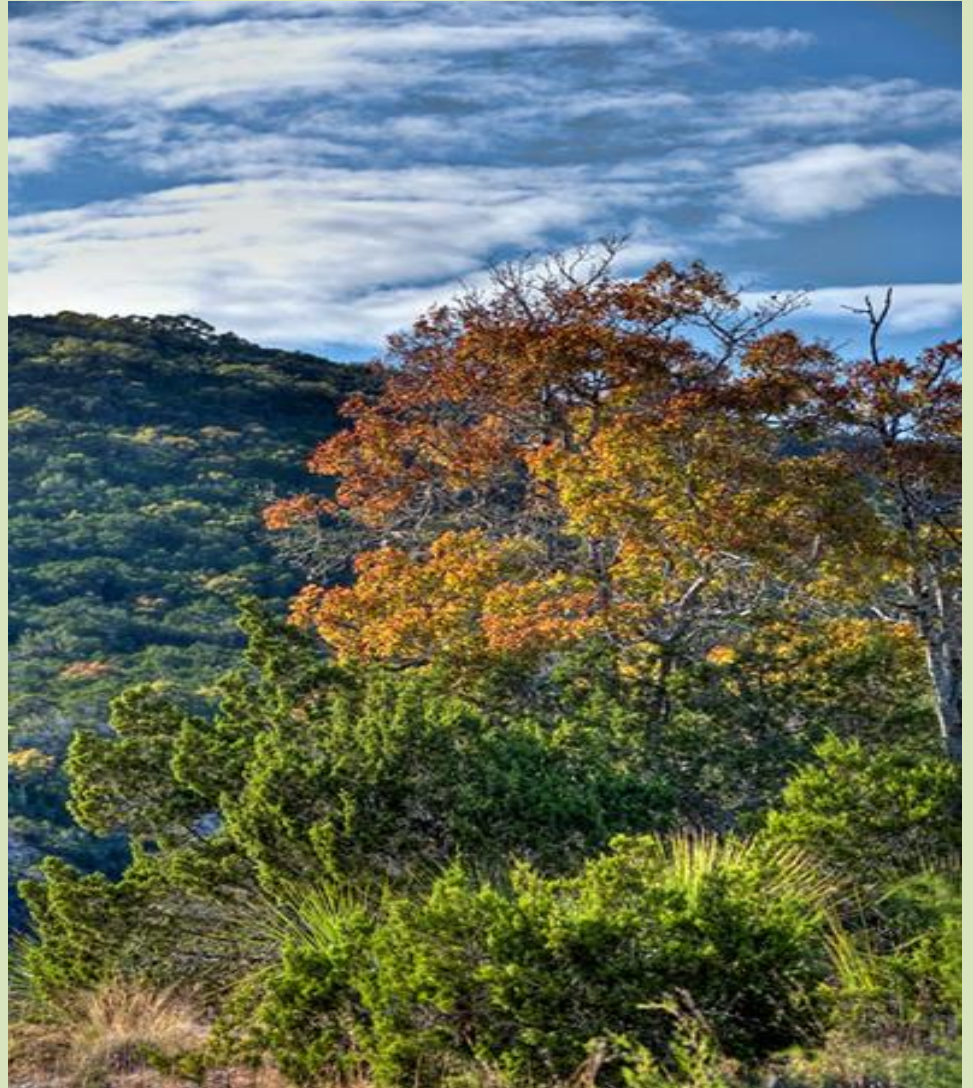


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Albert & Bessie Kronkosky
State Natural Area (ABK SNA)

Trail Design and Construction

Project Number TR1111416





PRE-SUBMITTAL MEETING
Request for Qualifications for
a Design-Build Contractor

March 19, 2024



Pre-Submittal Meeting Agenda

- Discuss requirements to submit a responsive proposal
- Solicitation & award milestones
- Evaluation criteria & format requirements for responses
- Exhibits to the RFQ
- Project Overview

GENERAL INFORMATION

Solicitation Documents and all addenda are obtained at the Comptroller's website under *Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD)* at <http://www.txsmartbuy.com/sp>.

SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES

Step 1

1. One (1) original signature copy of their Response, stamped “ORIGINAL”,
2. One (1) identical digital/electronic version on Flash Drive in a sealed container.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Responses for **Step 1** are due prior to **2:00 PM (CT) on April 23, 2024.**

Late responses will be returned “unreviewed”

Responses must be received prior to the deadline and should be labeled as follows:

OFFICIAL RESPONSE FOR PROJECT TR1111416

Albert & Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area – Trail Design and Construction

ATTN: Mindi Johnson, Infrastructure Division

4200 Smith School Road

Austin, Texas 78744

GENERAL INFORMATION

All questions should be submitted by email to the solicitation's single point of contact:

Mindi Johnson, CTCD, CTCM, Contract Manager
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Infrastructure Division
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744
Direct Line: 512-389-8282
Email: INFContracting@tpwd.texas.gov
Copy: mindijohnson@tpwd.texas.gov

QUESTIONS ARE DUE BY 5:00 PM 3/28/2024

GENERAL INFORMATION

- Addenda:
 - Clarifications or interpretation of the RFQ that materially affect or change the requirements
 - Posted on the Electronic State Business Daily website and on TPWD's website
- Offeror shall include all signed and dated addendum(s) with their response. Oral changes in the work made during the solicitation period are not binding. OFFEROR'S FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF ADDENDA MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF RESPONSE.
- It is the responsibility of the Offeror to obtain information regarding addenda in a timely manner.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Infrastructure Division
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

ADDENDUM

Addendum Number: 01 Dated: March 13, 2024
Solicitation Number: TR1111416
Solicitation Title: Trail Design and Construction
Due Date/Deadline: April 23, 2024, at 2:00 PM (CT)
Contract Manager: Mindi Johnson, CTCD, CTCM

PURPOSE OF ADDENDUM:

Except as provided herein, all terms and conditions of the document referenced herein, remain unchanged and in full force and effect. The following are official revisions, specifications and/or clarifications to this solicitation. This Addendum shall be attached to and form a part of the referenced solicitation document and any resulting awarded contract and must be considered in your response.

Respondents are advised to check for updates, addenda issuance, and proposal opening date changes through the Comptroller's website under *Electronic State Business Daily (ESBD)* at <http://www.txsmartbuy.com/sp>

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE

Site Visit date and time is hereby changed to Monday March 25, 2024, at 1:00pm (CT).

Pre-Register for Site Visit by 4:00 PM (CT) March 22, 2024 at: [Site Visit Sign-in Sheet Link](#)

Respondents are to acknowledge receipt of this Addendum. Return a signed copy of this notice with your response submission.

I acknowledge receipt of this addendum.

Respondent Company Name

Respondent's Authorized Signature

Date



GENERAL INFORMATION

A Design-Build contract will be awarded utilizing a two-step process as follows:

Step 1 - qualifications statements

Step 2 - responses to additional information & Interviews

Step 1, Request for Qualifications (RFQ), will result in qualification of a maximum of five (5) Offerors who will be invited to participate in **Step 2**.

Step 2 will consist of Request for Additional Information as determined by Owner and interviews. Although the *Request for Qualifications* generally describes the criteria in Step 2, only short-listed Offerors shall submit a response to **Step 2** criteria.

SOLICITATION MILESTONES

The schedule provided in the solicitation is for general planning purposes only. This schedule is subject to change.

SOLICITATION MILESTONES

TPWD issued <i>Request for Qualifications</i> (Step 1)	March 8, 2024
Pre-submittal Meeting	10:30 AM March 19, 2024
Site Visit (per Addendum No. 01)	1:00 PM March 25, 2024
Last Day to submit questions	5:00 PM March 28, 2024
TPWD to issue response to inquiries	April 9, 2024
Qualifications Due from Offerors	2:00 PM April 23, 2024
TPWD evaluates and selects short-listed firms	Week of April 29, 2024

SOLICITATION MILESTONES

TPWD issues Step 2 – <i>Request for Additional Information</i> to Short-Listed Firms (Step 2)	Week of May 20, 2024
Step 2 Reponses due	June 20, 2024
TPWD evaluates Step 2 responses	Week of July 1, 2024
TPWD issues invitation to Short-Listed Firms to attend Oral Interviews	July 9, 2024
TPWD interviews Short-Listed Firms	Week of July 16, 2024
Notification to Selected Design-Build Firm	Week of July 22, 2024
TPWD Awards Design-Build Contract	October 25, 2024

SUBMISSION OF RESPONSES

Step 1

Offerors are not required to submit a HSP in Step 1 of this RFQ.

EVALUATION OF RESPONSES

Step 1

Item 1 Execution of Response	Pass/Fail
Item 2 Offeror's Financial Capability	Pass/Fail
○ Letter from Surety – Ability to acquire required Bonding	
○ Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Business Information Report	
Item 3 Acceptable Documentation	Pass/Fail
Item 4 Statements of Interest & Availability	10 points max
Item 5 Project Experience	50 points max
Item 6 Team Experience and Structure	40 points max

Item 1 - Execution of Response Form

Albert & Bessie Kronkosky SNA
Trail Design and Construction

Project No. TR1111416

SECTION FIVE - EXECUTION OF RESPONSE - DESIGN BUILD

SUBMIT ENTIRE EXECUTION OF RESPONSE FORM WITH RESPONSE.

THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED, AND RETURNED WITH THE OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATIONS. FAILURE TO COMPLETE, SIGN AND RETURN THIS EXECUTION OF OFFER WITH THE QUALIFICATIONS MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE QUALIFICATIONS.

By signature hereon, Offeror acknowledges and agrees that (1) this RFQ is a solicitation for Qualifications and is not a contract or an offer to contract; (2) the submission of Qualifications by Offeror in response to this RFQ will not create a contract between the Owner and Offeror; (3) the Owner has made no representation or warranty, written or oral, that one or more contracts with the Owner will be awarded under this RFQ; and (4) Offeror shall bear, as its sole risk and responsibility, any cost which arises from Offeror's preparation of a response to this RFQ.

By signature hereon, Offeror offers and agrees to furnish to the Owner the products and/or services more particularly described in its Qualifications, and to comply with all terms, conditions and requirements set forth in the RFQ documents and contained herein.

Offeror represents and warrants that, in accordance with Section 2155.005 of the Texas Government Code, neither the offeror, nor the firm, corporation, partnership, or institution represented by the offeror, or anyone acting for such firm, corporation, or institution has (1) violated any provision of the Texas Free Enterprise and Antitrust Act of 1983, Chapter 15 of the *Texas Business and Commerce Code*, or the Federal antitrust laws, or (2) communicated directly or indirectly the contents of this proposal to any competitor or any other person engaged in the same line of business as the offeror.

Item 1 - Execution of Response Form

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certifies that its price represents full compensation for compliance with the requirements of *Texas Government Code*, Title 10, Subchapter F, §§ 2252.201-2252.205.

Offeror represents and warrants that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy companies or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Offeror shall promptly notify Owner.

Offeror verifies that: (1) it does not, and will not for the duration of the contract, have a practice, policy, guidance, or directive that discriminates against a firearm entity or firearm trade association or (2) the verification required by Section 2274.002 of the Texas Government Code does not apply to the contract. If circumstances relevant to this provision change during the course of the contract, Offeror shall promptly notify Owner.

Pursuant to Section 2274.0102 of the Texas Government Code, Offeror certifies that neither it nor its parent company, nor any affiliate of the Offeror or its parent company, is: (1) majority owned or controlled by citizens or governmental entities of China, Iran, North Korea, Russia, or any other country designated by the Governor under Government Code Section 2274.0103, or (2) headquartered in any of those countries.

By signing this proposal, Offeror acknowledges and understands that the acceptance of funds by the Offeror or any other entity or person directly under this Contract, or indirectly through a subcontract under this Contract, shall constitute acceptance of the authority of the State Auditor's Office, Comptroller or other agency of the State of Texas, TPWD or any successor agency, to conduct an audit or investigation in connection with those funds. The Offeror further agrees to cooperate fully with the above parties in the conduct of the audit or investigation, including providing access to any information the state auditor considers relevant to the investigation or audit. The Offeror shall ensure that this paragraph concerning the State's authority to audit funds received indirectly by subcontractors through the Offeror and the requirement to cooperate is included in any subcontract it awards.

Offeror represents and warrants that the provision of goods and services or other performance under the contract will not constitute an actual or potential conflict of interest or reasonably create an appearance of impropriety.

Under Section 669.003 of the *Texas Government Code*, Offeror certifies that it does not employ, or has disclosed its employment or, any former executive head of the agency. Offeror must provide the following information in the proposal.

Name of former executive: _____
Name of State agency: _____
Date of separation from State agency: _____
Position with Offeror: _____
Date of employment with Offeror: _____

Under Section 231.006 of the Family Code, the offeror certifies that the individual or business entity named in this contract, bid or application is not ineligible to receive the specified grant, loan or payment and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated and payment may be withheld if this certification is inaccurate in addition to other remedies set out in 231.006(f).

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Offeror represents and warrants that none of its employees including, but not limited to, those authorized to provide services under the contract, were former employees of the Owner during the twelve (12) month period immediately prior to the date of execution of the contract.

Pursuant to *Texas Government Code*, Title 10, Subchapter A, §2155.004 (a), Offeror certifies that neither offeror nor any person or entity represented by offeror has received compensation from TPWD to participate in the preparation of the specifications or solicitation on which this proposal or contract is based. Under §2155.004 (b) of the Texas Government Code, Offeror certifies that the individual or business entity named in this proposal or contract is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that the contract may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

Pursuant to *Texas Government Code*, Title 10, Subchapter A, §2155.004 (b), §2155.006 (c), and Subchapter B, §2261.053 (c), Offeror certifies that the individual or business entity named in this proposal is not ineligible to receive the specified contract and acknowledges that this contract may be terminated, and payment withheld if this certification is inaccurate.

"Under Section 2254.004, *Texas Government Code*, the vendor or applicant certifies that each individual or business entity which is an engineer or architect proposed by Offeror as a member of its team was selected based on demonstrated competence and qualifications only."

Pursuant to Section 2254.0031 of the Texas Government Code, which incorporates by reference Section 271.904(d) of the Texas Local Government Code, Offeror shall perform services (1) with professional skill and care ordinarily provided by competent engineers or architects practicing under the same or similar circumstances and professional license, and (2) as expeditiously as is prudent considering the ordinary professional skill and care of a competent engineer or architect.

OFFEROR represents and warrants that all articles and services shall meet or exceed the safety standards established and promulgated under the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended (29 U.S.C. Chapter 15).

OFFEROR represents and warrants its compliance with all applicable duly enacted state and federal laws governing equal employment opportunities.

By signature hereon, Offeror certifies that no member of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, or the Executive Officers of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has a financial interest, directly or indirectly, in the transaction that is the subject of the contract.

OFFEROR represents and warrants that if selected for award of a contract as a result of the Solicitation, OFFEROR will submit to TPWD a Certificate of Interested Parties prior to contract execution in accordance with Section 2252.908 of the Texas Government Code.

Additional information can be found at:
https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm

By signature hereon, Offeror certifies that the individual signing this document and the documents made part of the RFQ is authorized to sign such documents on behalf of the company and to bind the company under any agreements or other contractual arrangements, which may result from the submission of Offeror's Response.

The rest of this page intentionally left blank. Signatures required on next page

Item 1 - Execution of Response Form

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Offeror shall include all signed and dated addendum(s) with their response. Oral changes in the work made during the solicitation period are not binding. **OFFEROR'S FAILURE TO SUBMIT EACH SIGNED AND DATED ADDENDUM(S) WITH THEIR RESPONSE MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF RESPONSE.**

TPWD ADDENDA ARE POSTED AT: <https://www.txsmartbuy.com/esbd>

The Offeror must complete, sign and return this Execution of Response as part of their response. The Offeror's company official(s) who are authorized to commit to such a response must sign response. Failure to sign and return this form will subject the response to disqualification.

Offeror's Name: _____

Offeror's State of Texas Tax Account No: _____
(This 11-digit number is mandatory)

If a Corporation: _____

Offeror's State of Incorporation: _____

Offeror's Charter No: _____

Submitted and Certified By:

_____ (Offeror's Name)	_____ (Title)
_____ (Street Address)	_____ (Telephone Number)
_____ (City, State, Zip Code)	_____ (Email Address)
_____ (Authorized Signature)	_____ (Date)

END OF SECTION FIVE

SUBMIT ENTIRE EXECUTION OF RESPONSE FORM WITH RESPONSE.

Exhibit A – Build American, Buy America Certification Form



EXHIBIT A

Build America, Buy America Certification Form

Project Number: TR1111416

Project Name: Trail Design and Construction

Project Location: Albert & Bessie Kronkosky SNA

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department requires Contractors to use iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials that are produced in the United States in a manner that complies with the Build America, Buy America (BABA) requirement for federally funded projects that involve construction, alteration, maintenance, or repairs (Per the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed November 15, 2021). For more information about BABA requirements and authorization, visit the White House website: [Build America, Buy America Act – Federal Financial Assistance - OMB - The White House](#)

As a bidder for the project listed above, I certify that I have read, understand, and will comply with the "Build America, Buy America" provisions as required by federal law. Furthermore, I understand that BABA provisions apply to any and all portions of this project, including subcontracted portions, and I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that I will identify domestic sources of BABA-covered products, provide verification documentation for BABA compliance, and when needed provide waiver documentation per current federal guidelines.

I understand that a false statement on this certification may be grounds for rejection or termination of any award and/or contract.

Signature

Date

Printed Name and Title

Name of Company

Company Address

Email Address

Phone Number

END OF STEP 1



The following pages describes the criteria that will be used in Step 2 of this solicitation.
OFFERORS SHOULD NOT INCLUDE RESPONSES TO STEP 2.

SHORT-LISTED FIRMS WILL BE INVITED TO SUBMIT RESPONSES TO STEP 2 CRITERIA

EVALUATION OF RESPONSES

Step 2

Item 1: Execution of Response	Pass/Fail
Item 2: Technical Approach Narrative	30 points max
Item 3: Ability to Meet Project Schedule	30 points max
Item 4: Ability to Meet Project Budget	30 points max
Item 5: Change Control	10 points max
Phase 1 HUB Subcontracting Plan Documents	Pass/Fail
Oral Interview	10 points max

FORMAT OF RESPONSE

Refer to Section Four of the RFQ

Each Response should be prepared simply and economically, providing a straightforward, concise description of the Offeror's ability to meet the requirements of this solicitation.

Elaborate bindings, colored displays, promotional materials and so forth are not desired. Emphasis should be on completeness, clarity of content, responsiveness to the requirements, and an understanding of the Owner's needs.

Vague and equivocal statements will be viewed unfavorably

FORMAT OF RESPONSE

Refer to Section Four of the RFQ

Offeror shall also comply with proposal requirements of the Solicitation.

Qualifications shall consist of answers to questions identified in [Section 3](#) of RFQ. Separate each section of the Qualifications by use of a divider sheet with an integral tab for ready reference. Identify the tabs in accordance with the parts under [Section 3](#), which is to be consistent with the Table of Contents. TAB IDENTIFICATION BY NUMBERS ONLY IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

EXHIBITS TO THE RFQ

- Exhibit A Build America, Buy America Certification Form
- Exhibit B Insurance Requirements for Design Professional
- Exhibit C Design Criteria Manual
- Exhibit D Uniform General Conditions, including Supplementary General Conditions

- Exhibit E Division One – General Requirements, Section 01 00 10, Special Conditions – Design-Build

- Exhibit F HUB Forms



SITE PURPOSE:

Designated as a **State Natural Area** by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the **primary purpose** of Albert & Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area (ABK SNA) is to practice, encourage, and enable science-based stewardship of the site's **natural and cultural resources** while promoting access to the outdoors in the **least impactful way** on those resources.



3,757 acres of varied topography



**Unique vegetative community – Texas Hill Country
(canyons, seeps and streams
oaks, madrones and maples)**



Public Use Plan Coordination

- In-depth Landscape Analysis
- Conceptual Development
- Internal and Public Review



TPWD Team Expertise

- State Parks Trails Team
- Planning/GIS, Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Design, Preservation Services
- Biologist, Archeologist, Wildlife and Fisheries Specialists
- Interpretive Services & Maintenance Specialists
- Park Operations, Safety & TPWD Leadership
- Accessibility & Sustainability & IT





DESIGN RETREAT

February 2022

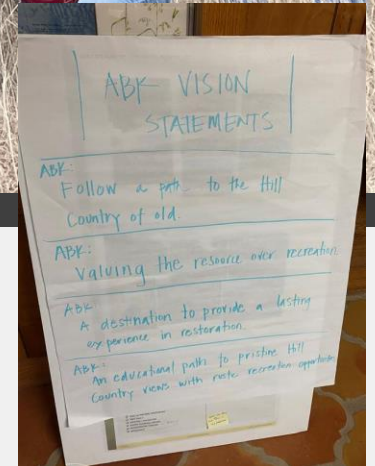
Project Vision Statements:

ABK SNA: Follow a path to the Hill Country of old

ABK SNA: Valuing the resource over recreation

ABK SNA: A destination to provide a lasting experience in restoration

ABK SNA: An educational path to pristine Hill Country views with rustic recreation opportunities





PROJECT APPROACH

In keeping with the definition of a **State Natural Area**, the trail development footprint is a small percentage of the total acreage on the site. Within that development footprint, the design intent for all trail construction is to ***minimize impact to the resource.***

This can generally be described as being “**light on the land,**” or having a “**minimal footprint,**” relative to city or county park trail systems.

The Professional Trail Builders Association (PTBA) is considered the primary trade association for the trail industry for contractors, designers, and consultants. PTBA represents the leading edge in sustainable trail development and maintenance.

The Contractor (or subcontracted firm) must be **certified by the PTBA** and demonstrate **at least five years’ experience in trail design and mechanized trail construction.**

In addition, the design and construction must follow **all guidelines established by TPWD resource coordinators** to best protect the natural and cultural resources of the SNA, including archeological sites and/or rare species habitat.

Now, we need
YOU to join us
and make this
plan a reality

2.02 SCOPE OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

The phases for professional services include Construction Documents, Construction Administration and Warranty performance. Professional services required could include, but are not limited to the following:

- Additional Geotechnical investigation as determined by the Design-Builder team (preliminary geotechnical investigations have been performed in multiple locations on site and those reports are included in the Design Criteria Manual appendices)
- Additional ground topographical surveying as determined by the Design-Builder team
 - An AutoCAD file of ground survey information acquired to date will be provided **at Step 2.**
 - The entirety of the ABK SNA boundary was flown on 9/2/22 and LiDAR processing AutoCAD files of 1' contours, as well as ortho photogrammetry will be made available to the awarded Contractor.
- Civil Engineering
- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Structural Engineering
- Registered Accessibility Specialist plan review and inspections, including Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) registration and fees
- Cost Estimating
- Any Third-party Construction Materials Testing will be procured by TPWD based on the scope developed by the Design Professional of Record

2.03 DESIGN CRITERIA MANUAL

Refer to [RFQ – Step 1 - Exhibit C, including Appendices](#)

TEXT DOCUMENT WITH APPENDICES

DESIGN CRITERIA MANUAL - 95% Draft RFQ – STEP 1 – EXHIBIT “C”

Albert & Bessie Kronkosky State Natural Area
Trail Design and Construction

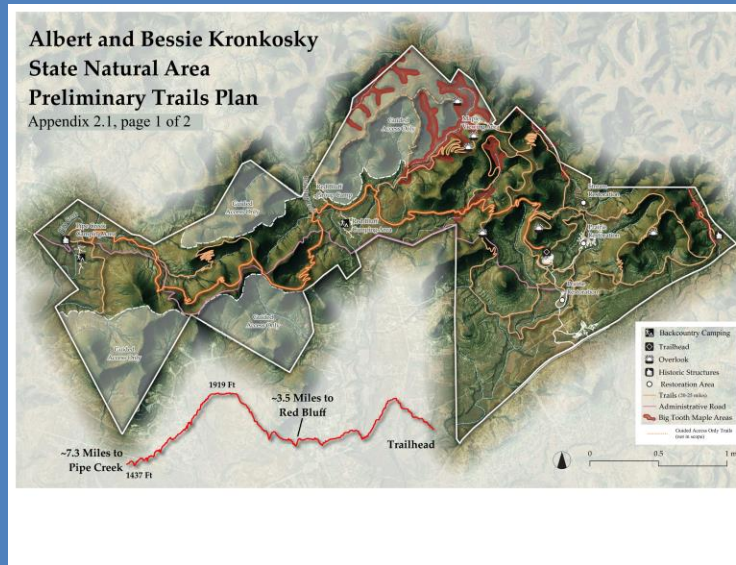
Project No. 1111416

February 20, 2024



Note: Final Design Criteria Manual will be distributed to short-listed firms at Step 2

APPENDIX 2.1



QUESTIONS?

REMINDER: Questions submitted in writing by the deadline stated in the RFQ (5:00 PM CT, on March 28, 2024) will be answered by Addendum.

Mindi Johnson, CTCM, CTCD

Infrastructure Division

Contract Manager

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

4200 Smith School Road, Austin, Texas

78744

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CONCLUSION
PRE-SUBMITTAL
MEETING

****REMINDER****

NON-MANDATORY SITE VISIT – March 25, 2024, at 1:00 PM
at 7690 Highway 46 West, Pipe Creek, Texas 78063

Make sure to register at link provided on Addendum No. 01

Thank you!

