

Answers to applicant questions regarding the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation's Request for Proposals: Contractor to Complete Environmental and Cultural Compliance Documentation for the Middle Rio Grande Conservancy District's San Francisco Wasteway Habitat Restoration Project

1. If available, please provide the project area shapefiles.

NFWF can share a rough polygon of the entire potential projects area—this polygon is subject to change as habitat restoration design proceeds. Contact Kirstin Neff (Kirstin.Neff@nfwf.org) to receive the rough polygon.

2. Can you confirm or clarify if the following sections – Understanding of Scope, Technical Approach, Qualifications of Proposed Personnel, Contractor's Past Performance, and Budget (narrative only) – are **all** included in the 6-page narrative you describe in the submission requirements?

The required information in the 6-page narrative includes: A description of the work plan and summary of the applicant's experience and expertise organized according to the following evaluation areas:

- Understanding of the Scope of Work
- Technical Approach
- Contractor's Past Performance

Items that are not included in the 6-page narrative limit include:

- Staff Biographies, which should be presented as a list of key staff and their proposed role on the project, and optionally, their resumes.
- References for two clients who have received similar services from the applicant
- The proposed budget in the form of NFWF's budget template

3. To better understand the scope of the project, can you provide a copy or draft of the "San Francisco Wasteway Habitat Restoration Project Description"? This will provide clarity around details that could have significant impacts on our approach and estimated budget. Details such as:

There is no additional information on the project description at this time besides what is described in the RFP. The selected contractor would be included in future project development meetings so as to have the latest information on the direction of project design and scope.

- a. Do you plan to establish additional connections between the restoration area and the main Rio Grande, either seasonally or at certain flows?

No, we are not planning to establish additional connections to the Rio Grande beyond the existing outfall channel.

- b. Will revegetation of the restoration area be involved?

Yes; following construction of any habitat features, revegetation of the project site will take place to deter invasive species and provide additional habitat enhancement. Planting will likely include but is not limited to native woody vegetation, upland shrubs, grasses, and wetland plugs.