination will be required?

A: This project involves multiple agencies (DDC, HYDC, Department of Transportation (DOT), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Department of City Planning (DCP), New York City Transit Authority (NYCTA), Amtrak, etc.), private utilities and several private developers. Project will be coordinated with each party that is impacted by the project. Also, the New York City Arts Commission will review and approve the design.



Q: Who will manage the Parks?

A: The parks are mapped as City parkland. DPR is the owner of the parks. The current working assumption is that DPR will manage the parks. DPR and HYDC may work out an agreement with private developers or a Business Improvement District (BID) for the management of the Parks.

Q: Is the budget escalated to the construction fiscal year?

A: Yes. Budget for construction of Phase 1 is in place. The budget is escalated for construction. However, the estimated construction budget for Phase 2 is in 2008 dollars, no escalation.

Q: When will the RFP for under-ground Parking Garage be released?

A: It is scheduled for late summer / fall of 2008.

Q: Is there a M/WBE requirement for this project?

A: Yes. It is described in the RFP. Please call DDC for additional information and details.

Q: Is there any deadline for submitting written questions?

A: Yes. The written questions can be submitted up to one week before the RFP submission date (i.e. April 14, 2008).

Q: Where would the streetscape go?

A: As described in the RFP, the streetscape will include both sides of the Boulevard, 10th and 11th Avenues between 33rd and 36th Streets, and both sides of 33rd and 34th Streets from 11th to 12th Avenues.

Q: What type of development is coming alongside the boulevard?

A: On the east side of the boulevard, there will be residential development and on west side of the boulevard there will be commercial development. There will also be a Cultural Center on the Eastern Rail Yard. The location of all the buildings are pursuant to the City's Zoning Resolution; however, the design and construction will be done by the developers.

Q: What kind of coordination is anticipated for Hudson River Park and High Line Park?

A: High Line Park will be coordinated with the rail yards development. For Hudson River Park, no official decision has been made yet.

Q: Is the team required to design the subway entrance and the interior circulation of the subway entrance?

A: The project will include only the design of the structural shell for the entrance, not the interior or circulation elements (i.e. stairs, elevators, escalators, etc.). Two options are described in the RFP: (i) work with MTA's entrance design; (ii) design a new entrance.

Q: Park Streetscape – Phase 1 – Does it include 100% construction Documents?

A: Yes, it does.



Q: Do you want the consultants to submit Forms 254/255 for prime or the entire team?

A: The entire team, including the subconsultants. However, the resumes of only key personnel from the entire team need to be submitted.

Q: Please clarify the submission requirements.

A: The consultant can submit one package (8-1/2" x 11") containing every thing or they can submit a portfolio separately in 11" x 17" format. Portfolio shall consist of five projects completed by the team. Printing can be on both sides. Details are provided in the RFP.

Q: Who will make the final decision for the design issues?

A: DDC will manage the contract on a day-to-day basis. DDC will coordinate resolution of the design issues with the relevant agencies.

Q: Who will have jurisdiction over the platform design?

A: DOT Bridges will have the jurisdiction over the platform design. Street bridges will also be under DOT Bridges jurisdiction.

Q: Who is responsible for the water-proofing required under the Park and above the 34th Street Subway Station entrance, the Midblock Garage, and Amtrak?

A: It is not decided at this time who will be responsible for the water-proofing. The design team and process, including coordination with the necessary parties, will help to inform this decision.

General Information provided at the site:

- a. Hudson Park & Boulevard will be constructed above other infrastructure elements. Specifically, from 33rd to 34th Streets over the No 7 Subway's 34th Street Station entrance, 34th to 36th Streets over the Midblock Garage, and 36th to 39th Streets over Amtrak. The pedestrian bridge from 39th to 42nd Streets will be over city streets and Lincoln Tunnel approaches.
- b. Street grade at 33rd Street between 10th and 11th Avenues will be raised by about 11 feet at the lowest point.
- c. Copacabana building is being demolished in preparation for the No 7 Subway extension.
- d. Conversations with developers are on-going. Developers are asking about the design process for Hudson Park & Boulevard.
- e. Grade at 34th Street will be raised by about 3 feet at the lowest point.
- f. Demolition of several buildings throughout the site is in progress in preparation for the No 7 Subway extension.
- g. Cross Street Bridges over Amtrak will remain at the same level.
- h. The City does not have any specific program for Hudson Park & Boulevard.