

Harrison County Development Commission
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS INFORMATION PACKET

Harrison County Development Commission (“Owner”) will accept sealed statements of qualifications from qualified firms for professional engineering services in connection with the Harrison County Bulkhead and Dock Construction (“Project”).

The Owner is seeking funding for the Project from the United States Department of the Treasury, through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, as more thoroughly described herein.

If you have any questions concerning the request for qualifications, please call Harrison County Development Commission Project Manager, Gia Blackwell, 228-896-5020.

The services required for this project are:

ENGINEERING: The selected Engineer shall complete engineering services in accordance with applicable State and Federal laws, regulations and procedures. Engineer shall provide professional engineering services, including serving as the Owner’s professional engineering representative for the Project, and providing professional engineering consultation and advice. Activities will include engineering and design services for the Harrison County Bulkhead and Dock Construction. Project will consist of providing additional infrastructure through the construction of 720 ft. bulkhead and dock along the Industrial Seaway in the Bernard Bayou Industrial District, which is located in Harrison County, Mississippi.

Engineering firms proposing to perform engineering services should submit a list of their qualifications, experience, and capacity for performance. Firms must submit the name of the person within the firm who will be the Owner’s contact and will be primarily responsible for rendering services if the firm is selected.

Statements of Qualifications must include the following information:

1. Capabilities, Experience, and Past Performance: Each firm or individual will be evaluated on its demonstrated capabilities and experience to provide engineering services to the Owner. Proposers are encouraged to elaborate on their qualifications and performance data or staff pertinent to the proposed project.
2. Key Personnel: Each firm or individual will be evaluated on the experience and education of the key personnel that will be assigned to the Owner’s project.
3. Ability to Accomplish Work: Each firm or individual will be evaluated on its ability to provide engineering services in a timely manner. Items to be considered include number of qualified staff (emphasis on local staffing), supporting technical staff, availability of equipment and facilities. Registration as a professional engineer in the State of Mississippi is considered a requirement in the ability to complete the work.
4. Local Experience: Each firm or individual will be evaluated on its familiarity with the state and local regulations and procedures.

5. Federal Grant Project Experience: The experience of the firm or individual with federal grant programs. The information submitted should, as a minimum, include: (1) type of federal program, (2) the amount of federal funds; and (3) types of project activities undertaken, pertinent to federally-assisted projects.
6. Other: Each firm or individual will be evaluated on any supportive information that demonstrates their capabilities to best suit the needs of the Owner.

All statements of qualifications will be rated on the following system to determine the best qualified proposer:

Maximum Points - Description
30 points - Capabilities, Experience, and Past Performance
20 points - Key Personnel
10 points - Ability to Accomplish Work
10 points - Local Experience
20 points - Federal Grant Project Experience
10 points - Other
Total – 100 points

The Selection Committee will open and review each statement and select a qualified firm or individual with which to negotiate. Six (6) copies of the statement of qualifications should be packaged, sealed, and properly labeled as follows:

NAME OF FIRM OR INDIVIDUAL
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES
Harrison County Bulkhead and Dock Construction

and delivered or mailed to the address below no later than 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time (CST) on Friday, January 17th, 2020:

Harrison County Development Commission
12281 Intraplex Parkway
Gulfport, MS 39503

Firms submitting Statements of Qualifications are solely responsible for meeting submittal deadlines. Statements of Qualifications received after the stated deadline will be deemed non-responsive and will not be considered for any contract awarded as a result of this solicitation.

Statements may be held by the Owner for a period of not to exceed ninety (90) days from the date of opening of statements for the purpose of reviewing the statements and investigating qualifications of the applicants prior to awarding. A contract will be awarded to the qualified firm whose statement of qualifications is determined to be most advantageous to the Owner. The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularities or informalities in the statement(s) of qualifications submitted, reject any and all statements of qualifications, or terminate the solicitation with no contract awarded.

Warranties

By applying to this RFQ, firms/individuals submitting Statements of Qualifications warrant and represent the following:

1. The firm/individual does not have any unpaid Federal tax liability for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted.
2. The firm/individual has a valid DUNS number and active registration with the General Services Administration's, government-wide System for Award Management Exclusions (SAM exclusions). The SAM Exclusions can be found at <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM/>.

Statements of Qualifications are being requested in accordance with Item (d)(5) of 2 C. F. R. §200.320 "Methods of procurement."

The Owner is an equal opportunity employer.

Any contract awarded must comply with the Minority Business Enterprise and Women Business Enterprise contracting requirements outlined in "Attachment B" to this solicitation. MBE and/or WBE individuals/firms are encouraged to respond to this solicitation.

Attachment A:

CONTRACTING WITH SMALL AND MINORITY BUSINESSES, WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, AND LABOR SURPLUS AREA FIRMS

Documentation of compliance with the following requirements is a matter of contractor responsibility. When subcontracting, the contractor must submit documentation of good faith efforts to meet the project's MBE/WBE requirements before contracted work can commence. (MBE/WBE requirements are outlined below and can be found at 2 C. F. R. §200.321.) Failure on the part of the contractor to submit proper documentation may cause the Owner not to execute or to terminate the contract.

(a) The prime contractor must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises; and,

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

The prime contractor should note that this requirement mandates two responsibilities. Separate solicitations must be made of minority and women's business enterprises.

SUBMITTAL OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE AND WOMEN'S BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (MBE/WBE) DOCUMENTATION

Prior to contract execution, the prime contractor must submit:

- A written certification that no subcontracts will be issued.

- OR -

- The Subcontractor Listing Form detailing all subcontractors from whom quotes were received including name, contact person, address, phone, and status (MBE, WBE or Non).

If subcontractors will be utilized, the prime contractor must submit the following for subcontracts proposed to be awarded to MBE/WBE enterprises:

- A certification from each MBE and/or WBE firm declaring its status as a MBE or WBE firm. This can be an MDOT, SBA or MDA certification. A self-certification is acceptable, if the certification specifies the basis for MBE/WBE designation (e.g., the business is 51% owned and daily operation is controlled by one or more women or minority owners).

If subcontractors will be utilized, the prime contractor must submit the following for subcontracts proposed to be awarded to Non-MBE/WBE:

- For all subcontracts for which there are capable certified MBE/WBE firms existing to potentially perform the work, letters transmitted to MBE and WBE firms requesting quote or proposals for specific subcontracting opportunities and encouraging inquiries for further details. Solicitations should have been sent in a timely manner, including allowed response time. (See "Sample Letter from Contractor to MBE/WBE Firms" below.)

- A listing of certified MBE and WBE firms from whom quotes or proposals were received, if any, who were not awarded subcontracts.

- Evidence that each Non-MBE/WBE subcontractor selected for the scope of work, was lower in price than each MBE/WBE proposal (or that there is some other acceptable reason to select the Non-MBE/WBE) and that the scope of work was the same for both the MBE/WBE and Non-MBE/WBE.

The contractor may utilize the following resources to assist in MBE/WBE affirmative outreach:

-MDOT Disadvantaged Business Entity (DBE) Website:

<http://sp.mdod.ms.gov/Civil%20Rights/Pages/DBE.aspx>

-MDA Minority Business Enterprise/Women Business Enterprise (MBE/WBE) Directory:

<https://minority.mississippi.org/MinorityBusinessDirectory.aspx>

Should the Prime Contractor intend to later issue a subcontract, the above affirmative steps must be followed and documentation of such submitted to the Owner for review as described under this section