



City of
Los Banos
At the Crossroads of California

THE CITY OF LOS BANOS
BUILDING AND SAFETY SERVICES
(Certified Professional Building Official, Building Permit Processing, Building Inspections and Plan Check Services)

QUESTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

1. Would the City accept electronic-only delivery of proposals in PDF format via e-mail?

Response: *Electronic proposals will not be accepted.*

An original copy must be signed by a representative authorized to bind the company. Proposals submitted by facsimile or email are not acceptable and will not be considered. The original signed proposal and five (5) duplicates are to be submitted in sealed packages with the name of the Proposer and RFP title clearly marked on the outside of the package.

2. What mix of residential and commercial projects is the City anticipating in the next couple of years?

Response: *Residential and commercial projects are anticipated to remain consistent to the past couple years. It is anticipated that residential permits will be 300-400 and 5-6 commercial projects.*

3. Does the City currently have a Building Official? If yes, is that person a consultant?

Response: *The City Building Official is the Fire Chief. Consultant does have a Certified Building Official to assist as needed.*

4. Who is the current consultant being used by the City?

Response: *CSG Consulting Inc.*

5. What kind of code violation does the City normally encounter?

Response: *Red tags for non-permitted construction.*

6. Does Los Banos have any recurring fire or structural problems? Eg: Large open space houses, houses built in slopes, etc.

Response: No

7. Are there any past lawsuits or any liabilities issues that we should be aware of?

Response: None

8. Is there a set-aside for a minority owned (DO 156 and DBE certified) company for this RFP?

Response: No

9. If Firm is less than 2 years old, does that automatically disqualify the company from submitting the proposal?

Response: No

10. What is the rate of the current consultant?

Response: **Current Compensation for Services Agreement**

City agrees to pay and Firm agrees to accept the following sums as payment for building permit processing, plan checking and inspection services:

Compensation for building permit processing and inspection services shall be Sixty-five percent (65%) of the fee the City receives for building permit processing and inspection services from the applicant;

Compensation for plan checking/review services, shall be in accordance with

Plan Review Fee Schedule:

- A. Complete Plan Review65% of Plan Review Fee as calculated by City’s current fee schedule*
- B. Structural Plan Review Only45% of Plan Review Fee as calculated by City’s current fee schedule*
- C. Fire Systems Plan Review75% of Plan Review Fee as calculated by City’s current fee schedule*
- D. Expedited Plan Review95% of Plan Review Fee as calculated by City’s current fee schedule*
- E. CASp Plan Review45% of Plan Review Fee as calculated by City’s current fee schedule*

Plan Review fees are based on an initial Plan Review and two rechecks. Plans that require a third correction letter will be subject to additional fees, as follows:

Hourly Rates for Plan Review Services:

- Senior Plans Examiner\$95.00/hour*
- Plans Examiner\$85.00/hour*
- Principal Structural Engineer\$110.00/hour*
- CASp Plans Examiner.....\$120.00/hour*