Niagara County GIS Consultant RFP (2006-61)
Questions/Clarifications:

Question	1. Task 2 – General Technical Assistance – Is this task for 20hrs per week for the duration of the contract? Is this separate from the other tasks listed in the RFP
Answer	(a) Yes. (b) No,it is integrated.
Question	2. Task 2 – Will two consultants be selected? One exclusively for the GIS Administrator/Coordinator and one for tasks 1 and 3-11?
Answer	(a) No. (b) No.
Question	3. Task 8 – Who is the health department's consultant for the LOOW project? Can a contact person be provided so that information can be collected on the requested LOOW application?
Answer	(a) Scott King (b)Scott King, KING Groundwater Science Inc.,P.O.Box 94, Buffalo,NY 14207; tel: 716-913-8950; fax: 716-833-0611; scott@kinggroundwater.com
Question	4. Task 9 – The applications requested. Are there any specifications for each of these applications?
Answer	No, there are no specifications.
Question	5. Will 2005 GIS Needs Assessment update be made available to proponents?
Answer	Yes. This can be found as a pdf on this website.http://www.niagaracounty.com , click on Departments, then Real Property Ta
Question	6. Will the Niagara County IMS site be an internal (within Niagara County Departments) site or internet site (for public access) in year 1?
Answer	Public access site and is currently accessible on this website.http://erie-gis.co.erie.ny.us/website/niagarany/viewer.htm
Question	7. Are Sewer and Water District datasets noted in Task 7 - County wide district coverages or individual Town/City/Village districts?
Answer	Countywide.
Question	8. Task 7- Are municipal zoning boundaries available from the County in digital/GIS format?
Answer	No. This varies from municipality to municipality.
Question	9. Task 8 – Are LOOW datasets currently in a GIS format? Please describe datasets (size, type…) that need to be incorporated from the Health Department's LOOW consultant into IMS site?
Answer	This is 'in process' as point data for environmental(sample) monitoring.
Question	10. Section VIII A.7 – will supplements/amendments to the RFP be issued electronically rather than in letter format ?
Answer	The County will **mail** any supplements or amendments to the RFP.
Question	11. Can electronic copy of proposal be submitted in PDF format instead of MS Word document?
Answer	No.
Question	12. Is there a deadline for question submittal prior to the proposal due date?
Answer	No.
Question	13. How many individuals do you anticipate receiving the ArcGIS and Geodatabse Training'.
Answer	See page 2 of 8 "2005 Needs Assessment Addendum". Provide a price/student estimating between 15-20 individuals.
Question	14. Are you loading the data into Erie County's ArcSDE database? Or are you envisioning a Personal Geodatabase?
Answer	(a) Yes, into Erie County's SDE Oracle. (b) No.
Question	15. Task 2 – General Technical Assistance – Is the County looking for two separate efforts? One for general technical assistance and one for an optional GIS Coordinator/Administrator? There is no level of effort for the general technical assistance. Can the County provide some more information on this?
Answer	(a) See answer to Question #1. (b) The highest level of support is expected for general technical assistance.
Question	16. Task 2 – General Technical Assistance – Does the County require consultant services to implement the microwave communications infrastructure or is it assumed that Niagara County Data Processing will have this in place?
Answer	Niagara County CDP will have this in place.
Question	17. Task 3 – Inter-Municipal Agreement – Does the County or Counties require the inter-municipal agreement to be developed for County operations and municipal operations? That is, will municipalities be a part of this agreement?
Answer	(a) The Consultant is expected to assist in this process. (b) No, municipalities are not a part of this phase.
Question	18. Task 6 – Geodatabase Planning and Design – Will this effort require all County and municipal data sets? Does this include Erie County operations as well?
Answer	(a) No, County only for this phase of implementation. (b) No, Erie County has a geodatabase.
Question	19. Task 7 – Data Conversion & Geodatabase Construction – Will this effort require all County and municipal data sets? Does this include Erie County data development as well?
Answer	(a) County only. (b) No to including Erie Co data at this time.
Question	20. Task 8 – Enhance Niagara County ArcIMS Site – Will this involve ArcGIS Server or ArcIMS? Does the County have a plan to migrate to ArcGIS Server?
Answer	It is expected to be ArcGIS Server, however it is possible that it will continue to be developed as an ArcIMS application until ArcServer is implemented in Erie County.
Question	21. Task 8 – Enhance Niagara County ArcIMS Site – The LOOW application that requires development? Can the County provide specifications for this? We don't know what to cost out as we have no information on the application specifications? Can the County provide the consultant contact that we can get more information on the LOOW application?
Answer	see answer to Question # 3.
Question	22. Task 9 – Custom Application Development – Can the County provide more information on application specifications so that we can accurately cost this effort out?
Answer	see "2005 Needs Assessment Addendum" for applications upon which to recommend an application(s) and cost it out.
Question	23. Task 10 – Server/Snap Server Setup – How many servers and snap servers require to be setup?
Answer	see "2005 Needs Assessment Addendum": one(1) server and three (3) snap servers
Question	24. Task 9: The RFP calls for the pricing for one application for Sheriff's, Public Health, and Econ. Development. In reviewing the addendum, it appears as if multiple recommendations were made for these departments. (For example, page 33 of 108, in the executive summary gives three potential applications for the Sheriff in the 1first year). The RFP gives the impression that you are looking for one application each for those three departments. Do you want prices for all of the applications listed ? Are you only interested in applications identified as year one implementation?
Answer	(a) Yes. (b) Not necessarily.
Question	25. Task 11. The question answers refer to "page 2 of 8" of the addendum to the Needs Assessment. It also suggests 15-20 students for ArcGIS and Geodatabase training. The Addendum is 108 page, so I have not located that page. The table indicating training recommendations on page 9 identifies 10 ArcGIS trainees. Year Two traiing on page 18 mentions ArcView training, but not the Geodatabase training mentioned in the RFP..
Answer	(a) see page 26 of 2005 Needs Assessment Addendum pdf. (b) Please provide the cost for the 15-20 students for ArcGis & Geodatabase training. The geodatabase training is a result of our joint effort with Erie County.
Question	26. Task 7: Do all of these datasets exist digitally and just need to be gathered for inclusion into ArcSDE. Or would digitization of data that is currently only in paper format be part of your expectation?
Answer	(a) Yes. (b) All metadata currently in our ArcIMS is digital (seehttp://erie-gis.co.erie.ny.us/website/niagarany/viewer.htm). See page 9 & 10 of RFP 2006-61. Datasets listed as DEMOGRAPHICS, GEOSPATIAL and ENVIRONMENTAL/LAND USE excepting Zoning exist digitally. Street Centerlines and County Boundaries also exist digitally. All other datasets are part of our expectations.
Question	27. For tasks 9 and 11, are you looking for a total cost to be submitted for these tasks or are you looking for an hourly rate only at this point? Can you clarify this for us? Task 9 - Total cost - With a breakdown provided as to time/rate and material cost associated with the application development. Task 11 - The cost per trainee - If there are group rates based upon a set number of students please provide those rates as well.
Answer	Please note that the training may or may not be included in the final contract for services as Task 11 is a county optio