



January 16, 2025

**Pajaro Bridge Infrastructure Resilience Design Study  
Request for Proposals  
Questions and Responses**

**1. Is there any work already completed on the waterway, such as hydraulics, near the project site?**

The US Army Core of Engineers (COE) has completed some initial work studying the waterway including hydraulics. The Core of Engineers plans to implement a flood wall and/or levy improvements up to the bridge at the project site. More information can be found at the following URL: <https://www.spn.usace.army.mil/Missions/Projects-and-Programs/Current-Projects/Pajaro-River-Watsonville/>

**2. Does the project scope include environmental work?**

The consultant shall propose all required environmental work that may be necessary, taking into consideration any environmental assessment exemptions to the project allowed by State statute in AB 876 (Panetta, 2023-24). It is expected that some NEPA evaluation and Coastal Commission authorizations will be required at a minimum.

The environmental exemption bill mentioned in the RFP is linked here:

[https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=202320240AB876](https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=202320240AB876)

**3. What is the balance of environmental work and design work expected in this project?**

After budgeting for the project study, the consultant shall determine the extent and estimated cost of environmental work required for the project and budget that into the proposal accordingly. If remaining budget is available for design work, then the consultant shall use that remainder, if any, for design work.

**4. Experience of Firm and Personnel, Bullet 8 requests contact information for the “consultant’s contact person.” Can you please clarify? Should this be contact information for the agency for which services were provided?**

“Contact person” refers to the main point of contact at the proposing consultant’s that AMBAG should reach out to moving forward with the RFP and RFP related correspondence.

- 5. Experience of Firm and Personnel, #2 requests a matrix that shows proposed team members “and the projects they will work on.” Please confirm if this means other project commitments during the duration of the project.**

AMBAG seeks to understand the main project commitments of team members. If staff works a few occasional hours on other projects, we don’t need to know each of those projects, just the main projects that assigned project staff are planning to work on concurrently with this project. We want to ensure that the main staff included on the team are available and not overcommitted.

- 6. Is there a DBE requirement for this project?**

There is no DBE requirement for this contract.

- 7. Are exhibits/graphics allowed to be on 11x17 pages and will they only be counted for 1 page?**

Proposal pages shall be limited to 8.5 inches x 11 inches.

- 8. Please confirm which forms are to be submitted by the prime for this proposal and if they are also required for subconsultants.**

The only forms that are required in the response from the prime are “Cost Estimate Template – RFP attachment A” (PDF page 22 of the RFP) and “Subconsultant List Template Attachment B” (PDF page 24 of the RFP). Subconsultants are not required to fill out any of these forms. Forms listed after PDF page 24 are part of the template contract and won’t need to be completed unless your firm is chosen as the successful applicant.

- 9. Do full page resumes count against the 70 page limit? If not, may we include the resumes in an appendix?**

Resumes will not count against the 70 page limit if they are attached as an appendix. Please limit resumes to those who are reasonably expected to be employed on the project.

- 10. May we include our affirmative action policy, conflict of interest statement, and other required DBE information in an appendix? Will these count against the 70 page limit?**

Yes, you may include your affirmative action policy, conflict of interest statement, and other required DBE information in the appendices. These will not count against the 70 page limit.