Q. For Task 1 – Data Model, does the District have preferences on format for items like Geophysics, well logs, and other types of data formats? Is there a software application that works best for the District or software that will not work for the District?

A. Items should be readable in a PDF format, but the synthesis of the information in order for us to build the data model needs to be in a GIS format.

Q. Does the professional engineering or professional geologist license need to be in Texas or any state?

A. A Texas license is required.

Q. Are you hoping to incorporate these models into joint planning?

A. Our primary purpose in conducting the project is to have a local model as a tool for local permitting decisions. A stretch goal is to have it to influence joint planning.

Q. Are there any particular contaminants that you are interested in tracking in your District?

A. We are looking to this project to allow the capability of that in the future however you can go to the TCEQ Groundwater contamination viewer to see some of the contamination sites in our district to identify what we are currently challenged with.

Q. What pages count toward the 40 page limit? Particularly resume cover page or cover letter.

A. All pages count toward the 40 page limit.

Q. If two firms are partnering and proposing leadership roles for different modeling domains, one for Carrizo and one for Gulf Coast, would the District prefer a single combined statement of qualification submitted by the team with one company as primary and the second as subconsultant or two separate Statements of Qualification?

A. Two separate Statements of Qualifications and please identify within whether you are seeking for a specific model domain or both.

If you have conflicts of interest in one domain and not the other, please note the conflict and domain in your statement of qualification and note that you are explicitly seeking a specific domain.

Q. What is your expectation of cost?

A. The District will be following professional services procurement rules. The GMA 13 domain is anticipated to cost $800,000.00 for all three phases. The GMA 15 domain is anticipated to cost $400,000.00 for all three phases, however final costs will depend on contract negotiations.

Q. In what format are the existing District data for the Data Model (Task 1)? Are they more structured (e.g., PDFs, Excel tables) or more unstructured (e.g., handwritten logs, cross-sections)?

A. Most existing data is in the form of PDFs, excel files, and some spatial data. There are existing digital and paper copies of geo-physical logs.

Q. Will the existing data (i.e., District data and data from previous groundwater modeling efforts) be provided in digital format?

A. Where the District has digital data, it will be provided. If the data is not yet digitized, the District will collaborate with the selected firm/team to identify steps necessary to provide the data.

Q. Approximately how many records are expected to be assembled to develop the Data Model?

A. The District anticipates collaborating with the selected firm/team to identify the appropriate number and quality of records necessary to parameterize and calibrate the model.

Q. What are the anticipated modeling periods? Will they differ from the GMA13 Model (2025) setup and the Central-Southern Gulf Coast Model (2023) setup?

A. The District anticipates collaborating with the selected firm/team to identify the appropriate calibration and predictive simulation periods based on availability and quality of the data necessary.

Q. Does the District have a preferred Graphical User Interface (e.g., GW Vistas, GMS, etc.) where you would like the groundwater models to be built?

A. The District currently uses Groundwater Vistas, but other platforms will be considered if ease of use, cost effectiveness, and superior utility can be demonstrated.

Q. The RFQ specifies an initial two-year contract period. Is Task 3 expected to be performed during the option year(s)?

A Yes.