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We received the following question regarding the bid listed above:

Question #1: My understanding is that this is the bid for the opportunity to assess projects on will county properties if this is the case is there a list of the buildings and parcels the county is looking to assess? I did not find this in the RFQ document.

Answer #1: This is a “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) not a bid. All Will County owned real estate (buildings and land) are potentially included. A complete list will be provided to selected vendor, if and when appropriate.

Question #2: Pre-Submittal Conference: Is this a **MANDATORY** meeting? Will a conference call-in line be provided for the Pre-Submittal Conference?

Answer #2: No, this Pre-Submittal Conference is **not mandatory** and **on-site only**; no conference call-in will be available.

Question #3: Desired Scope: What is the County’s expectations for what resulting contracts may be established as a result of this RFP (ie. consulting services or PPA)? Does the County intend to select a partner to provide a full solar system with a PPA financing as a result of this solicitation? Or, does the County plan to only select a partner in this RFP to provide consulting services to determine a scope and strategy for a subsequent solicitation to select a partner to deploy solar systems?

Answer #3: Will County is seeking a comprehensive and **objective** analysis of existing condition, structural viability, and solar potential for County-owned properties (roof-top and open lands). This analysis will be used by Will County leadership to **determine opportunities for solar, but does not serve to select a developer or guarantee the installation of solar on any Will County facilities**. This RFQ will award professional services to the selected vendor to perform said analysis, which will allow for a complete cost evaluation for current Will County properties. **Explicitly, ability to be objective will strongly be considered and the firm selected will not be guaranteed, promised, or given preferential treatment in any future selection processes for installation of solar on Will County properties should leadership decide to do so.**

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Question #4: Future Solicitation Impacts: If the County only intends to select a partner for consulting services, would a selected partner in this solicitation preclude them from participating in a subsequent solicitation where the County may be procuring a turn-key solar system?

Answer #4: Will County will be hiring a vendor to perform said comprehensive and objective analysis in the form of a professional service contract. Responding to any one RFQ does not disqualify a vendor from applying for future RFQs or RFPs related to solar development, but it also **does not guarantee and should not indicate preference for selection in future for any Will County project, solar-related or otherwise.**

Question #5: In the letter (page 1) it states that "Respondents must be licensed to do business in the State of Illinois...". Is the license referenced here a Construction License, Electrical License or just a Business License? We assumed Business only, but wanted to doublecheck.

Answer #5: Respondents must have a General Business License in the State of Illinois.