

DETROIT WAYNE COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY

Request for Qualifications and Proposals for:
Construction Management, Procurement and
Owner's Representative Services

February 21, 2025
RFQP Questions & Answers

Q1: Please provide both the anticipated start date and duration of the overall construction schedule and/or each of the individual five (5) sites.

A1: Planning work will begin upon the award of the contract, anticipated to be 3/21/25. The initial phase (March – June) will involve a significant amount of planning, budget verification, site inspections, assistance with selecting an engineering firm, developing a detailed scope for 5 locations and specifications for equipment. The schedule for construction will be determined by the selected contractor and the efficiency of the delivery method, suitability of existing conditions, among other factors. Procurement of equipment will begin immediately. However, equipment delivery could take 12-24 months, depending on availability.

Q2: Please advise if the Port Authority will be the contracting party with the chosen contractor(s). If so, please provide an example owner/contractor form of agreement.

A2: Yes, the contract will be with the Port Authority. A proposed contract will be posted prior to proposal submissions. The final terms of the contract will be subject to final negotiations with the recommended contractor.

Q3: Has the Port Authority developed purchasing specifications and obtained budgetary pricing from the non-construction related capital equipment providers? Will these capital equipment purchasing lead times factor into or effect the potential construction schedule start and duration of the project?

A3: Brands and models to serve as equivalents have been identified and pricing has been obtained from representatives from those brands. It will be the Construction Manager's role as procurement service provider to assist in identifying additional manufacturers who meet the Build America Buy America requirements of the grant to ensure competitive pricing. The construction schedule can be established independent of the equipment schedule to assure efficiency and cost effectiveness. However, the compatibility of chargers and equipment will need to be assured.

Q4: Is the Port Authority willing to share their anticipated construction budget at this time? If so, please advise on the budget.

A4: The preliminary construction budget for purposes of obtaining the grant was determined without any field investigation or engineering analysis. Thus, the budget will need to be verified with significant due diligence. The total budget for installation, charging equipment, electrical equipment upgrades and solar array equipment, along with a sizeable contingency is \$6.3 million.