

**Gross Reservoir Expansion (GRE)  
Site Renewal Project (SRP)  
Phase 1 – Permanent Recreation Conceptual Design Update  
Request for Qualifications (RFQ)  
Submission Deadline: 2:00 pm (MT), Tuesday, December 17, 2024**

## Section 1 – Introduction and Background

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### Introduction:

Denver Water invites qualified Consultants to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to demonstrate their capacity and expertise in supporting the GRE SRP – Phase 1 – Permanent Recreation Conceptual Design Update. This solicitation marks the first stage of a two-stage selection process, wherein Consultants will be evaluated based on their submitted qualifications. Selected firms will then proceed to the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.

The GRE SRP has been split into the following three phases, scheduled to occur between 2025 and 2027.

#### 1. Phase 1 – Permanent Recreation Conceptual Design Update

- a. Update the conceptual design for recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir. The conceptual design of recreation facilities shall be reclamation and drainage informed and align with reclamation goals for the project.
- b. Consistent with *Section 4.3 – Adaptive Management* of the 2021 Recreation Management Plan (RMP), develop concepts for recreation expansion options at Gross Reservoir. Recreation expansion options shall be reclamation and drainage informed and align with reclamation goals for the project.
- c. Support Denver Water through the development and regulatory approval of Amendment 1 to the RMP.
- d. This phase is anticipated to occur in 2025.

#### 2. Phase 2 – Develop a Final, Consolidated Design Package for Site Reclamation and Permanent Recreation.

- a. Develop a single, biddable set of “100% design” plans and specifications for reclamation and permanent recreation at Gross Reservoir. This singular, constructable plan set will depict the end-state for the project site following the GRE Project. This design package, at a minimum, shall include:
  - i. Reclamation design for the areas of disturbance across the entire project site. Reclamation design shall account for heavy grading design, drainage design, seed mix design, geomorphology, etc.
  - ii. Permanent recreation design consistent with concepts developed in Phase 1 and approved in Amendment 1 to the RMP.

- iii. Design shall incorporate a memorial to honor the individuals lost during the original construction of Gross Reservoir and the current GRE Project.
- iv. Design shall incorporate an interpretive history element to educate future visitors on the project, history, and role Gross Reservoir plays in storing and conveying water to the Denver Metropolitan Area.

b. This phase is anticipated to occur in 2026.

### **3. Phase 3 – Bidding & Construction**

a. Bid and construct Phase 2 design.

b. This phase is anticipated to occur in 2027.

The primary focus in calendar year 2025 is to enter into a professional services agreement (PSA) with a Consultant and complete Phase 1. This RFQ and the subsequent RFP will be for Phase 1 scope only. Based on satisfactory performance, subsequent phases will be negotiated with the selected Consultant upon the completion of Phase 1 scope.

#### **Background:**

The GRE Project is regulated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). A condition of the FERC license authorizing the GRE Project is for Denver Water to develop a RMP that identifies post-GRE recreation facilities/concepts and receive endorsement of said RMP by various stakeholders, specifically the United States Forest Service (USFS), prior to filing the plan with FERC.

An initial RMP was developed in 2007, then updated, stakeholder reviewed/endorsed and filed with FERC in 2021. Since 2021, the project site has evolved to support the dam raise construction activity. The siting of recreation facilities in the 2021 RMP are no longer preferred and/or feasible based on current and planned conditions of the site.

Denver Water is seeking a Consultant to update the conceptual design of recreation facilities for Gross Reservoir based off the current and planned future conditions of the site. Denver Water also has a desire to reduce further surface disruption within the project boundary by re-siting recreation facilities to already disrupted areas.

Denver Water is taking a phased approach to the design of recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir due to the stakeholder and regulator involvement in the GRE Project. Denver Water must solicit stakeholder input and regulatory approval of designs prior to their construction. As such, there is risk for Denver Water to fully fund the development of a design that may not be approved by regulators, and ultimately cannot be built. The three-phased approach will allow for Denver Water to manage this process and approval risk.

Additionally, Denver Water seeks to return the site to a natural setting and maximize the current configuration of the site for recreation activities. Moreover, Denver Water is interested in reducing post-construction reclamation scope wherever practicable, specifically rough grading activities by re-siting permanent recreation facilities to areas already disrupted and leveled for dam raise construction activities.

### Phase 1 Objectives:

1. **Objective 1:** Update conceptual design of recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir. Re-site recreation facilities based on how the site looks today, striving to reduce any additional site disruption, maximize use of existing pads/level areas developed during Work Package 2C – Site Development, and minimize rough grading scope in later reclamation efforts.
2. **Objective 2:** Develop concepts for recreation expansion options and include them in the conceptual design. Ensure expansion options are concepts that could be added “in-addition-to” the planned facilities, and not a separate (new/alternative) design.
3. **Objective 3:** Develop Amendment 1 to the RMP based on the updated conceptual design . Include recreation expansion options in Amendment 1. Use the amendment review process as the vehicle to secure stakeholder and regulator endorsement of proposed recreation expansion options.
4. **Objective 4:** Secure Amendment 1 to the RMP endorsement by stakeholders and FERC by December 31, 2025.
5. **Objective 5:** Produce a reclamation minded conceptual design and recreation expansion options. Account for drainage, reservoir operations, and reclamation goals in the conceptual design process.
6. **Objective 6:** Establish reclamation goals for the project site.

### Phase 1 Scope Elaborated:

1. **Phase 1 Design Sequencing:** Cost control in Phase 1 is a priority for Denver Water. Phase 1 is not a site reclamation design effort. Re-siting recreation features, updating the conceptual recreation design, and amending the RMP are the priorities of Phase 1. However, Denver Water is aware that if drainage and reclamation concepts are not considered early in the design process, the conceptual design may not be constructable, potentially driving future re-siting and design efforts, followed by additional amendments to the RMP, etc. Denver Water does not want to amend the RMP more than once. Design task sequencing, resource management, and cost control in Phase 1 will be a challenge and Denver Water is interested in working with a Consultant that has a plan to address this challenge in Phase 1.
  - a. **Survey/Contours/Surface Topography:** Denver Water acknowledges that current site topography is critical to any design effort. Denver Water is evaluating different approaches to establishing a current data set of site topography (imagery, lidar, and contours). There will likely be a bid option in the RFP that requests pricing for site survey/data collection.
2. **Conceptual Design Update:** This design will re-site permanent recreation facilities to already disrupted areas on-site, as practicable, and deconflict the future permanent recreation facilities with known future/planned infrastructure and operational areas (i.e., saddle dam, material testing laboratory, abutment access roads, etc.). The quantities of recreation facilities in the conceptual design update shall be consistent with those outlined in *Table 1* of the RMP and comply with the one-for-one replacement in kind requirement of the existing RMP. The conceptual design update shall promote, include, and emphasize Architectural Barriers Acts (ABA) and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant facility design. The conceptual design will be reclamation and drainage minded, looking for value engineering opportunities where rough grading required by post dam raise construction site reclamation efforts can be minimized by the strategic siting of recreation facilities. This RFQ defines “conceptual design” as “~10% design” and will deliver “2D”

design products equal to or better than those in the existing RMP. The design should have enough detail to clearly convey the new siting and design concepts. Denver Water is also interested in producing modern “3D” renderings/models of some of the planned recreation facilities and areas to better depict a proposed end-state.

3. **Recreation Expansion Options:** Consistent with *Section 4.3 – Adaptive Management* of the RMP, Denver Water would like to include options to expand recreation features at Gross Reservoir to meet realistic recreation requirements on the conceptual design update. If practicable, the proposed expansion options shall be “in addition to” the one-for-one replacement in kind, and clearly delineated on the conceptual design plan sheets as “optional expansion.” This “in-addition-to” concept is designed to serve as a cost-saving function. Denver Water does not want to invest in the design of multiple alternatives that show unrealistic expansion concepts with the uncertainty around expansion options being approved by regulators. A simplified example of this “in-addition-to” concept is detailed below in Figure 1:

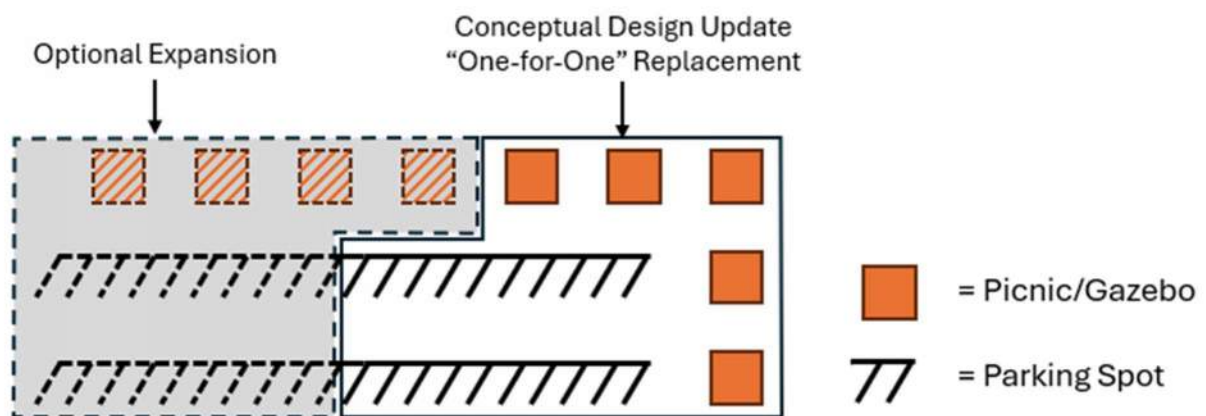


Figure 1 – Conceptual Design Update + Optional Expansion

4. **Support to Denver Water during RMP Amendment Development and Regulatory Approval:** The RMP will need to be amended to capture the changed and proposed siting of permanent recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir. This amendment will need to go through stakeholder review prior to submitting to FERC for approval. Denver Water will be the lead agency developing the amendment and managing stakeholder review. The Consultant selected for this project will be expected to aid Denver Water in the development of the amendment and during stakeholder and regulatory review. During the amendment process, Denver Water intends to exercise *Section 4.3 – Adaptive Management* of the RMP and advocate for data-driven expanded recreation concepts.

## Section 2 – Role and Responsibility of Consultant

In undertaking Phase 1 – Permanent Recreation Conceptual Design Update, the Consultant will lead various efforts to ensure the project's success, including but not limited to the conceptual scope of services listed below. A more detailed scope of services will be provided in the RFP following this RFQ.

### 1. Project Management:

- a. Provide general project management.
- b. Schedule project meetings in coordination with Denver Water’s Project Manager. Provide meeting agendas, pre-read materials, and meeting minutes for Consultant-led meetings.

**2. Site Visits:**

- a. A critical component of a successful recreation design at Gross Reservoir will be seeing and understanding the existing site. The Consultant will be expected to visit the site, in person, on multiple occasions, and have a strong comprehension of the following:
  - i. Site Topography – To include current topography, and planned topography/grading following the dam raise.
  - ii. Infrastructure – Where current infrastructure is and where future infrastructure is planned to go. There are future dam related facilities that have been designed, but will not be constructed until 2026/2027, and will drive recreation facility siting. Specific infrastructure examples include the saddle dam, left abutment access road, right abutment access road, materials testing lab, cell phone tower, power system, and Auxiliary Outlet Works (AOW) access road.
  - iii. Reservoir Operations – Understanding of how reservoir water level rises and falls through seasons and dam operations.
  - iv. Drought Conditions – Ability to interpret historical drought photos and visualize the impacts drought conditions (low water level) will have on recreation facilities.

**3. Key Document/Existing Conditions Review:**

- a. Permitting and project development initiatives for the GRE Project began in 2001. Historical context, past decisions, and current assumptions are critical to understand when developing a right-sized, endorsable recreation and site reclamation plan for Gross Reservoir. The Consultant will be expected to review key documents, plans, survey/GIS data, drawings, and site history compiled by Denver Water. At a minimum, this review will include:
  - i. Work Package 6 – Permanent Recreation – Preliminary Work Plan
  - ii. 2021 Recreation Management Plan
  - iii. 2021 Visual Resource Protection Plan
  - iv. 2021 Invasive Species Management Plan
  - v. Amendment 1 to the 2021 Tree Removal Plan
  - vi. Work Package 2C – Site Development Design Drawings
  - vii. Work Package 3 – Dam Raise Design Drawings
  - viii. GRE Webmap (ArcGIS Online)
  - ix. Gross Reservoir Visitation Data Report(s)
- b. If the Consultant is missing a piece of information, the Consultant will be expected to request the data from the Denver Water Project Manager.

**4. Code, Standard, and Permit Evaluation:**

- a. Compile applicable codes, standards, and permitting requirements, specifically focusing on Boulder County and the USFS.
- b. Evaluate options for compliance with codes, standards, and permitting requirements.

**5. Anticipated Phase 1 Events & Deliverables:**

- a. **Event #1 – Site Visit & Project Briefs:** This event will be planned and led by the Denver Water Project Manager. This event will be in-person and will include a site walk and presentations by multiple GRE Project staff. The intent of this event is to explain the GRE Project to the Consultant team and rapidly advance the Consultant’s baseline knowledge of the GRE Project, site, and known constraints. The expectation of the Consultant is that they are engaged for the duration of the event and that they listen and learn about the GRE Project. There are no anticipated deliverables due to Denver Water following *Event #1 – Site Visit and Project Briefs*.
- b. **Event #2 – Design Charette:** An in-person workshop with Denver Water’s Source of Supply (SOS) water operators, recreation managers, and GRE Project management team. The charette will be led and facilitated by the Consultant. During the charette, Denver Water personnel will communicate site specifics, known constraints, end-state goals, and provide an explanation of the visitation data to the Consultant. This event acts as a knowledge transfer from those familiar with the site to the Consultant and it will also serve as a brainstorming session for the conceptual design. There are two anticipated deliverables to be prepared by the Consultant and transmitted to Denver Water following *Event #2 – Design Charette*:
  - i. **Deliverable #1 – Design Criteria Report:** This document will capture what was discussed during the design charette and serve as the foundation of the Basis of Design Memorandum. The intention of this document is to begin to capture all the known assumptions and relevant codes/standards the design must adhere to. There is no specific format for this deliverable.
  - ii. **Deliverable #2 – Draft Conceptual Design:** This document will be the first iteration of the updated recreation design for Gross Reservoir. This document will incorporate concepts discussed and brainstormed during the design charette and be the first “product” to convey new recreation siting concepts. This product will include initial concepts for recreation expansion options. This product will act as the springboard for future discussions and design iterations of recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir. This product will be “2D” drawings – polygons and polylines on a plan sheet.
  - iii. Deliverables #1 and #2 will be electronically transmitted to the Denver Water team for review and mark-up in advance of Event #3.
- c. **Event #3 – Conceptual Design Workshop:** The Consultant will present the draft conceptual design to Denver Water, then the group will workshop the draft conceptual design and provide feedback. There are two anticipated deliverables to be prepared by the Consultant and transmitted to Denver Water following *Event #3 – Conceptual Design Workshop*:
  - i. **Deliverable #3 – Basis of Design Memorandum:** This document will be the first iteration of *Deliverable #1 – Design Criteria Report*. This document will adhere to the Denver Water

Basis of Design Memorandum format/template (<https://cppm.denverwater.org/#3275273>) and will fully capture all known decisions, assumptions, and design codes/standards to date. This document will also include a section on site reclamation planning, specifically listing recommended reclamation goals for the site and providing value engineering reclamation recommendations.

ii. **Deliverable #4 – Conceptual Design:** The Consultant will deliver a conceptual design product (“10% design drawings”). This document will be the first iteration of *Deliverable #2 – Draft Conceptual Design*. This deliverable shall include plan sheets and select 3D renderings that show the re-sited recreation features, plus options for recreation expansion.

d. **Event #4 – Amendment 1 to the RMP:** This event will take roughly 6-8 months to complete. Denver Water will be the lead for the amendment process and will manage all stakeholder engagements. This event is an iterative process of developing an RMP Amendment, coordinating the RMP Amendment through stakeholder and regulatory review, updating the RMP Amendment based on the stakeholder and regulator feedback, and submitting the RMP Amendment to FERC for final review and acceptance. There are no defined deliverables to be produced by the Consultant for this event, however, Denver Water will issue task level work to the Consultant to aid them throughout the process. Some specific tasks that will likely be asked of the Consultant during this event are:

- i. Developing figures and renderings to be imbedded into the RMP Amendment that will communicate the updated design.
- ii. Crafting replies and messaging to stakeholder and regulator comments.
- iii. Adjusting the conceptual design based on stakeholder and regulator feedback.

#### 6. Value Engineering Opportunity Analysis:

a. Identify opportunities for value engineering and facilitate their incorporation into project planning and the updated conceptual design. Specifically, identify opportunities and project delivery methods that could harmonize recreation design efforts with site reclamation design efforts.

#### 7. Funding Grant Opportunity Analysis:

a. There is a fixed and approved budget allocated to design and construction of recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir. Pursuit of expanded and accessible/inclusive recreation facilities at Gross Reservoir would likely exceed the current planned budget. Denver Water is interested in exploring funding grant opportunities to supplement the project costs.

b. Denver Water has grant proposal writers on staff who would likely produce and submit grant applications. However, Denver Water is interested in consultation services to help determine what the right grants are to pursue and how to be competitive for them.

c. A grant resource is seen as favorable, but not required on a respondents SOQ.

## 8. Scoping of Phase 2 & Phase 3:

- a. The phased approach to the GRE SRP is primarily due to the regulator and stakeholder involvement and approval requirements. However, it is secondarily due to the dynamic nature and large scale of the GRE Project. The GRE Project evolves daily, creating new constraints and opportunities. The phased approach led by a conceptual design effort will give Denver Water more decision space and ability to capitalize on the changing nature of the project before fully committing to a design and strategy.
- b. Throughout 2025, Denver Water will further develop and refine the Phase 2 and Phase 3 scope of the GRE SRP. The Phase 1 Consultant may be asked to help Denver Water develop and refine schedules, scopes, budgets, and execution strategies for the future design and construction phases as well as other ancillary work associated with the GRE Project.
- c. Phase 2 design effort is intended to incorporate both permanent recreation and reclamation design into one consolidated design effort. Denver Water believes that permanent recreation and reclamation efforts are co-dependent and will inform/dictate each other. Additionally, Denver Water believes there is a schedule, cost, and quality benefit to consolidating both recreation and reclamation design efforts into one consolidated design effort.

The Consultant's Scope of Service for Phase 1 will be further detailed in the RFP. The subsequent RFP to this RFQ will only include Phase 1 scope items, as forecasted above. Qualification and selection of a Consultant for Phase 1 will not guarantee the same Consultant will be used in Phase 2 and Phase 3. Contract amendments for Phase 2 and Phase 3 scope will be considered by Denver Water based on the Consultant's performance and project progress during Phase 1.

## Section 3 – Consultant Qualifications

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The Consultant shall exemplify proficiency in managing and executing projects similar to Phase 1 of the GRE SRP. Specifically:

1. **Project Experience (60% Evaluation Weight):** The Consultant's SOQ must showcase relevant project experience of both the firm and proposed team members in managing projects of similar complexity and scope. Clearly define the role and responsibilities of proposed project team members in reference projects. Provide client contact information for each reference project. References may be contacted by Denver Water and requested to speak to overall project outcomes and individual team members' performance.
  - a. Include five (5) reference projects. Reference projects should showcase recreation design projects and/or reclamation design projects.
2. **Key Personnel Resumes (40% Evaluation Weight):** The SOQ shall highlight the pertinent experience of key personnel, each occupying crucial roles in the project's execution. Disciplines/specialties of interest to Denver Water for this project include, but are not limited to:
  - a. Project Management
  - b. Landscape Architecture



- c. Reclamation Specialist/Reclamation Planning/Reclamation Design
- d. Civil Design – Grading, drainage, parking planning, traffic management. There are no roadway design efforts planned; however existing roads may have to be altered. Roadway design knowledge/familiarity/capability is seen as favorable.
- e. Recreation Design – Trails, on-water recreation/access, regional mountain bike connections, all-weather/low maintenance facilities.
- f. Grant Funding – What grants to pursue, how to make grants competitive for selection.
- g. ABA/ADA compliant facilities – Not just meeting the laws/standards but designing with accessibility as the intent and a driver from the very beginning. Denver Water is interested in exploring concepts to make [non-motorized / “car-top only”] on-water recreation accessible with changing reservoir levels.

**Note:** The above disciplines/specialties don’t necessarily have to be separate individuals.

- 3. **Personnel Commitment:** Respondent acknowledges that Denver Water's selection process encompasses an evaluation of key personnel. The Consultant commits to utilizing the identified key personnel for the duration of the project. Any substitutions for key individuals between RFQ and RFP may be grounds for disqualification during RFP stage. After contract award, any substitutions for key individuals must be pre-approved and documented in writing by Denver Water.
- 4. **Locality:** Denver Water prefers the Project Manager and key resources be based in the Front Range area throughout the project duration. However, other key and supporting personnel may be located outside Denver. Teaming with local firms is authorized.
- 5. **Flexibility/Adaptability:** Conditions, timelines, environment, etc. are in constant flux at Gross Reservoir. There will be heavy external influences and uncontrollable/un-forecasted constraints on all phases of the project. A successful Consultant will be one who can demonstrate experience and willingness to remain flexible and adapt to the dynamic environment, while still controlling costs.

By satisfying these qualification criteria, the Consultant will demonstrate their capability to effectively manage and execute Phase 1 of the GRE SRP, ensuring alignment with Denver Water's objectives and standards.

## Section 4 – Consultant Selection Process

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The procurement process for professional services will adhere to a qualifications-based approach, comprising the following two stages:

- 1. **Request for Qualifications:** Interested respondents will participate in the initial RFQ stage by preparing and submitting a comprehensive SOQ package. This stage will focus on evaluating experience and qualifications. Interviews are not anticipated during this stage.
- 2. **Request for Proposals:** Prequalified respondents from the RFQ stage will advance to the subsequent RFP stage. An RFP with detailed instructions and additional project information will be sent to the best-qualified firms based on Denver Water’s assessment of the SOQs. Respondents will

be tasked with developing a detailed proposal encompassing their delivery approach, team organization chart, estimated fee, and other relevant project details. This stage aims to enable respondents to demonstrate their understanding of project goals, proposed project management approach, innovative methodologies, and a “cradle-to-grave” execution strategy. Interviews may be conducted during the proposal evaluation stage at the discretion of Denver Water.

By adhering to this structured selection process, Denver Water aims to ensure the engagement of a qualified Consultant capable of delivering Phase 1 of the GRE SRP to the highest standards of excellence and efficiency. Although this selection process is just for Phase 1 scope, it is Denver Water’s desire to work with the same Consultant in Phase 2 and Phase 3 as used in Phase 1 via contract amendments.

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## Section 5 – Schedule

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### 5.1 Consultant Selection Schedule

The schedule for RFQs shall be as follows:

- Issue RFQ ----- Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Final Written Questions Due----- Wednesday, December 4, 2024
- SOQ Packages Due ----- Tuesday, December 17, 2024

Prequalified respondents from the RFQ stage will advance to the subsequent RFP stage. The anticipated schedule for proposals and award is summarized below:

- RFP Sent to Short-Listed Consultants ----- Tuesday, January 14, 2025
- Pre-Proposal Site Visit ----- Wednesday, February 5, 2025
- Final Written Questions Due ----- Friday, February 7, 2025
- Proposals Due ----- Thursday, February 20, 2025
- Final Selection ----- Thursday, March 13, 2025
- Board Meeting/Notice of Award ----- Wednesday, March 27, 2025
- Notice to Proceed ----- April 2025

Although interviews are not anticipated, they may be needed to aid selection. If so, the Final Selection and subsequent milestones will be adjusted accordingly.

### 5.2 Overall Project Schedule

Denver Water has developed the following conceptual schedule for the project delivery:

- Phase 1 – Event #1 – Site Visit & Project Briefs ----- April 2025
- Phase 1 – Event #2 – Design Charette----- May/June 2025
- Phase 1 – Event #3 – Conceptual Design Workshop July 2025
- Phase 1 – Event #4 – Amend RMP (Start) ----- August 2025
- Phase 1 – Event #4 – Amend RMP (Finish) ----- December 2025
- Phase 2 – Finalize Recreation Design ----- 2026<sup>1</sup>

- Phase 3 – Construct Recreation Design ----- 2027<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>The design and construction schedules will be further refined during the planning efforts in Phase 1, occurring in 2025.

## Section 6 – SOQ Submittal Requirements and Instructions

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Interested firms that meet the qualifications are to submit one electronic copy (PDF) of the SOQ package to <https://www.dropbox.com/request/z5W8Fx8n1NmhSwtRo0os> prior to the deadline **2:00 pm (MT), Tuesday, December 17, 2024**. The SOQ package shall be limited to six single-sided pages in length, excluding the Cover Letter, References, and Resumes. The SOQ package shall include the following items:

- Cover Letter (one page maximum, not included in the page limit).
- Firm background information, including local and national capabilities (included in the page limit).
- Project Experience: Provide a minimum of five (5) reference projects of a similar nature and scope to the project. Include project overview, similarity or relevance to the project, project budget statistics (original contract value, final contract value, change order description), project schedule statistics (substantial completion date, original schedule duration, final schedule duration, schedule change description), photos or renderings, and client contact information. Tie proposed personnel and responsibilities to reference projects (five pages maximum, not included in the page limit, 11-inch by 17-inch format acceptable).
- Key Personnel Resumes: resumes for key personnel assigned to project (two pages per resume maximum, not included in the page limit).
- Other information and other appendices respondent feel will aid Denver Water in evaluation (included in the page limit).

### SOQ Assumptions:

- For joint ventures, a single SOQ shall be completed and submitted in a single package.
- Each SOQ will be reviewed to determine if it is complete prior to evaluation. Denver Water reserves the right to eliminate from further consideration any SOQ that is substantially or materially incomplete or non-responsive. Clarity, accuracy, succinctness, and completeness of SOQ will be valued over volume. Failure to provide all information required by this request may result in disqualification. False information or misstatements within the SOQ may be grounds for rejection.
- Respondent is responsible for costs associated with responding to the RFQ. Denver Water is not liable for any cost incurred by any respondent associated with the preparation of an SOQ.
- Respondent acknowledges that Denver Water may be required to disclose any, or all, of the documents submitted to it pursuant to the Colorado Open Records Act, C.R.S. § 24-72-201.1, et seq. Under C.R.S. § 24-72-204(3)(a)(IV), Denver Water may deny inspection of any confidential commercial or financial information furnished to Denver Water by an outside party. Therefore, Respondent must clearly designate any documents submitted that Respondent deems proprietary

or confidential, to aid Denver Water in determining what must be disclosed in response to a request for documents under the Colorado Open Records Act. The designation of material as confidential must be reasonable or it will not be honored. For example, a Respondent may not designate its entire submittal as confidential and proprietary.

Supporting Documents:

- The following plans can be found under “FERC-Approved Project Specific Plans” at the following website: <https://www.denverwater.org/grossreservoir/resources/document-library>
  - Recreation Management Plan
  - Traffic Management Plan
  - Invasive Species Management Plan
  - Tree Removal Plan
  - Visual Resource Protection Plan
- Additional project-related data will be made available to shortlisted firms following the RFQ and prior to RFP submissions.

## Section 7 – Communication during Qualification Period

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If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFQ, an addendum will be placed online at: <https://www.denverwater.org/contractors/bid-and-contract-opportunities>. It is the Respondent’s sole responsibility to check online prior to submission of their SOQ and acknowledge receipt of addendum(s) within their SOQ.

Any requests for clarification or additional information regarding submission of this SOQ shall be submitted in writing via e-mail to Garrett Chesonis ([garrett.chesonis@denverwater.org](mailto:garrett.chesonis@denverwater.org)). Written requests for interpretation, clarification, and/or additional information must be received no later than **2:00 pm (MT), Wednesday, December 4, 2024**. Respondent communication regarding the qualification process or proposal with other Denver Water personnel is prohibited and shall be grounds for disqualification.

Denver Water looks forward to partnering with a qualified Consultant to advance Phase 1 of the GRE SRP and continue to provide recreation opportunities at Gross Reservoir.