## Addendum #2

## Irgvdc

From: lrqvdc

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To:

**Subject:** RE: RFP Economic Resiliency Plan QUESTIONS

**Attachments:** 

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in the RFP For Economic Resiliency Plan Consultant. Responses to your inquiry are in red text following each question below.

- 1. The RFP indicates a Project End date of June 30 and a required project completion time of "late spring". Can you confirm the preferred timeline and expected completion date?
  - The project completion is being funded through a grant that requires a wrap-up date of June 30<sup>th</sup>. With this is mind, LRGVDC would still like a presentation of findings done after project completion.
- 2. The RFP requests broadband expansion as part of the economic resiliency plan. Do you expect the consultant to conduct comprehensive broadband research i.e., an inventory of broadband infrastructure and existing providers, gaps and weaknesses in connectivity by county/community, and educational and/or workforce related challenges? If not, do you have access to this type of information?
  LRGVDC does not expect comprehensive broadband research, however the LRGVDC would expect a synopsis of broadband challenges in the LRGVDC service area. Existing databases and maps available for use currently can be utilized.
- 3. Can you provide an estimated population number (or percent) of the 3-county region that are non-native English speakers?

The LRGVDC does not have that information.

- 4. Does the Council have up-to-date contact lists for residents, businesses, and organizations? Or, work with partner agencies who maintain current lists? Will these lists be accessible to the consultant?

  The LRGVDC does have government & organization contact lists. The information on businesses and residents may be available through partners and would be shared if accessible to the LRGVDC.
- 5. There was a similar RFP released by the Texas General Land Office earlier this year for an Economic Development Strategy that included the LRGVDC region. That RFP was not awarded is this project related to that initiative? If so, can you elaborate on the decision to cancel and re-release?

  LRGVDC's RFP is in no way related to the Texas General Land Office RFP.
- 6. Has a Steering Committee been formed for this project? If so, who is represented on the committee?

An exact steering committee for this exact project has not yet been formed.

- 7. Can you confirm that this submission should not include a fee proposal?

  Submissions can include a fee proposal. Section 2.5 of the RFP has been modified accordingly.

  A committee will evaluate and score all proposals to determine the most qualified based on the criteria listed above and best value to the LRGVDC. Final approval will come from board of directors.
- 8. What is the budget for this project? Is there a do-not-exceed amount? Please see Addendum #1.

Once again, thank you for your interest in the proposal.

Thanks,

Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council