Questions Asked Immediately After the Presentation

1. Do you need the 10 hard copies at every presentation?
   a. The 10 copies of a presentation booklet as described in the competition brief under “Stage II: B. Required Drawings, No. 7” is only required with the final submittal on May 18, 2015.

2. Is the first meeting going to be at the Architect’s studio?
   a. The City Team has determined the first meeting will be at a Bureau of Engineering conference room. Formal invitations will be sent out next week. However, here are the randomly chosen times for the team presentations. Each team will have ½ hour prior to the meeting to set up, and ½ hour after the meeting to break down:
      - Monday March 9, 2015 at 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm – Gensler/Lehrer
      - Monday March 9, 2015 at 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm – HMC/Populous
      - Tuesday March 10, 2015 at 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm – A C Martin/LMN

3. What do you see as being the “big idea” of the first meeting?
   a. It is up to the design team to produce what can be produced by the first meeting. The preliminary estimate form is required to be provided at the first and second review meetings, and this will be the only item the City will take from the review meetings. All other materials will remain with the design teams.

4. Should there be photos of the models in the 11 x 17 booklet?
   a. Yes. Some decision makers may not have an opportunity to view the models. The impression to be delivered from the booklet is a full presentation of the design.

5. Articulate what is expected to be contained in the 11 x 17 booklet?
   a. Please present to the City Team what each Architectural team suggests should be included in the booklet at the first review meeting. From those suggestions a decision will then be made and passed on to the Architectural teams.

6. Has the Selection Committee been determined?
   a. Yes. We anticipate there will be input from others to the handful of actual scorers.

7. Are the reviewers at the periodic meetings going to be the same every time? And will they be the ultimate jury that selects the team?
   a. Yes, that is what is anticipated. The City Team members attending the review meetings will for the most part be the same members that attended the February 18th kick-off meeting.
8. Are there neighborhood stakeholders who will be involved in the process?
   a. When the final presentations are made, we anticipate stakeholder and public engagement and feedback.

9. What scale should the final model be built at, and what area should it include?
   a. To be able to fit the entire site at a reasonable scale it has been determined that a 4 foot by 6 foot base (4’ x 6’) shall be used at a scale of 1 inch equals 40 feet (1” = 40’). See attached Site Model Mock Up for the area that is to be included in the model.

Questions Asked During the Site Walk

10. What are your thoughts about lobbies?
    a. Very important. They are places of arrival, pre-function activity, and socialization. Egress rules for existing lobbies made them large open areas with minimal programming room available.

11. What is the maximum occupancy of all exhibit halls?
    a. For exiting requirements the occupancy was determined by using 15 sf/person: the South Hall occupancy is 22,870 and the West Hall is 17,000.

12. How are the registration areas used in the South Lobby?
    a. The south/east portion of the lobby is the main registration area. Most clients using the south lobby will place the shuttle bus program on Figueroa Street, so delegates can enter closest to the registration area. Pico Boulevard is used more for taxi and drop-off, but can be used for the shuttle bus program as well.

13. Are there 5 LED signs on the property?
    a. Yes, there are 5 exterior LACC LED signs on the property.

14. Are canopies important at the loading docks?
    a. Yes, over the freight doors, too.

15. Are the plaza areas [on Level 1 – see attached map] facing Figueroa Street and Pico Boulevard required emergency egress?
    a. Yes. They are also required access for fire apparatus.

16. Does Figueroa Street meet transportation design needs?
    a. Yes, but just barely during larger programs. With an expanded convention center, the demand is projected to rise under certain conditions. The impact expansion places on arrival areas must be considered in general, and in specific areas.

17. How many busses are used in a large program?
    a. Around 80+, but not all are here at once (some in transit). Figueroa Street and Pico Boulevard will each accommodate approximately 10 buses, and Gil Lindsay Plaza can accommodate approximately 25 buses using the saw tooth and both curbs of Gil Lindsay Drive.

18. How is South Lobby Plaza used and is it a desirable location?
a. Most commonly used for arrival, entrance and ingress along with programing for sponsorship areas. Sometimes it is programmed for exhibits, outdoor receptions, etc. In general, any exterior space should be capitalized upon.

19. Is the registration space in South Lobby sufficient?
   a. For most events, yes. However, capacity has been an issue for very large events with significant registration demands.

20. Do exterior events happen often? Do interior areas (such as restrooms or other facilities) support these exterior events?
   a. Exterior events occur with some frequency, however it is our desire to increase the frequency via new and improved exterior spaces. Currently restroom support is accomplished via the interior restrooms.

21. Are the doors into South Lobby large enough to bring in equipment and materials?
   a. Yes. There are a set of freight doors to accommodate boom lifts and other equipment that are needed in the South Lobby.

22. What type of retail should be integrated into the site, and where/how should the integration occur?
   a. We are looking to each team to make recommendations on this. Consideration should be given to the surrounding retail development (existing and new development), and to options that truly work within a convention center environment.

23. If existing public art were to be removed, would it have to be replaced?
   a. Yes. There would have to be a compelling reason to remove any public art project due to its sensitive nature.

24. Is Gilbert Lindsay Plaza a public space or private use?
   a. It is currently being planned for both. Gil Lindsay Plaza remains part of LACC, and as such, will be rented and programed for event (private use) activity. However, when no event activity is occurring on the plaza, it is being considered as open space for the public. Design of Gil Lindsay Plaza must accommodate both types of use.

25. Are the exterior plazas [for the West Hall – see attached map] used as programmed space?
   a. The western portion [from approximately where the plazas widen] are used primarily for back of house/freight and emergency exiting on both the north and south sides of building. However, occasionally event programming is done in this area. The area east of West Hall is used as both programmed space and back of house.

26. Is the outdoor seating [West Lobby entrance plaza – see attached map] used by attendees?
   a. Yes, constantly.

27. Is Concourse Plaza [see attached map] programmable space?
   a. Yes, however, there is an outdoor seating area supporting the Galaxy Restaurant.

28. Is all the food cooked in the main kitchen?
a. Yes the main kitchen will do almost all the cooking for events.

29. Why is the West Hall sometimes called Yorty Hall?
   a. It was originally named after Mayor Sam Yorty who was the Mayor during the time the original convention center was designed and built.

30. Is Petree Plaza [see attached map] used often?
   a. Yes. It is used frequently; mostly for food functions and receptions.

31. How are executive suites used (such as Meeting Room 508)?
   a. An executive suite is in addition to a typical show office. It is meant to be a space for the show executive to use while on-site. Room 508 is currently being used as an executive suite and provides for an executive office, conference room, and support area, and is outfitted with a bathroom and shower. The two executive suites desired for the addition will in total equal 4,500 sq. ft., and will come from the square footage allocated for Prefunction Space/Circulation.

32. What about the West Hall ceiling is bad?
   a. It is old, tired and outdated.

33. Is food possible in all event spaces?
   a. Yes, except it is not usually allowed in the Theater.

34. Is the North Plaza next to the West Hall used as programmed space?
   a. Yes, but not frequently.

35. How do the freight access ramps work, comparing the design of the South ramp with the West ramps?
   a. In general, ramps need to be wide enough to accommodate wide loads (Dwell is a good example). Also, the flow of trucks and freight is a very important consideration.

36. Have you considered automated parking?
   a. Yes, but the “pay as you arrive” model is our preferred mode of operation. A new parking system will be installed this year as part of a CIP project.

37. Are there air rights available over Staples lease property?
   a. We will have to research that and will get back to you when we have the information.

38. Is the Georgia Street/Chick Hearn parking entrance [see attached map] used for general parking access?
   a. A few times a year, but it is usually used for Staples VIP/valet parking.

39. Is West Hall parking naturally ventilated?
   a. Yes. It is open on three sides, so mechanical ventilation is not required.

40. What is the sustainability history of LACC?
   a. LACC achieved LEED certification (for existing buildings) in 2008, and achieved LEED-Gold in 2010. LEED Gold is the minimum standard for the expansion and modernization project.

41. Does LACC track water usage?
a. Yes. AEG One Source is used monitor and to evaluate water usage, as well as other utilities.

42. What are the current programming trends of the Convention Center?
   a. That is a question we would like answered by the Architectural teams in their designs.

43. What kind of relationship does the Convention Center have with the community?
   a. A good relationship.

44. How well do the movable walls function acoustically?
   a. They have performed adequately.

Additional Written Questions

1. Regarding Addendum #6, Paragraph 2, please clarify the following. You are requesting two site plans, each showing urban design and landscaping and future convention center expansion areas. One of the site plans will show the hotel pad and the other will not. We are assuming that the only drawing showing the hotel is on the second site plan and not on floor plans or 3-dimensional drawings. Is that correct?
   a. The hotel floor area required within the Convention Center footprint should be shown on all appropriate floor plans. The 1,000 room hotel massing should be shown on the 3-dimensional drawings, and on the model.