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CONCERNS WITH REVISED RFP

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INTRODUCTION

The revised RFP does not respond to my major concerns expressed verbally & in writing at an earlier commission meeting and reiterated in a subsequent meeting with GRU staffer Will Womble.

Therefore, I would request that we place this item on next Tuesday's agenda, allowing me time to draft a version of the RFP that makes clear what I would like to see.

If the Commission prefers to go ahead with our discussion tonight, I would like to offer the following preliminary concerns (quickly generated in the brief time today since receiving the draft RFP).

LIST OF CONCERNS BY PAGE

1) Preface the RFP with an Introduction that specifies "This RFP seeks consultants to assist the Gainesville City Commission identify the best goals & ~~alternatives~~ for meeting the energy needs of its citizens and the best alternatives for doing so." (page 1)

2) Immediately following the above, describe the city of Gainesville. Include location, size, major natural features, population demographics, and values.

When describing economic demographics, revise the current box by (a) changing the word "Families" to "Households;" (b) Put an asterisk after "Individuals Below Poverty Level" with the following notation:

* Includes a large segment of university and community college students who do not report parental financial support as income, "
(page 2)

3) Relocate the 16 "objectives + assumptions" to the appendix to accompany the plan based upon them. Preface the paragraph's first sentence with the phrase, "Given our current practices, our..." (page 2)

4) Develop a new statement of Objectives and Assumptions" suitable for guiding our consultants in their analysis, to be located at this point. (page 2)
This statement should include a reworked version of the "concerns + questions" on page 3 under the heading "THE DESIRE FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTATION."

5) The section entitled "OBJECTIVES FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTATION" should be merged with the section entitled "PROJECT SCHEDULE AND DELIVERABLES".

The first paragraph of the "OBJECTIVES" section may stand as is for the opening paragraph. The first two sentences of the "PROJECT SCHEDULE AND DELIVERABLES" may follow thereafter.

Then the objective deliverables should be specified in terms such as follows:

(i) The report shall provide an analysis that compares (in cost/benefit terms, at minimum) the best three alternatives along with the current proposal.

(ii) The report shall seek to answer:

(a) Are there better goals than our current goals toward which we should plan?

(b) ~~Are~~ Are there better plans than the one proposed to reach our goals or better goals?

(iii) The report shall review + evaluate the models, tools, range of alternatives + data used (in accord with commonly recognized prudent utility standards, but not to exclude newer technologies + practices) to analyze Gainesville's energy needs + options for meeting them.

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(iv) The report shall identify which alternative options provide the greatest benefits for environment, health, local economic development or other considerations under a range of planning objectives & economic criteria. (page 4 & 5)

6) Under "QUALIFIED CONSULTANTS," item/criterion #1 shall read, as written in the comments I provided at the previous meeting:

"Will have professional qualifications relevant to the analysis of issues regarding power production, utility planning, utility regulation, future pricing of energy producing technologies and fuels, changes in the pollution control regulations, practices for reducing demand through conservation and efficiency, pollution control and health concerns."

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7) Under "Project Schedule + Deliverables" 3rd sentence: "The draft will be provided to The City Commissioners and will be shared by them with utilities staff for review."