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SUBJECT: RFP/Q Proposer Questions and SCCOG Responses, *Emergency Preparedness Planning: Utility Resilience Table Top Exercise For SUBASE New London and Surrounding Communities*

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As described in the principal RFP for this project, the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) is accepting statements of qualifications and scopes of services with associated fee proposal from qualified consulting firms and teams to develop, coordinate, conduct, and evaluate one or more Table Top Exercise(s) to test utility resilience at Submarine Base New London (SUBASE).

As part of the RFP/Q response submission process, interested firms were encouraged to ask questions about the RFP/Q and this project during an official question and answer period, which ran through September 20, 2024.

SCCOG received two questions, reproduced below with identifying information removed, alongside SCCOG's response.

Q1: Is there an incumbent / list of vendors from the previously noted events?

There is no incumbent firm. We also clarify that while the TTX is funded by a grant with additional deliverables, we are seeking services only for the TTX deliverable through this solicitation. Design and engineering work related to improving water supply, natural gas, and electrical grid systems, while a part of the overall grant, are tasks outside the scope of the current solicitation, which focuses entirely on the design and delivery of the TTX. A brief description of the scope of services for which we are seeking a qualified firm, reproduced from page 3 of the RFP/Q is as follows:

SCCOG is seeking proposals from qualified consultants to plan, design, conduct, and evaluate a comprehensive TTX. This exercise aims to test the resilience and response capabilities of SUBASE New London's water, electric, gas, communications, and transportation systems in the event of an emergency situation, in partnership with key officials and agencies from surrounding communities and the State of Connecticut.

While not providing design and engineering services, it is likely important for the awarded firm to meet with SCCOG and other project partners to understand the planned utility upgrades that are arising from on-going design and engineering work to inform the scenarios and injects included in the TTX. Water and electrical design work is being conducted by Wright-Pierce.

Member Municipalities:

Bozrah * Colchester * East Lyme * Franklin * Griswold * Borough of Jewett City * City of Groton * Town of Groton * Lebanon * Ledyard * Lisbon * Montville * New London * North Stonington * Norwich * Preston * Salem * Sprague * Stonington * Stonington Borough * Waterford * Windham

Natural gas design work has yet to be awarded.

Q2: [Our Firm] is headquartered in Pennsylvania, do we need to file as a foreign entity in Connecticut as part of our bid or after, if we are selected?

At this time, SCCOG does not require firms to file as a foreign entity with the State of Connecticut as a precursor to or required part of a bid response. Proof of filing will need to be shown prior to final contracting.

END OF QUESTION AND RESPONSE

As a reminder, the deadline to submit responses for this project is October 11, 2024, no later than 4:00 PM. Additional submission requirements and details are provided in the RFP/Q.