

**1. Are the M/WBE Percentages Fixed?**

*Yes – We need to achieve 15% -MBE and 15% - WBE, to satisfy the requirements of the grant contract. All M/WBE firms are encouraged to participate.*

**2. Does the Gateway Signage component of the project, include wayfinding signage as well as described in the DRI project?**

*Yes, if the budget allows. The Village's top priority is the 4 gateways signs, and then additional signage if the budget allows*

**3. Are the renderings/style of the gateway signs locked in or is the design flexible?**

*The Village is open to additional design ideas. The structure of the signs in the "Northern Gateway (Rt14)" and the intersection of Rt 14/Rt 414 (Heading toward WGI), must remain in place and cannot be changed structurally.*

**4. What is the timing of the project?**

*The Village would like to have the Gateway Signage, and Lafayette Park Improvements underway, or completed by the Spring of 2022. The 4th Street Project will need to be coordinated with DOT and preferably the "off-season" to limit traffic impacts.*

**5. What is the role of Thoma Consulting on the project?**

*They have a contract with the Village of Watkins Glen to administer the Department of State grant*

**6. Who will be responsible for completing the SEQR? Is there an expectation that a Full Environmental Impact Statement will be required?**

*It is anticipated that the consultant will assist the village in the completing Parts 1-3 of the SEQR, Thoma can assist with notices. The Village does not anticipate that a Full EIS will be required.*

**7. Who will be responsible for obtaining permits? What permits are anticipated?**

*Obtaining the proper permits will be the responsibility of A/E firm, the village and Thoma Consulting will be available to assist. The following agencies will need to be consulted for permitting as part of the three projects; Canal Corp, DEC, DOT, SHPO*

**8. Has there been coordination with the DOT and 4<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Bridge? Are they supportive of the project?**

*Yes - The Village has had an initial kickoff meeting with the regional DOT staff. The DOT is in support of this project. The bridge is not scheduled to be replaced in the near future, and the bridge structure should not be altered during this project. The bridge will need to be evaluated to determine if there it has the strength to support the weight of wider sidewalks and potentially lighting.*

**9. What is the relationship with Cargill, and how will improvements in this area work?**

*Cargill is willing to be a partner with the Village on the project. Previous discussions have included ideas around upgraded fencing and landscape improvements to act as buffer*

**10. Are all of the components of the project as described in the DRI project listings and award document required, or is there flexibility based on budget?**

*There is some flexibility and is at the Village's discretion.*

**11. Is there potential for the Village DPW to help on any of the projects?**

*Potentially, there Village DPW has very little capacity, but they could be available to remove a sidewalk or help with minor tasks.*

**12. Any other DOT projects on 4<sup>th</sup> Street, that will need to be coordinated with?**

*No not at this time.*

**13. Is there a requirement to conduct Public input meetings?**

*As part of the DRI process, public input was conducted, and not required within the Department of State grant contract. An additional public information session or input session would be encouraged, and the Village is able to assist as needed.*

**14. Should the Construction Administration be included in the cost proposals of the design work?**

*No. The Village will evaluate the need/options for Construction Administration prior to construction. The Village reserves the right to release an additional RFP for these services or offer a contract amendment to the selected contractor at that time.*

**15. Would the construction inspection services be part-time or full-time and could we estimate the number of hours, days per week, and number of weeks the Village anticipates for this service?**

*The construction inspection would be part-time, the number of hours would really depend on the construction schedule.*

**16. Are there municipal water/sewer hookups available at Lafayette Park for the bathroom construction?**

*Not in the park directly, but on the street and could be tapped into.*

**17. Confirming that extents of East 4th Street improvements will reflect the limits shown in the DRI Application** *Yes, we do not anticipate a change to the boundaries of the project.*

**18. Our project team is aware that working on a DOT bridge may mean additional permitting and longer time schedules to be aware of.** *We would be open to*

*alternative improvements for pedestrian crossings if the Village would find that acceptable, and work through them with our project team. The Village is open to all ideas for pedestrian improvements. The Village also recognizes that the DOT work will require additional permitting and will require construction on a DOT timeline vs. our own.*

- 19. Clarification of whether a Design/Build approach is possible given the DRI funding of these projects? Some of our consultants come from a Design/Build background. We understand that these projects would go through the public bidding process and that the design build firms we would be working with for the design may not necessarily receive the award, but feel that their insights will assist in the cost estimating process. Would they be able to bid on the work if they are involved in the design process? The project team is at the discretion of the individual Engineering firm. The Department of State requires that we utilize a competitive bidding process and does not allow for design/build projects.**
- 20. For the 4th Street and Wayfinding and Gateways construction inspections within DOT right of way, will the Village require NICET certified inspectors, or is the Village DPW staff already certified for this work and would that certification cover this requirement? – The Village does not have any NICET certified inspectors on their staff.**