Regional Planning RFQ: Initial Review 10/17/19

# RFQ Initial Review: Team members

- Liaison Team/planners:
  - Marc Schneider, Sherburne Co
  - Angela Schumann, Monticello
  - Jacob Sanders, Becker
  - Michael Healy, Big Lake
- Administration: Dan Weber, Sherburne Co
- Process consultant: Anne Carroll

## RFQ Initial Review: Criteria

- Experience: Extensive experience with similar multijurisdictional regional plans
- **Team:** Qualified and experienced team; expertise specific to project process and content requirements
- Approach: Clear, concise, and relevant approach to this unique project; commitment to this work; coherent ideas, communicated well
- **Engagement:** Deep experience with robust, creative, inclusive engagement; candid, experienced with diverse perspectives, able to bring people together
- Resource Mgmt: Time, money, value

# RFQ Initial Review: Process

- Reviewed and assessed Statements of Qualification against criteria
- Prepared brief descriptions of results
- Reached conclusions on firms to interview
- Developed interview materials
- Notified all firms of conclusions and arranged all interviews

# RFQ Initial Review: Conclusions

#### Firms not to interview

#### **Issues:**

- Less tailored content, approach
- Insufficient project experience with complex, regional, multijurisdictional planning projects
- Team expertise not as clearly aligned with project needs and priorities

#### Firms:

- czb: Alexandria, VA
- KLJ: West Fargo, ND
- Loucks: Maple Grove, MN
- Institute on the Environment: Univ of MN

Note: UM submission was supplemental only: They develop and apply tools and models to help decision makers assess the trade-offs of economic development and land use change.

# RFQ Initial Review: Conclusions

#### Firms invited to interview

#### **Characteristics:**

- Approach aligns with Partnership priorities
- Multijurisdictional experience
- Full complement of expertise needed for this project
- Tight, experienced teams
- Balance between their experience and commitment to customizing the scope to project needs
- Solid approaches to engagement, communications

#### Firms:

- Clarion Associates: Denver, CO
- HKGi: Minneapolis, MN
- Planning NEXT: Columbus, OH
- Stantec: Minneapolis, MN

Regional Planning RFQ: Interviews, Recommendation 10/22-23/19

# RFQ Interviews: Team

- Liaison Team/planners:
  - Marc Schneider, Sherburne Co
  - Angela Schumann, Monticello
  - Jacob Sanders, Becker
  - Michael Healy, Big Lake
- Partners, administration:
  - Darek Vetsch (partner), Wright Co
  - Dan Weber, Sherburne Co
  - Lloyd Hilgart (alternate partner), Monticello
  - Tim Dolan (partner), Sherburne Co
- Process consultant: Anne Carroll

# RFQ Interviews: Firms, Format

#### October 22-23, 2019

- Clarion Associates, Denver, CO
- HKGi, Minneapolis, MN
- Planning NEXT, Columbus, OH
- Stantec, Minneapolis, MN

#### **Format**

- Welcome, introductions (5 min)
- Presentation (20 min)
- Q&A (30 min)
- Close (5 min)

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# RFQ interviews: Criteria

# RFQ Interviews: Conclusions

The Interview Team is recommending Planning NEXT to the Partnership.

+++ summary of pros/cons

++ Recommendation of ++ to develop scope and prepare contract for Partnership approval at virtual/special meeting on November +++

# JPA Revisions

# JPA: Language Updates

- Changed name
- New members require 75% majority (2.2)
- Clarified 51% required for all other matters,
  with one vote from each side of the river still required (2.6)
- Clarified new specific powers reflecting planning and recommending purpose (3.2)
- Added standard language outlining withdrawal and termination (5.1-5.3)

# JPA: Clarified Annual Requirements

- Board Officers elected annually (2.4)
- Board meeting times set annually by resolution at first meeting of the year or via bylaws (2.5)
- JPA reviewed annually during workplanning,
  focused on mission, member commitment (3.3)
- Sets annual budget deadline of July 31 to align with member's budget calendars (4.1)
- Clarified language regarding budgeting and accounting services (4.3)

# JPA: Other Language Updates

 Additional language throughout the document updated based on standard MCIT and LMC recommendations

• Questions?

# Item: Final SRF Study

#### Final SRF Study

- 2017-18 study was never finalized
- Partnership appointed team of Dolan, Witter, Wilfahrt, Stumpf, O'Neill, Vetsch, and Danielowski
- Team worked with SRF to finalize the Study
- Final Study for Partnership's consideration is the result of that effort

#### • Action:

