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**Subject:** RE: Updated RFP for Blue Horizons Project  
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Happy Friday.

I have no issues with the changes. I won't be available on 5/16 for the Info Session. But if any procurement questions are ask I can address them in the addendum.

Thanks,



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Ron,

Attached is an updated version of the Blue Horizon's RFP. The most recent updates are formatted as suggestions in track changes. A few things to note:

1. Section 2.3, the RFP schedule has been adjusted. Let me know if there are any concerns.
2. In section 2.6, we added a mention of the ABI form required by the City.
3. In section 4.3, as a result of a meeting this morning with Sustainability, Equity, Strategic Partnerships, and Management, it was recommended that we clarify that we reserve the right to award multiple contracts. I put in some placeholder text but maybe you have some standard language.
4. Section 4.4, part b. The City requested we include this language.

The Equity Office will also be reviewing this and we hope to get it to them by the end of the week.

Thank you!

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Thank you for the update.



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Ron,

I just wanted to let you know that we are delaying the issuance of this RFP until after the upcoming Environmental and Energy Stewardship Subcommittee meeting. I'll be in touch once I know our new timeline.

Thank you!

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Hey Jackie,

I've made one change to the submittal process and added notes to your comments. If there will be one contract I wonder if we should combine the terms and conditions? If there will be two separate contracts I think we should list each of the governments' terms and conditions.



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Ron,

Attached is an updated copy of the RFP. Looking for guidance on two things:

1. We suggested new language in the contract term section 4.1. Does this look okay to you?
2. I suggested an edit in the document that would hyperlink to the City's General Terms and Conditions. Does that work or should I copy and paste them directly into the RFP document?

Thank you!

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**From:** Jackie Hamstead

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Thanks, Ron. I'll put you as the main point of contact and work on getting the City's Terms and Conditions. We have an interlocal agreement for the RFP.

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Hey Jackie,

We do need to state there will be two separate contracts. The City will want us to include their terms and conditions. We may also need to have a signed agreement with the City to carry out the RFP on their behalf.

The RFP schedule looks good.

I would prefer that Procurement be the main point of contact, as a third neutral party.



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Ron,

Attached is an updated version of the Blue Horizons RFP that is due to go back out to bid. A few questions for you:

1. This RFP is actually for two separate contracts. One with the County and one with the City. Do we need to specify this in the RFP? If so, where is the best place to do that? Do we need to add the City's terms and conditions? We didn't mention it in the previous RFP.
2. Can you double check the RFP schedule and make sure we meet any minimum standards for time between each step in the process?
3. Is it ok for Jeremiah to be the point of contact or should it be your office?

4. We want the contract term to be 1 year with two optional 1 year extensions. I suggested some edits in track changes but want to make sure we use the County's standard language.
5. We used the 2020 RFP as a template. Please flag any other changes to RFP language since then.

We are hoping to have this approved on April 18<sup>th</sup> and advertised on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,



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