



PORT OF HARLINGEN AUTHORITY

Port of Harlingen Resiliency and Asset Management Planning Project

November 7, 2025

Questions Answered:

1. Recognizing that the grant agreements and federal requirements apply, is the included services agreement required as is or is Port of Harlingen open to modifications? / Please current “agreement between owner and contractor for construction contract,” please confirm the current intended agreement or if there is a revised one between Owner and Engineer. (Burns & McDonnell; LJA; Bowman; HDR, Inc.)
 - a. The Port of Harlingen is using the E-500 and will be in Addendum #2
2. Please confirm this is an RFP and not an RFQ and that the cost proposal should be included/ Should we still include a proposed cost submission? (LJA; Burns and McDonnell; Bowman)
 - a. This should be treated as an RFQ and **cost should not be included in your proposal** as specified in Addendum #1.
3. Is it acceptable to include a cover letter? (Burns & McDonnell)
 - a. Yes, respondents may include a cover letter.
4. Please confirm the number of hard copies. Page one indicates four copies and page five indicates one hard copy original and four hard copies (a total of five copies). (HDR, Inc.)
 - a. Four hard copies should be submitted and one PDF on a flash drive.
5. Under Scope Items Six and Seven (and in other areas of the scope), does the Port envision addressing port real estate issues, challenges and opportunities as it relates to the master planning process, particularly in terms of real property asset valuation, lease structuring, highest and best use of the port’s real estate, such as land banks? (WJE)
 - a. Yes
6. What is the expected level of detail for Scope Item Seven? Does the Port expect the selected respondent to gather information from potential shipping carriers? Does the Port have any data to support the development of projections mentioned in Scope Item 7b? (WJE)

- a. Selected respondents will be expected to provide a detailed market analysis of existing and potential commodities and trade in the region and beyond that could be advantageous to the Port for diversification, which may include area markets, industries and carriers. The Port will provide any data it currently has available.
- 7. Please clarify the Social Equity Policy Participation evaluation criteria (Page seven). There does not appear to be a DBE goal established, so how will this criterion be evaluated? / What is the target for social equity and inclusion? (Bowman; HDR, Inc.)
 - a. As part of our application for Port Infrastructure Development Project Grant funding, the Port has committed to working with partners that follow similar practices as laid out in our Social Equity Policy. If the respondents also follow similar practices providing a short answer/description in Section G will fulfill these criteria.
- 8. Exhibit A, Part 2, Section G of the provided RFP documents allows respondents to provide “Additional Information.” Can respondents supplement the required response criteria with additional information on team capabilities in this “Additional Information” section? (WJE)
 - a. Yes, additional information from other sections/subsections as needed on the “Additional Information” section.
- 9. Can respondents provide additional information outside of the Proposal Form in Exhibit A to supplement our team’s qualifications for the project? (WJE)
 - a. Yes, respondents may attach additional qualification information outside of the Proposal Form.
- 10. Do we need to include the Part 2 form for each of our subcontractors, including those who do not provide professional services? (Burns & McDonnell)
 - a. No, those who do not provide professional services do not need to be included.
- 11. Please clarify the difference between (2) year completed and (3) professional services for relevant projects in the key member resume forms. (HDR, Inc.)
 - a. “(2) Year completed” refers to when the relevant project was concluded/finished and “(3) professional services” is what type of work was provided for that project, i.e. consulting, engineer, ect.
- 12. Work Performance Evaluation Criteria (References): Can the Port of Harlingen be included as a reference? (HDR, Inc.)
 - a. No, the Port of Harlingen cannot be used as a reference.
- 13. Regarding Scope of Work, one, baseline assessment: Please clarify what “facility” is being referenced or confirm the facility is all assets owned and operated by the Port

of Harlingen (e.g. wharfs, docks, rail, short lines, buildings, warehouses, ect.). or is the facility referencing only the waterfront structures? (HDR, Inc.)

- a. Facilities is refereeing to all assets owned and operated by the Port of Harlingen Authority.

14. Regarding Scope of Work, one, baseline assessment: Has any recent investigation or repair work been performed for any of the assets within the facility since the original construction? If so, when and by whom? Are these results/reports available for review or will they be provided to the selected consultant? (HDR, Inc.)

- a. Yes, repairs have been made to port infrastructure since each of their original construction. All available files and data on past construction and maintenance the Port has records of will be available to the selected respondent.

Some, but not limited to, repair/maintenance projects include:

- Rail:
 - Rail Improvements to current infrastructure/ 2022
 - Rail Crossing rehabilitation/ 2021
- Road:
 - Port Rd. Extensions and Resurfacing/2021
 - Robles Road resurfaced/2021
 - Port Road resurfacing/ 2018
- Docks:
 - Docks one and two rehabilitation/ 1970s and Current
 - Dock 8 replacement/ 2024

15. When was the last baseline assessment completed? (HDR, Inc.)

- a. There has not been a baseline assessment completed.

16. Is there an expectation regarding the level of detail, or the magnitude of underwater dive inspection required? (Bowman)

- a. A detailed inspection to create a baseline assessment as to the current integrity of infrastructure will be required.

17. Per “Schedule C- Award Dates and Project Schedule” of the agreement between MARAD and POH (p.115/123 of the RFP), we understand that the work for this project needs to complete by November 30, 2026. Please confirm this is correct. (Bowman)

- a. Yes, the project/assessment completion date is November 30, 2026.

18. What activities, if any, will need to be performed between November 30, 2026 and November 30, 2027 as this letter is listed as the Period of Performance End Date.

- a.

- b. The period between the project completion (November 30, 2026) and the Period of Performance End Date (November 20, 2027), is utilized for the Port of Harlingen to create and close out its required reporting to MARAD for this project.