

## Responses to Questions Submitted to NDNR Regarding RFP 22-2

November 17, 2022

1. When is construction expected to begin?

**Answer: The design and permitting process is expected to be completed in three years with construction initiating thereafter.**

2. What is the project budget or firm value?

**Answer: The project construction budget has not been established**

3. Are union bids required?

**Answer: Union bids are not required for the project**

4. What information can be shared on DNRs or Zanjero's efforts to date from the work that was done through DNR RFP22-1?

**Answer: The report is currently not complete. The report will be completed and submitted to the legislature prior to the end of 2022.**

5. Will this contract include the analysis and development of the preferred alternative or has the preferred alternative/alignment been determined by previous studies?

**Answer: Prior studies have identified possible components of the project, but the contractual work conducted under RFP 22-2 will include the development of preferred alternative(s) and route.**

6. Does DNR anticipate awarding the contract to one team, or is there the possibility multiple teams or a service pool will be established to deliver the Project or components of it?

**Answer: Page 3 of the RFP identifies that the NDNR reserves the right to award to multiple bidders in whole or in part.**

7. Can team members be added later, should the need arise to add expertise in certain areas?

**Answer: Team members may be added later upon the approval of NDNR.**

8. Will construction observation services be included at a future date?

**Answer: Construction observation services are not requested in this RFP. It is possible those services would be solicited under a future contract.**

9. Are there any updates on the NEPA process from regulatory agencies and what may be required to permit the project?

**Answer: There are no updates on the NEPA process. The selected consultant is expected to assist in all necessary permitting activities.**

## Responses to Questions Submitted to NDNR Regarding RFP 22-2

November 17, 2022

10. Will the selected consultant be preparing the Environmental Assessment document for NEPA compliance?

**Answer: The selected consultant is expected to prepare all necessary permitting documents, including an Environmental Assessment should it be necessary.**

11. Would it potentially be reasonable to submit resumes/references for key staff vs. anyone who will touch the project?

**Answer: Yes, submission of resumes/references for key staff only is acceptable. However, the Department may request resumes/references for other staff that will participate on the project team too.**