

## OHIOPLYE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES FAQ [1]

The following are some questions that have routinely been raised regarding the **Ohioplye Joint Master Plan and Implementation Strategies**:

- Is this a traditional master plan?

*No. There have been, or currently are being developed, a variety of studies, visions and specific plans done for the area. We intend for this project to coordinate the implementation of these projects into action.*

- What is the foundation for the work being done in this project?

*The **Ohioplye Community Charrette** (November, 2007) and the **Laurel Highlands CLI Report** (February, 2008) are the primary resources for developing the Implementation Strategies. Both are included on the CD to be distributed at the Pre-Proposal Meeting and are available for download from the PEC website.*

- There are a lot of components described in the RFQ/RFP. Are all of them necessarily a part of this project?

*The list of projects/components is a summary of the ideas that came out of the **Ohioplye Community Charrette**. We would like to move forward on as many of these as is possible. These are some of the things we will be reviewing based on the submitted proposals and the 'ala carte' budgets we have requested.*

- If this isn't a Master Plan, what is this?

*As described above, this is a "master plan" in that it will be pulling together a diverse array of projects and ideas. Primarily, this will take those ideas and projects "to the next level." We are looking for preliminary design/engineering/etc. that will give us distinct and well-defined projects that can, pending funding and final approval, go to final design and construction documentation (which will be pursued under separate contracts and are not part of this RFQ/RFP).*

*These are the "in-between" aspects of the plan and vision.*

- There are a variety of "engineering" projects identified in the RFQ/RFP. Are these "full blown" engineering studies?

*No. Components such as an I & I study, design of a new water/wastewater treatment/distribution system are being handled separately. We are looking at "green" approaches (preliminary design) for stormwater management and feasibility of getting Ohioplye "off the grid." We are also looking for appropriate preliminary design of circulation (vehicular, non-vehicular) and access, parking, etc. are part of this project.*

- What level of public participation is involved in this project?

*The visioning components of this project have already been addressed through the **Ohioplye Community Charrette** and other efforts. It is critical that the community be involved on a regular basis throughout this process. The exact nature of that is an important part of your proposal. We are looking for efficient, **effective** and creative approaches to these tasks.*

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- The RFQ/RFP identifies *creativity* as one of the selection criteria. What do you mean by that?

*The unique nature of the area, the issues and specific projects identified during the previous visioning and planning efforts are diverse and complex. No singular approach will work for resolving these. We are looking for a team that will bring a unique approach to this project, including one that may not yet have been considered. "Same old, same old" will not cut it, nor will just "solving the problem." We will be partnering with the consulting team and the key stakeholders throughout the process, including what the project is and becomes and delivers.*

- Are you looking for a "national" firm or a "local" firm?

*To be short: Yes.*

*We are looking for a consulting team with the diversity of experience and expertise to match the diversity of the project. Knowing the area and its unique opportunities and constraints will be helpful, but can be developed "on the fly." There is **no** preconceived notion of what, or who, that may be.*

- How important is the budget in the selection process?

*Available budget resources are always a consideration, but we are approaching this like a QBS (Qualifications Based Selection) process. The budget is ample to handle the vast majority of tasks identified with additional resources possible. We will work with the selected team in identifying which components of the project proceed and which will be saved for a later time.*

- What is the budget for this?

*That is to be determined, in large part, by the consulting teams. We ask that you identify what it will take (via the ala carte budget requested) to get the project done and will we negotiate from there. We are primarily interested in the quality of the team and proposed outcomes.*

*Suffice it to say that the budget resources are quite adequate for a project of this size and complexity.*

- What's the project time frame?

*We are anticipating that the project will be complete within calendar year 2009.*

- Who's on the selection committee?

*The selection committee will include representatives from Ohiopyle Borough, Ohiopyle State Park, PA-DCNR, PA-DCED and PEC. Names of individual members of the selection committee will not be released.*

- Am I reading this correctly – no PowerPoint presentations?

*Yes, you are reading this correctly. The interviews are intended to help us determine if this is a team we best can work with.*

- Can I call with any specific questions?

*Of course, but we are trying to keep the calls to a minimum so we can actually get things done. **Please email questions.** The questions will be answered as quickly as possible. All questions and responses will be shared via the FAQ site.*