

Clarifying Questions – RFP for Design and Engineering Services of Sauk County Farm Education Hub

February 13th, 2023

- 1. The RFP Scope of Work includes an “education/ event building” but the design of a building is not mentioned in the deliverables. Can you clarify that an architect-designed building is part of the phase 1 project scope?**
 - The County is not currently looking for architectural building designs as there are not funds for construction of the educational building. We are looking for a general location of the building to be placed.

- 2. If a building is part of the phase 1 scope:**
 - a. Is the building intended to be used in all four seasons?**
 - The future building would be used in all four seasons.

 - b. Is there current direction on the type of building desired? (ie: custom design, prefab or renovation of an existing structure)**
 - Not currently. This is to be decided as part of the design process.

 - c. Since a septic investigation is requested in the RFP, a logical conclusion would be that four season restrooms are desired, please confirm if this is intended to be part of this first phase of work.**
 - The property has experienced multiple reiterations of buildings over the last 150 years, some of which have had clean fill materials buried on-site. A POWTS system for future four season restrooms should be identified to be placed outside of any such disturbed area.

- 3. Can you confirm the proposal is limited to the 14-acre Educational Hub portion of the property?**
 - The proposal is limited to the 14-acre Educational Hub.

- 4. Is the History Walk to be designed in totality as part of this effort?**
 - The history walk will extend beyond the education hub, through the demonstration plots, to the cemetery. The portion of the trail located within the education hub will be routed as part of this proposal.

- 5. Has the County considered, or have an interest in, separate ingress/egress for ag equipment vs future visitors?**
 - The County is interested in separate ingress/egress of agricultural equipment. There are currently two access points to the main area of the property from Hwy 154, one on the northern edge near the cemetery and the main entrance on the eastern side of the property.

- 6. What is the County’s budget is for professional services?**
 - The 2023 LRE budget has allocated \$75,000 for this project.

- 7. Should consultant attendance at public/stakeholder input sessions be considered as part of the base scope, or included as “additional services” on a per meeting basis?**
 - Please include attendance at public input sessions as additional services.

- 8. In regards to the POWTs evaluation:**
 - a. Is the prior POWTS that served the former healthcare center abandoned or is it feasible for re-use?**
 - The prior POWTS system has been abandoned in its entirety.

 - b. The RFP mentions a soils analysis for future POWTS system – should that POWTS be designed as part of the base scope?**
 - The POWTS system will not need to be designed at this time, instead a soils inspection should be filed showing ability to treat a certain amount of gpd.

- 9. Is there still an active and safe well on this property to provide potable water?**
 - There is an active well (unique #BG901) on the property which is currently in use for pasturing animals. It has not been tested for human potability since the removal of the Healthcare Center in 2010.

- 10. Does the County desire photo-realistic renderings of the site to support fundraising efforts?**
 - Yes, as part of additional services.
 - a. Optional 3x5 panel – should this be listed as an “additional service”?**
 - Yes.
 - b. Is the County envisioning this promotional panel as a plan overview?**
 - Yes, as a plan overview of just the educational hub.