



# City of Cambridge

## PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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**TO: All Bidders**  
**FROM: City of Cambridge**  
**DATE: August 19, 2015**  
**RE: File No. 6968, Request for Proposals for a consultant to provide an Energy Assessment and Study for the Kendall Square EcoDistrict. Addendum No. 1**

The following questions were submitted and answered:

1. What is the proposed budget?

Up to \$105,120.00

2. Are you inclined to hire a non US based company?

All proposals that meet the Quality Requirements and that include the required forms will be reviewed by the Evaluation Committee. The City will select the responsive and responsible proposer submitting the most advantageous proposal, taking into consideration all Quality Requirements and comparative criteria set forth in the RFP as well as price.

3. What load and infrastructure information do they have related to Kendall Square area? Is there fifteen minute or hourly electrical load data and steam data available? Are there detailed maps related to both the electrical distribution system and the steam distribution systems? Is there information available related to steam sources, size and location?

The consultant is expected to develop the data sources needed for the study, with the support and assistance from the stakeholder group. The stakeholder group represents the majority of property and development in the Kendall Square area, and relevant data and completed studies may be shared.

4. Will historic thermal and electrical interval load data be available for the study? Is there hourly electrical load data collected from individual stakeholder electric meters?

The Kendall Square EcoDistrict stakeholder represents the majority of property and development in the Kendall Square area, and relevant data and completed studies may be shared.

5. Will Cambridge consider a two week extension?

No, the City will not consider any proposals submitted after 11am on Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>.

6. Has the Kendall Square stakeholder group or any members studies any specific low to zero carbon energy options? If so, will these studies and/or reports be made available to the consultant?

### Addendum No. 1

Private studies have been completed by individual members, and with their approval, may be shared with the consultant. The consultant will be provided with the findings and recommendations from the City of Cambridge Net Zero Task Force, the City of Cambridge Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment, the K2C2 Plan, and other relevant documents.

7. Can you please provide the approximate number, customer type and energy usage of the businesses and other entities that will be included in the study?

You may use any publicly available information. Included is the current Kendall Square EcoDistrict boundary for this study.

8. Have any members of the stakeholder group prepared a forecast of future energy demand, based on expected load growth during the study period? If so, will the forecasts be made available?

The consultant should look at the growth projections from the City of Cambridge K2C2 Plan and other relevant documents.

9. Does the stakeholder group have any information on future development in the area that may impact study results, such as planned large scale commercial or industrial growth?

The Kendall Square area has grown substantially and is expected to continue to experience a large amount of development. The City of Cambridge released the K2C2 Plan in 2013 which outlines proposed rezoning and development guidelines for the area, particularly where growth is expected. Some stakeholders have publicly announced proposed future development.

10 With regard to the study's reference to increased resiliency, are there any specific existing issues that the stakeholder group is seeking to be addressed or resolved? If not does the stakeholder group have any specific requirements, goals or targets for increased resiliency?

A recent vulnerability assessment for the entire City of Cambridge indicates that inland flooding, and increased number of days above 90 degrees will be the most significant climate impacts in Cambridge. The vulnerability assessment will be available to the consultants.

11. Does the stakeholder group seek to include stakeholder specific energy efficiency measures in the list of resource options? Alternatively, does the stakeholder group seek consideration of incremental stakeholder specific energy efficiency options in the forecast of demand options?

The stakeholder group will consider any and all resource options that lower carbon emissions in Kendall Square, but are specifically looking for opportunities to achieve greater reductions with district scale solutions.

**Questions are now closed; All other details remain the same.**

  
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