CITY OF LA JOYA REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS BOND COUNSEL

Project No.: 72022

Bid No.: 2022-300-4405-01

SOQ - Wastewater Treatment Plant/System Expansion and Upgrade

Addendum 1 October 13, 2021

1. Respondent Request

A respondent requested an interpretation regarding Attachment F of the SOQ. Specifically, the respondent asked:

Regarding the DBE Participation and Standards, as a law firm, [firm name withheld] insurers do not allow us to subcontract legal work. We have worked with numerous diverse firms in co-counsel arrangements across Texas. How would you recommend we denote that in Attachment F — DBE Participation Program to ensure our qualification?

2. City Interpretation

The Finance Department makes the following interpretation:

- A. Section 7 of the RFQ requires that the DBE Participation Program (TWDB 216)¹ form be completed and submitted in order for the respondent's SOQ be considered responsive.
- B. Respondents will be deemed responsive and qualified if they follow the submittal instructions in the RFQ, including the submission of Attachment F.
- C. The DBE Participation Program is not a requirement. Respondents should make good faith efforts to follow DBE Participation Program and the <u>six affirmative steps</u>.

3. Distribution

This addendum is: 1) e-mailed to all respondents receiving the original SOQ; 2) posted on the City's website (www.cityoflajoya.com); and 3) available at La Joya City Hall.

¹ NB: The RFQ incorrectly referenced "DBE Participation Program (WRD 216)" rather than "(TWDB 216)".