

Q&A Matrix

I-35 NEX South Project
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TxDOT Question Number	Document	Reference	Sub Reference	Question	TxDOT Response
11	RFQ	Section 6	Section 6.4	<p>Section 6.4 states that "If a Proposer's designated IQF or Subcontractor to the IQF is under contract with TxDOT to provide materials inspection services at a fabrication plant that is producing materials for the Project, the designated firm cannot act as the IQF for the Project unless a measure is approved by TxDOT is implemented to avoid the conflict.</p> <p>Proposer seeks clarity with respect to above. For instance, if the IQF has a pre-existing contract with TxDOT to provide materials inspection services at a particular fabrication plant that is servicing projects other than for NEX South and if Proposer wishes to manufacture materials at the same plant, will that be considered a conflict of interest?</p>	<p>As Section 6.4 provides, the potential conflict of interest arises if a Proposer's designated IQF or Subcontractor to the IQF is under contract with TxDOT to provide materials inspection services at a fabrication plant that is producing materials for the Project for which the firm is acting as the IQF or as a subcontractor to the IQF. The provisions also apply to circumstances where the IQF or a subcontractor to the IQF is subsequently awarded such a TxDOT contract. The provision does not apply to situations in which the Proposer's designated IQF or Subcontractor to the IQF is under contract with TxDOT to provide materials inspection services at a fabrication plant that is producing materials for projects other than the I-35 NEX South Project. Section 6.4(b) has been modified in Addendum #3 to provide that a conflict of interest may be avoided if the IQF (or Subcontractor to the IQF) does not inspect materials specifically produced for the Project (meaning Project-specific materials and not stock or non-Project specific materials) as a TxDOT contract inspector.</p>
12	RFQ	Forms	Form G-2 and Exhibit B, Section H, item b	<p>As we understand, the 'reference contact' is only necessary if the project owner/manager cannot speak directly to the individual's performance on the project. When the project owner is the appropriate reference and the 'reference contact' would be the same, may we remove the six rows for reference contact on Form G-2 to have more space in the allocated pages to discuss the individual's qualifications/experience/responsibilities? Or should we repeat the project owner's information in the reference contact box?</p> <p>Additionally, please confirm if we are providing a retired DOT employee for the project owner's project manager (under the provision in Exhibit B, Section H, item b that "no current employees of the owner who were either the owner's project manager or who otherwise played a leadership role for the owner during the dates work was performed on the project, provide current contact information for the retired owner's project manager") that the one reference of the retired project manager is sufficient and a secondary reference is not necessary.</p>	<p>Form G-2 and Section H of Exhibit B to the RFQ require that both a project owner and a project reference be provided, such that the owner of the project and someone familiar with the project and the individual's performance on the project are identified. If the project owner (or retired project owner) is both the project owner and the project reference, the individual should be listed in both the "Project Owner/Manager" and the "Project Reference" sections. Proposers may not remove the rows from the form and should instead use the space provided to describe the proposed Key Personnel's role and services for the referenced project.</p>
13	RFQ	Section 6	Section 6.4	<p>Are the conflict of interest mitigation measures specified in Section 6.4 exclusive?</p>	<p>No, Section 6.4(c) allows DB Contractor to propose an alternative measure that is subject to TxDOT approval.</p>