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ADDENDUM 1

To: All Interested Proposers

From: Linda Mena, Inventory Bid Technician

Date: March 15, 2011

Subject: RFP# 11-013, Restoration of Lady Justice

The Purchasing Department received questions relating to the above referenced proposal; the following is the response to the questions:

1. Shall reproduction of the original scales be offered?
Yes, a complete restoration of Lady Justice. We have photographs to show the scales. We also, rely on information regarding the scales from other statues and from historic documents that contain photographs about these types of statues.
2. Shall reproduction of the original sword be offered?
Yes, a complete restoration of Lady Justice. We have photographs to show the sword. We also, rely on information regarding the sword from other statues and from historic documents that contain photographs about these types of statues.

3. Shall Lady Justice be painted again or left to naturally weathered zinc (both are common for outdoor zinc sculptures and monuments)?

We anticipate mounting Lady Justice indoors and believe that may permits painting her. We will accept recommendations from our conservator.

4. Shall Lady Justice be returned and re-installed in Ascarate Park?

We will display Lady Justice inside the Courthouse upon restoration.

5. Shall Lady Justice be re-installed in her former steel pipe or is a new means of installation expected to be offered?

We expect to receive guidance from the conservator on how she can be installed.

6. Is Lady Justice at risk of theft and therefore a more secure means of re-installation is expected to be offered?

We believe displaying her inside the Courthouse offers the best security for this invaluable artifact.

7. Is a backhoe, forklift, other equipment with an operator or else manpower available without charge to load Lady Justice at her place of storage?

We expect the conservator to guide handling of the statue to prevent further damage.

8. If the offer is expected to re-install Lady Justice, can the County or others provide without charge a backhoe, forklift or other equipment with an operator to perform transport on the grounds and lifting/setting tasks?

Re-installing Lady Justice requires a public campaign to develop the resources for this effort. Our local Community Foundation is responsible for the resources necessary for installation.

9. Is reinstallation planned on the same concrete-pipe base?
We want the conservator to make recommendations on the pipe base.
10. In the same location?
No, we will display Lady Justice inside the Courthouse upon restoration.
11. Is the location having a sprinkler around?
There is a sprinkler system is part of a fire suppression system.
12. Is it possible to design a new base to keep the restored sculpture more elevated to avoid water damage of on its bottom in future?
Yes.
13. Is the reconstruction of missing insignias (scales and sword) allowed?
Yes.
14. Is the reprint of the 1887 Bakewell & Mullins Victorian Architecture Sheet-Metal Ornaments catalog available or has to be found?
The conservator is responsible for the research necessary for installation.