LOCAL AGENCY A&E CONSULTANT PROCUREMENT PROCESS

Most Frequent Errors/Deficiencies

Most frequent errors during Procurement Planning Phase

- No independent cost estimate prior to advertising; "not-to-exceed" \$ amount
- Inadequate determination of project type (single phase vs. multiple phase vs. on-call)
- No method of payment for contract
- Poor record keeping and document retention

Most frequent errors during Solicitation and Advertisement Phase

- Lack of evaluation criteria with level of importance (weights) in RFP/RFQ
- No Conflict of Interest Statements by selection panel
- No method of payment specified in RFP/RFQ
- No cost proposal requirement specified in RFP/RFQ
- Inadequate/undocumented advertisement method for the RFP/RFQ
- Inadequate documentation of a responsiveness review prior to acceptance of the RFP/RFQ

Most frequent errors during Evaluation and Selection Phase

- Lack of retention of original score sheets from the evaluation process
- Inadequate documentation during the secondary evaluation process/interview portion
- Actual evaluation criteria differ from original described in the RFP/RFQ without appropriate documentation

Most frequent errors during Financial Document Review by Independent Office of Audits & Investigations (IOAI)

- Missing cost proposals for the subconsultants
- Missing and/or incomplete Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System form
- Missing breakdown of ODCs
- Incomplete or incorrect cost proposal format used
- Unallowable method of payment used (rate sheets)
- Mark-ups included in cost proposals
- Missing fiscal provisions in Standard Agreement (boilerplate)
- Incomplete Internal Control Questionnaire (ICQ)

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 Inconsistent Indirect Cost Rate (ICR) in the Certification of Indirect Costs and Financial Management System form and the cost proposal



Most frequent errors during Contract Cost negotiation Phase

No documented price/fee negotiations



Most frequent errors during Contract Execution Phase

- Lack of A&E Consultant Contract Reviewer form
- Incomplete fiscal and miscellaneous provisions in final contract
- Lack of documented contract approval process