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CPRA Solicits Proposals for Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion CMAR Contractor

December 1, 2017 - Today, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) released a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for eligible contractors interested in providing Construction Management At-Risk (CMAR) services for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion Project.

The Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion will be the first controlled sediment diversion to reconnect the Mississippi River with its delta. A cornerstone project of Louisiana's Coastal Master Plan, this sediment diversion will provide sediment, water, and nutrients to Barataria basin in order to build, maintain, and sustain the wetlands.

During the Fall of 2016, CPRA completed an analysis of potential collaborative delivery approaches for the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion and the CMAR delivery model was identified as the best-suited method for this project. A traditional project delivery model employs a construction contractor at the completion of the project design, through a bid process. The CMAR model integrates the construction contractor during the early design phase of the project to obtain input on cost, scheduling, and constructability. In 2014 the Louisiana Legislature added CMAR to Louisiana's Public Bid Law.

"The decision to select the CMAR model reaffirms CPRA's commitment to utilize the most innovative solutions to deliver projects," said Johnny Bradberry, CPRA Board Chairman. "This is an historic coastal restoration effort and will be one of the largest CMAR projects ever delivered in the United States."

Qualifications-based proposals will be evaluated by a selection review committee on criteria such as company structure, qualifications of key personnel, relevant project experience, and approach to construction. The winning contractor will work with CPRA, and with contractors currently working to provide engineering, geotechnical, surveying, and other technical services for this project. At the completion of the project design, CPRA will negotiate a guaranteed maximum construction cost with the CMAR contractor.

“Using the CMAR method of project delivery affords CPRA with a unique opportunity to bring the construction contractor to the table early - in the design phase of the project - in order to reduce time, cost, and risk,” said CPRA Executive Director, Michael Ellis. “Early collaboration and communication on such a large and complex project will ensure optimal design and construction.”

The solicitation window closes on March 1, 2018 and the selection announcement is expected to occur in May.

For more information on this solicitation, see RFQ# 2503-18-04 at the following link: <http://coastal.la.gov/resources/rfps-rsiqs-contracts/contracts-and-grants/>. To learn more about the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion, visit the program’s webpage - <http://coastal.la.gov/our-work/key-initiatives/diversion-program/>.

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Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority is the single state entity with authority to develop, articulate, implement, and enforce a comprehensive coastal Master Plan of unified vision, to reduce tropical storm surge flood impact, to restore our bountiful natural resources, to build land to protect our nation’s critical energy infrastructure, and to secure Louisiana’s coast now and for future generations.