

**Clarion County Economic Development Corporation**  
**EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessments Grant**

**QEP Request for Qualifications**

**Questions & Answers — April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

- On page 2 of the RFQ, it states that the consultant will have experience on multiple brownfield redevelopment projects where multiple funding incentives were leveraged... and while we do have that experience, we just wanted to share with you in the EPA guidance document that it may present a hindrance for some companies and potentially out of compliance with 2 CFR 200.319
  - The CCEDC had a discussion with our assigned EPA analyst regarding compliance with 2 CFR 200.319 prior to the RFQ's release. Since our RFQ does not specifically state that consultants must have experience specifically with **EPA** brownfields redevelopment projects, it would not be out of compliance.
- If pricing is a selection factor, which it is for this RFQ, we believe it is supposed to be weighted at least 25%.
  - Cost/price as criteria weighted at 25% is a recommendation but not a requirement.
- Can full resumes be attached and not count to the page limit?
  - The CCEDC will permit attached resumes to not count against the page limit.
- Work product examples may contain proprietary techniques, methods, and/or confidential information. Can the CCEDC ensure the links to example work products are not circulated outside of the review team?
  - All information submitted to the CCEDC will be treated with complete confidentiality and will not be circulated beyond internal CCEDC controls.
- Is it possible to receive a copy of the CCEDC's EPA cooperative agreement?
  - A digital copy of the cooperative agreement has been uploaded to the CCEDC's RFQ webpage. This can be found by visiting [www.ClarionCountyEDC.com/rfp](http://www.ClarionCountyEDC.com/rfp).
- Would the CCEDC like to see an hourly rate schedule in addition to the task-based pricing?
  - The CCEDC would welcome an hourly rate schedule.
- The RFP lists the CCEDC as the "Task/Activity Lead" for Tasks 1, 2, and 3. Please clarify what role, if any, the QEP will play in implementing those tasks.
  - Within responses to the CCEDC's RFQ, QEP's are welcomed and encouraged to propose services that will assist, and/or support the CCEDC in successfully completing the tasks/activities listed in the Project Tasks. As the grantee, the CCEDC intends to have an active role in all tasks and activities within the overall scope of work. Services provided by the selected QEP that aid the CCEDC in reaching its goals will be viewed favorably.