



**February 27, 2013**

**Questions & Answers regarding the NET Request for Proposals**

Questions by bidders in black      **Answers by OACCE in red**

1. Are there detailed drawings of the NET? If so, can you send them to us? A description of the net would be helpful, specifying things like material call-outs, size of opening between cords, stretch tolerance of cords, etc.  
**For preliminary drawings on the structure, please see attached. These are the most current. Regarding the stretch tolerance of the cords, actual netting material, etc., no details have yet been finalized. Immediately after contract finalization, bidder is expected to collaborate with Numen to determine the requirements of netting and assist in identifying best netting material. Numen requests that the final netting rope not exceed a width of 8mm.**
2. Per the following: *The applicant should include the proposed hours of operation of NET in their proposal.*  
Is the bidder responsible for coordinating/managing the staffing personnel/security or just the proposing of hours of operation?  
**Bidder will be expected to conceptualize and advise on the scope of work regarding staffing personnel/security, as well as ongoing maintenance of the structure, in collaboration with the OACCE and the DRWC. At this time, security for the Race Street Pier is expected to be provided by the DRWC during the pier's open hours, 7am-11pm. The OACCE is also in negotiations with a firm to provide staffing personnel to interact with the public specific to public use of the NET while it is in operation.**
3. Per the following: *Assist in efforts regarding promotional, sponsorship and vendor opportunities.*  
Does the scope of promotional, sponsors, or vendor opportunities need to be explained or priced in the actual proposal? Will the scope be mutually agreed upon after the award of Fabricator?  
**Mutually agreed upon after award. Bidders are welcome to describe how they might approach this.**
4. Per the following: *Provide direction and oversight on creating a sense of place, venue arrangement and reception set up.*  
Will the needs or materials required to perform the above have to be included in proposal or will it be determined or mutually agreed after award to Fabricator?  
**Mutually agreed upon after award. Bidders are welcome to describe how they might approach this.**
5. Please clarify the schedule. Construction is listed as starting in June 2013. Does that refer to construction/installation on site?  
**Yes; date is approximate given the goal of a July/August opening.**
6. Would the fabrication of the NET components be able to start before then?  
**Yes. Fabrication can start well before this time, but the manufacture location (in the US or in Europe) will need to be established in accordance with Numen.**

7. What is considered a “regular” partner meeting interval?  
Weekly or bi-weekly.
8. Are there guidelines on working on the park grounds? Time restrictions, delivery restrictions, etc?  
Race Street Pier Park is open 7am to 11pm daily. Delivery and construction would be restricted to 7am to 4pm. Proposals for construction and installation on the pier must be approved by DRWC. No detailed guidelines exist for this.
9. Is the location of this structure already determined within the park? If so, will it be sitting on grass or on concrete?  
Grass or primarily grass.
10. Are there any standing union jurisdictions on the park property or with the DRWC that will impact our pricing structure?  
Please assume that union wage rates apply.
11. Does the artist group, Numen, have input of who is awarded the bid?  
Yes, insofar as it concerns the achievement of their design/vision.
12. Is there an age limit to be set for who can use the NET interactive?  
We would like for it to be for all ages, however we defer to bidders recommendations regarding safety, risk and feasibility.
13. At the top of page 5, since the bidders will not be able to talk with Numen until after the bid is awarded, does that mean Numen will design the structure exactly as designated in the bid response? If adjustments are requested to the scope of work after award of the job, it could affect the ‘fixed price’ and require change orders.  
Yes, understood.
14. Regarding daily operation of the NET:
  - a. Assuming the vendor is to include staffing/security costs for the run of the NET, can the client provide information based on past ‘NET’ installations:
    - i. Provide the amount of staffing and or security that was required to maintain the NET on a daily basis  
Previous sites were interior or on private property. Staffing to be provided by other. Bidders are welcome to describe how they might approach security and safety staffing.
    - ii. Provide any basic maintenance needs or requirements ( i.e. daily cleaning, tightening or repositioning of the net weekly, monthly?)  
We are asking the bidders to provide this.
15. Has a ‘NET’ installation ever been installed in the USA before?  
This will be the first time that Numen is installing a NET installation in the US.
16. Can bidders receive a DWG file of the site for us to use during the bid process?  
DWG files are not available during the bid process. Bidder will be responsible for surveying the pier for existing condition dimensions, as the drawings provided may not fully reflect actual measurements in the field.

17. Is Numen expected to be in the US soon after the bid is awarded or will all collaboration be done via phone/e-mail?  
All collaboration will be done via phone/email/skype.
18. Is there 24 hour security on the pier during the construction phase or do we have to provide?  
The DRWC will not provide 24 hour security, so the bidder will be responsible for the proper storage and insurance of equipment and material, whether it be on or off-site.
19. Since this is a very tight space and we will be bringing in lots of material/equipment at the start, is it our responsibility to fence/barricade off the construction area or will the pier owners do that?  
It will be the bidder's responsibility to fence or barricade off the construction area of the pier. It will also be the bidder's responsibility to secure material and equipment on-site using appropriate security measures. If it is necessary to provide limited access to the pier or close the pier during construction, DRWC will do so. The construction schedule will need to be determined as soon as possible, so that these issues may be communicated and coordinated.
20. Are there any requirements for the disposal of the NET (i.e. recycling materials, etc.)?  
Disposal will likely involve recycling; details are unknown at this time. Bidders should assume removal and transport to a receiver within the Philadelphia region; no cost to recycle should be assumed.
21. Are there any requirements for the Race Street Pier Park post-NET?  
All existing pier materials must be immediately replaced after the installation is removed. In turn, DRWC advises that the team try to minimize the installation's impact on existing site conditions.
22. Should the NET have a roof?  
At this time, NUMEN does not anticipate needing a roof structure; seeing the sky will be part of the experience.
23. How many people should be able to experience the NET at once? What is the maximum?  
Maximum occupancy should be determined by the bidder.
24. Is Aluminum Truss an option for the structure?  
No – NUMEN prefers a different aesthetic look for the structure.
25. Is it an option to use water ballasts to brace the object on the pier?  
No – NUMEN would like the structure to look as light as is structurally possible. Bidder is expected to advise on necessary features, in accordance with the artists' design.
26. Will there be lighting required for this structure at night?  
The OACCE and NUMEN request a cost proposal for lighting during the opening reception, and for possible extended use during the installation. Lighting of the installation will be completed with oversight by NUMEN. Final determination on hours of operation and lighting will be made according to feasibility and cost.
27. What lighting (basic or emergency) or illumination was provided/ required?  
As this is a public park, we will be looking to bidders for recommendations in this regard.

28. We have not been able to find this job posted on the [www.phila.gov/rfp](http://www.phila.gov/rfp) website. Can you provide a direct link to the job posting? If it's not posted, can you clarify how RFP changes be communicated?

The RFP is now posted on the [www.phila.gov/rfp](http://www.phila.gov/rfp) website. Any changes will be communicated directly by email.