

Design-Build for Blackstone River Fish Passages at Main Street and Slater Mill
Pawtucket, Rhode Island

Record of questions and answers from required on-site meeting held on November 8, 2018

- Q01: What documents satisfy project deliverable requirements?
- A01: Design-Build (DB) Development Documents, DB Construction Documents, as well as As-Constructed Drawings and described in the RFP.
- Q02: What is the best way to deal with providing construction cost estimates and not knowing what the final revisions will be in the design/review process?
- A02: Plan for a permitting and regulatory agency review and comment period with potential revisions and revised cost estimate if necessary.
- Q03: As review occurs with comments/changes from DEM and SHPO, etc. how is this handled for planning?
- A03: Plan for a review and comment period with potential revisions and revised cost estimate if necessary.
- Q04: Will permit conditions be made available from the previous planning process?
- A04: Yes, anything that is considered in the public domain will be made available.
- Q05: Is there any flexibility in the November 20 deadline?
- A05: A consensus was reached to extend deadline two weeks, that being 2:00pm December 4, 2018.
- Q06: What should be included in the submission of the proposal/bid documents?
- A06: One hard copy of the documents must be received by 2:00pm on December 4 at the Rhode Island Association of Conservation Districts (RIACD) office. May be hand delivered or mailed to the RIACD
- Q07: Is NRCS looking for variations of the denil ladder, because there are five types listed in the RFP.
- A07: The denil was in the previous submission and a variation may certainly be implemented, however it is up to the consultant to deliver the lowest cost alternative. Alternatives are limited to the options listed in the RFP, as only those may be cost shared by the NRCS.
- Q08: Would previous base mapping and hydraulic analysis, etc. be made available?
- A08: Any documents the Federal Government has paid for will be made available.

Q09: What is the breakup of the funding source?

A09: NRCS and RI-Department of Environmental Management (DEM) are the providing the overall funding for this project.

Q10: Does NRCS provide different levels of funding for the five fish ladder types in the RFP?

A10: Yes, NRCS can provide a rate table.

Q11: Does rate table show design and construction?

A11: No, just construction.

Q12: Was the intent to limit funding levels to what was in the RFP?

A12: Applications will not be disqualified if they are over the limits in the RFP. We will still look at the quality level of the package.

Q13: What is the criteria in the scoring process?

A13: The four major factors are cost, schedule, experience/history and staffing capabilities.

Q14: Who are the relevant project partners that must be consulted with throughout project phases?

A14: In addition to permitting and regulatory agencies; Old Slater Mill Association, APEX industries, Pawtucket Hydropower, RI-DEM, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services, and The Nature Conservancy.

Q15: Would there be support expected from the consultant for Federal Government compliance?

A15: No, anything which is a Federally inherent responsibility will be handled by the Federal Government.

Q16: Is there any additional funding (non NRCS) for this project?

A16: Yes, DEM has budgeted for this project.

Q17: Are educational components (fish viewing window) required?

A17: No, although the educational features would be a positive aspect for the community, the educational component additions are not required and may increase cost.

Q18: Does NRCS provide an additional type of funding for the educational features?

A18: No, NRCS does not provide additional types of funding for educational features.

Q19: IS adjacent downstream fish passage a funded component of this project in need of design-build services?

A19: Yes, downstream passage design-build services are included in this project.