

Jamaica Bay Science and Resilience Center City of New York and National Park Service Request for Expressions of Interest

January 10, 2013

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to those of you that submitted responses to the RFEI released by the City of New York and the National Park Service on July 17, 2012 to create a top tier center to promote scientific understanding and resilience in the urban ecosystem of Jamaica Bay. We are thrilled by the interest shown and, particularly in light of the effects of Hurricane Sandy, think this project is more important than ever. **We are writing this letter to notify you of a change in the process set forth in the RFEI.**

The National Park Service and the City of New York are pleased to inform you that we may enter into a formal legal agreement with a respondent or respondents based on the submissions to this RFEI without the issuance of a further RFP or other solicitation. In order to ensure that we have the widest possible participation in this process, we are providing those who have submitted responses with the opportunity, at their option, to revise or amend their submissions, or to provide any additional material for our consideration.

We are likewise inviting those that did not submit any response to submit one at this time. *All new responses and revised responses or additional information must be submitted no later than February 1, 2013 for consideration.* There is no need to resubmit a response if you do not plan on making any changes or amendments to your original submittal. Please submit all questions and any additional material you would like to JamaicaBayRFEI@HappoldConsulting.com. In addition, we expect proposers to be available the week of February 4 to discuss their proposals, if necessary.

Potential proposers are reminded that the RFEI includes an "Evaluation criteria and next steps" section that states as follows:

In reviewing responses, the issuing parties expect to use, but not be limited by, the following criteria:

- Demonstration of the financial and organizational capacity to execute the proposal
- Ability to demonstrate previous experience working with local, state, and federal agencies and coordinating across jurisdictional boundaries
- Understanding of, and experience in, the priority areas of research envisioned for the Center
- Experience in the dissemination of research results and a track record of advocacy for scientific-based policy initiatives

In addition, the issuing parties will look favorably on proposals which commit dedicated financial resources to the project.

Except as set forth in this letter, all the terms and conditions of the RFEI remain the same. Please be reminded that all costs associated with responding to the RFEI are the sole responsibility of the respondent.

Sincerely,



Veronica M. White
Commissioner
New York City Department of Parks & Recreation

Sincerely,



Diane Chalfant
Acting Commissioner
National Parks of New York Harbor

