

## Kellogg Resiliency Project – Supplemental Questions and Answers

1. Would FSSD consider extending the proposal submittal timeline by 2-weeks?
  - a. Yes – Please see below revised schedule

Project Schedule Milestone	Key Dates
Request for Proposals issued	Monday December 4, 2023
Optional Pre-Proposal Site Visit and Meeting	Thursday December 14, 2023 at 10:30 am *RSVP to ryamamoto@fssd.com
Due date for Proposing team questions	Thursday January 4, 2024
Due date for Proposals	Wednesday January 24, 2024
Interviews (if held)	Thursday January 30, 2024
Award of Contract by District Board of Directors	Monday February 26, 2024

2. Can we make revisions to the District’s Agreement for Consulting Services?
  - a. Submission of a proposal indicates acceptance by the firm of the conditions contained in the Request for Proposal, unless clearly and specifically noted in the proposal submitted and confirmed in the contract between the District and the selected consultant.  
Proposals can include specific requested changes to the standard contract, which the District will consider as part of the proposal review.
3. Can the Specific Approach and Draft Scope of work be the same information? If not, what is the difference between the Specific Approach and Draft of Scope of work?
  - b. One narrative that outlines the assumptions and deliverables will work.
4. Does the March 2026 deadline mark the end of the project?
  - c. This deadline refers to the time in which the grant funding is currently set to expire.
  - d. We expect the design of the project will be done well in advance of March 2026, and will be looking to identify creative solutions to phase or sequence the project in the event FSSD is not able to receive a grant extension, which we are seeking in parallel.
  - e. We expect the consultant to develop a complete design that can be constructed in logical phases.
  - f. We expect that some portion of construction will be completed by March 2026, but understand the timeline is not necessarily adequate to build the entire project.
  - g. We think the funding volume is adequate to complete the project.
5. What is FSSD’s procurement process like? Should consultants schedule additional time for construction bidding?
  - h. FSSD has an efficient bid process that assumes a 1-month bid period with award at monthly FSSD Board of Directors meetings.
  - i. At a minimum, prospective consultants can assume a 2-month window for lawful public works contractor bid advertisement and construction contract Board award. This

timeframe can be included in between the completion of design and permitting work, and the issuance of the Notice of Award to the construction contractor.

6. Are the low points in the channel a problem and creating water stagnation?
  - j. The higher priority concerns are more so the future sea level rise and flood risk (e.g., Bay Conservation and Development Commission Adapting to Rising Tides Maps) and fire access.
7. What are different considerations or conversations underway about the north and south fence lines surrounding the property?
  - k. On the north side of the project, there is currently a new fence-retaining wall proposed. On the south side of the project, the existing fence line will need to be shifted 17feet south, to align with the surveyed edge of the city's property.
  - l. We expect to share technically feasible fence alternatives with the community, so they can be part of the fence selection process and balance aesthetic and wildlife viewing values.
8. What are the consultants expected to do to help with community outreach?
  - m. Technical and non-technical presentations, non-technical exhibits for the public, and review of proposed community meeting agendas, materials and/or surveys.
  - n. FSSD will lead on direct engagement with community members and facilitation of meetings.
9. Are the green stormwater infrastructure (GSI) features in the 30% design part of the project? Have any sediment trapping or trash capture elements been considered as part of the watershed management strategy?
  - o. Yes, these are elements we want to bring forward into future design phases, especially to address the surface irregularities and drainage issues in the neighborhood adjacent to the project site. There has not been direct outreach to homeowners potentially directly affected by these bioretention features, which could affect the location and number of features. Similarly, if the overall project cost need to be trimmed, the extent of GSI could be something that is reduced to save money.
  - p. To date, no sediment trapping or trash capture elements have been considered as part of the project.
  - q. Additional design development is needed for the GSI features, including the need for liners, detailed survey information, etc.
10. What are the extents of the survey? Does FSSD have any geotechnical reports or additional information on the existing conditions that can be provided?
  - r. FSSD has an existing topographic survey for the city owned property, but it does not include a road survey (in context to implementing green streets).
  - s. Regional geotechnical data is available but we don't have any site-specific data. Geotechnical investigation should be part of the scope if consultant feels it is needed.
11. What is the art component of the scope?
  - t. Something that is initially visible for the community from outside the site, that can help raise awareness, along with helping in the vision of this project, could possibly be included in the project. The design of the art feature would be carried out by an artist, not the consultant, but the consultant would be expected to consider space for art/outreach/education into the design of the facility.

12. The RFP mentions an educational element to the public. What should consultants consider in fulfilling this design initiative? How do you reconcile this initiative if there is only a consideration of future potential access?
  - u. The design should create a vision for the site, delegating space(s) with this intent in mind.
13. What are the goals in regard to life expectancy and cycle to the project?
  - v. The Sea Level Rise risk reduction target is 2050. We expect the consultant team to review the design assumptions, potentially also in light of forthcoming Ocean Protection Council (OPC) guidance.
  - w. Goals include:
    - i. Innovative and creative solutions to address short term immediate effects balanced with long term benefits and ability to adapt to new information. The transition / adaptation pathways could be included in the BODR.
    - ii. Looking for solutions that could be replicable to other bayshore locations, like the nearby Mulberry Stormwater Pump Station (in close proximity to Suisun City Hall).
14. Does the grant have 'Buy American' Requirements?
  - x. No
15. What was some of the community feedback from previous outreach efforts?
  - y. The main concern/driver is fire access and protection. This neighborhood had a devastating 2020 fire and fire / emergency vehicles had difficulty accessing the site to stop the fire. Another concern is that if this site is available for public access, it would encourage the homeless population to live around the area. Another concern was the ongoing ability of the neighbors to view and interact with the marsh.
16. What is the process for reimbursement with the grant?
  - z. Direct reimbursement. The grant agreement is in the RFP, and is going through the SRF office.
17. How will the City of Suisun City play a role in the design?
  - aa. The City is an important stakeholder to the project because they own and maintain the land. City staff will participate in project meetings, as available, and review design deliverables.
18. Will future flow monitoring be required?
  - bb. No
19. DBE, SBE guidelines?
  - cc. No
20. Is there a special way expenses are paid out, considering this is grant funded? Are expenses paid out by milestone achieved or per a percentage?
  - dd. It will be direct reimbursement.
21. Does FSSD have interest in exploring a Design-Build approach to the project? If so, are there contractors FSSD has experience working with?
  - ee. Yes. Design-Build is not something FSSD has experience with directly, but we are interested/open to exploring how it might be used on this project to address the time constraints.
  - ff. There aren't specific contractors we can recommend for this work at this time.

22. Regarding the BODR subtask to 'Evaluate potential for establishing a Regional Alternative Compliance program, like Contra Costa County<sup>1</sup>, based on water quality treatment benefits provided by this project', what level of detail are you expecting?
- gg. Suggest including an initial evaluation/feasibility analysis as part of the BODR and an Optional Task for setting up a program for the Solano Stormwater Alliance.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.sanpabloca.gov/2685/Regional-Alternative-Compliance>