**QUESTION:** If this is not a new venture, what was the previous costs for these services?

**ANSWER:** ICO costs for Phase 2 of the RSMP were $1,935,524.21. Please be aware that the level of effort required to provide the requested services in Phase 3 may differ based on the specific circumstances of this phase. This could include, but not be limited to, budget, schedule, number of schools being renovated, number of contractors and updated auditing and reporting standards that can affect work activities by the ICO (e.g., documentation, site visits, etc.).

**QUESTION:** What is the duration of the contract? Renewals?

**ANSWER:** Per the Term of Contract on page 8, the Independent Compliance Officer will begin work immediately upon contract award by the RJSCB, anticipated for a five-year term, with up to two one-year extensions at the sole option of the Board.

**QUESTION:** Are there specific certifications or state registrations required to bid on this venture?

**ANSWER:** Per the Proposal Requirements on page 8, proposers must provide proof that the firm is duly licensed or registered to perform the requested services in the State of New York.

**QUESTION:** Are vendors able to acquire state certifications directly following being awarded this contract?

**ANSWER:** Yes, but to be counted toward the Phase 3 eligible business enterprise (“EBE”) participation goals, the Proposer and/or its subconsultants must be certified by the applicable authorizing agent at the time the proposal is submitted and the contract awarded. EBEs must maintain their applicable certifications throughout the duration of their Phase 3 work.

**QUESTION:** Do you have specific invoicing requirements?

**ANSWER:** Per Paragraph 2(d) Invoices and Payment of the Consulting Services Agreement on page 41, no later than the 10th day of each calendar month, ICO shall submit to the Board an invoice (an “Invoice”) for Service Fees attributable to the prior calendar month.

**QUESTION:** How frequent should invoices be sent?

**ANSWER:** Per Paragraph 2(d) Invoices and Payment of the Consulting Services Agreement on page 41, no later than the 10th day of each calendar month, ICO shall submit to the Board an invoice (an “Invoice”) for Service Fees attributable to the prior calendar month.

**QUESTION:** What is the duration of Phase 3 commencement and start date?

**ANSWER:** Per the Term of Contract on page 8, the Independent Compliance Officer will begin work immediately upon contract award by the RJSCB, anticipated for a five-year term, with up to two one-year extensions at the sole option of the Board.
QUESTION: Please confirm what type of proof to provide that the firm is registered to perform the requested services in the State of New York (MBE certification etc.) Talson performs professional services in the State of New York.

ANSWER: All Proposers must be registered to do business in New York State as of the date of contract award with such status able to be verified through NYSDOS Corporation and Business Entity Search Database. To be deemed an MBE, WBE, DBE or SBE, a certificate or evidence of certification of this status must be presented to the Board prior to contract award. New York State Empire State Development’s Division of Minority and Women Business Development, Dormitory Authority of the State of New York, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, and New York State Department of Transportation are the authorizing agents for MBE, WBE and DBE designations. SBE firms shall provide proof of such status in accordance with the current RSMP diversity plan and the Board shall determine whether a firm qualifies as an SBE.

QUESTION: Please confirm whether subconsultants must be registered or licensed to perform services in the State of New York, or does this only apply to the Prime proposer?

ANSWER: Subconsultants must be registered to do business in the State of New York. Subconsultants that perform services that require licensure by the State of New York must be licensed to perform those services or otherwise perform such services in accordance with the requirements of New York State law and the Office of the Professions.

QUESTION: Please confirm the contract participation goals are: MBE 17%, WBE 10%, DBE 3%, and SBE 3%.

ANSWER: For the purposes of this procurement, the diversity goals are as stated in the RFP at p. 16. Please be advised that, as further stated in the RFP, “[t]he RJSCB reserves the right to revise, adjust and/or modify the above goals for contracts awarded at a later date in Phase 3 of the RSMP and for contracts awarded in future Phases of the RSMP.”