

# ADDENDUM 1

## RFQ TDD 56-17

### Ecosystem Services

This addendum revises the original Request for Qualification. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this, please direct them to the Purchasing Department at 850-689-5960.

This addendum is to answer the following:

#### **Geographic Scope**

The watershed includes portions of other counties in FL and of Alabama. Is the evaluation restricted to that portion of the watershed in Okaloosa County? If not, what other areas are to be included?

Geographic scope will be Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes and Washington Counties

#### **Services of Interest**

The RFQ discusses the role of the work in informing decisions of the Eco-Tourism board. Are the indicators of ecosystem services to be primarily related to recreation and eco-tourism, or is the County equally interested in other ecosystem services?

The Okaloosa County Tourist Development Board is the final decision maker for the recommendations. Okaloosa County is equally interested in other ecosystem services, particularly water quality.

#### **Management Decisions**

The RFQ references the National Estuary Program for guidance on the types of outcomes and management decisions the work is to inform. Are there other on-going administrative processes for management of the watershed that the work should be informing?

No administrative processes for management of the watershed on the Counties' parts but the State and Federal government certainly have programs for management of the watershed.

#### **Future Changes**

The RFQ states that the study should predict how ecosystem services could change in the future with key drivers of change and management/restoration actions. Is there a list of specific restoration and/or management actions being considered by the county that would help refine this analysis and if so where can it be found?

No List is available.

Other than population growth and climate change, are there other key drivers of interest to the county? Is there a relevant time frame for planning purposes (e.g. over a 20-year horizon) that the county is interested in?

The County is considering the following restoration/management actions: storm water management, living shorelines, and road paving. However, other initiatives may be considered in the future as additional research about the watershed is aggregated, including enterococcus and sediment sources.

### **Scope of Valuation**

The economic value of an ecosystem service depends in part on the population over which values are aggregated. Is the valuation to be conducted relative to the population of Okaloosa County, or some broader aggregate? If the latter, what is it? This question understands that the management actions being evaluated may affect tourism from outside the region, but that issue is whether the *value* associated with those visitors is to be assessed only for the county population.

We are looking at the watershed as a whole, thus the population of Okaloosa, Walton, Washington, and Holmes Counties. At the moment, we are not looking at the portion of the watershed within Alabama.

Does the county have a budget for the project? What is the budgeted amount?

Not at this time

Does the county expect the consultant to collect field data to develop Okaloosa County/ Choctawhatchee Bay-specific ecosystem service values, or does it expect the consultant to perform desktop and meta-analysis of available data and literature to derive ecosystem services?

To be determined after consultant has been selected

Do you have any page limits for the submittal and would that include resumes? No

Do you have a budget for this project that you can share? No

Is there any preference for hiring firms local to the County or to Florida? No

Will subcontractors need to sign the Response? No