
RFQ – Preliminary Engineering & Design for Intermodal Facility

Questions & Answers

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1. What is the timeframe for the project once a bidder is selected?
The anticipated schedule is between 2 years and 2 years 6 months. However, the project may move quicker due to other ongoing efforts at the gateway port in Louisiana.
2. The Scope of Work appears the same as the USACOE study, is this the case?
Yes, the Scope is the same as the USACOE, but the intent is to finish the work undertaken by the USACOE and complete the design elements with additional project details and specifications.
3. The actual design shown by the USACOE study only shows mooring, etc. at the slackwater harbor with no docks, do we need to consider docks in our design?
The earlier designs by the USACOE and John Vickerman and Associates are broad brushed design efforts. With this RFQ we are seeking more specific design details for the infrastructure layout. Note: The design details may change depending on the future port operator's needs.
4. Are property surveys available or have the surveys been taken?
The property is privately held, so no surveys are currently available. However, generic geography layouts, and the general locations of where rail, intermodal, etc. is tentatively planned is a known per the USACOE and John Vickerman and Associates' design plans.
5. What are the next steps in the selection process, will interviews be held?
Interviews are expected with the top two or three bidders. The WAIA Board has established a selection committee.
6. What are the interview dates for the top bidders?
The interview dates are not scheduled yet.
7. How will the future tenant handle transloads?
Transloads are primarily truck to rail, rail to waterborne, and truck to waterborne vessels.
8. Is stevedoring in place?
Not yet but is expected in the final operations.