

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF
QUALIFICATIONS (RSQ)**
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RSQ Number: 20-0901
Solicitation Title: ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR 455
Contracting Officer: ED TIPTON
CLOSING DATE: 09/18/2019
CLOSING TIME: 3:00 P.M. Eastern
Pre-Proposal Conference: Not Applicable

Vendors shall complete and return all information requested in Section 10.0. Failure to submit the solicitation response by the specified time and date will result in rejection of Proposal. Failure to sign the Proposal response may be cause for rejection of the Proposal.

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1.0 PURPOSE OF SOLICITATION

The purpose of this Request For Statement of Qualifications (RSQ) is to solicit competitive sealed Proposals to select a Consultant to supply **ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR 455** located in unincorporated Lake County, Florida. This particular RSQ is not being funded by the FDOT. The Preliminary Engineering Report was completed in January of 2007. The link to final report and appendix is:

ftp://ftp.co.lake.fl.us/Public_Works/Engineering/CR%20455%20Hartle%20Road%20Extension/PDE%20from%20SR%2050%20south%20to%20Hartwood%20Marsh%20Road/.

The project consists of the design of new construction of CR 455 as a four-lane roadway. The project also will provide an updated Roadway Corridor Alignment Evaluation.

For further details, see the Scope of Work and Expected Deliverable Guidelines Spreadsheet attached as Exhibit A and D.

The overall road project limits extend from 300 feet north of Lost Lake Road to Hartwood Marsh Road, (Exhibit E). The typical section of CR 455 will consist of 120-foot width right of way, a four-lane urban typical section with 12-foot lanes, four-foot bike lanes, full and directional median openings and dedicated left and right turn lanes in various locations of the project. The design will also include a 12-foot multi-use path and a five-foot sidewalk. Traffic signal and/or roundabout and signing and pavement markings will be required. All proposed sidewalks, shared-used path and curb ramps will need to comply with ADA requirements. Drainage design will be necessary including a pond siting evaluation. Surveying including topographic, above and below ground utilities and right of way will be required. Permitting, utility coordination and coordination with property owners will be required.

The Consultant will be required to attend and lead meetings with affected property owners including CEMEX and the Florida Department of Transportation District V office on plan review. Public Meetings will be required.

The Consultant will update findings of the PER study completed in 2007 with a corridor alignment evaluation. This Study will include a cost benefit analysis of no less than three alignments for CR 455. The 2007 PER proposes two routes through the sand mine. This corridor study will be required to pick one of the original routes or a hybrid version of the two routes as the recommended alternative route. However, these alignment evaluations shall begin at the end of the existing CR 455 north of Lost Lake Road and end at Hartwood Marsh Road where the County has existing ROW, (Exhibit E). The evaluation will include impacts to property, residences, businesses, Duke Energy transmission, and stormwater pond locations. The Study will include Public Meetings and a Presentation to the Board of County Commissioners. The Lake County Standard Scope of Work and Expected Deliverable Guidelines Spreadsheet are attached as Exhibit A and D. The Guidelines and Deliverables may be modified during the project scoping and negotiation process.

The contract resulting from this solicitation will be for a single project undertaking.

Respondents are advised that any award under this solicitation will be by separate bilateral contract.

1.1 SCOPE OF WORK

Refer to Exhibit A – Scope of Work for full details.

1.2 EXHIBITS

Exhibit A – Scope of Work

Exhibit B – Insurance Requirements

Exhibit C – Review the [Lake County General Terms and Conditions page](#) dated 2/26/2019.

Exhibit D – Expected Deliverables Guidelines Spreadsheet

Exhibit E – Map of CR 455 Project

Exhibit F – Sample Agreement

1.3 ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Bid Submittal Form

Attachment 2 – References Form

Attachment 3 – Team Composition Form

Attachment 4 – Location and Percentage of Work to be Completed Form

Attachment 5 – Truth in Negotiation Certification

2.0 POINT OF CONTACT

Inquiries concerning any portion of this solicitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer below who will be the official point of contact for this solicitation.

ED TIPTON, CPSM, CPPO, CPPB, Senior Contracting Officer

Telephone: 352-343-9839

Fax: 352.343.9473

E-mail: rtipton@lakecountyfl.gov

3.0 PROPOSED SCHEDULE

08/16/2019..... Request for Statement of Qualifications Available

09/11/2019..... Last Day to Receive Written Questions

09/18/2019..... Solicitation Closing Date

4.0 PRE-PROPOSAL CONFERENCE

Not Applicable

5.0 QUESTIONS, EXCEPTIONS, AND ADDENDA

Vendors should carefully examine this solicitation package including the [Lake County General Terms and Conditions page](#). All communication, inquiries, or requests for exceptions are to be directed to the Contracting Officer listed in Section 2.0. The last day for questions or requests for exceptions is 09/11/2019. An addendum may be issued in response to any inquiry received, which changes or clarifies the terms, provisions, or requirements of the solicitation. No answers given in response to questions submitted will be binding upon this solicitation unless released in writing as an addendum to the solicitation and posted on the [Lake County Formal Bid site](#) for this solicitation. Where there appears to be a conflict between this solicitation and any addenda, the last addendum issued will prevail.

It is the Vendor’s responsibility to ensure receipt of all addenda and any accompanying documentation. Failure to acknowledge each addendum may prevent the proposal from being considered for award.

Clarification of process or procedure questions may be asked at any time to the Contracting Officer.

6.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

For each contract that exceeds one hundred, ninety-five thousand dollars (\$195,000.00) any organization awarded a contract must execute a truth-in-negotiation certificate stating that the wage rates and other factual unit costs are accurate, complete, and current, at the time of contracting. Any contract requiring this certificate shall contain a provision that the original contract price and any additions shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the County determines the contract price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or non-current wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such contract adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the contract.

The Contract will commence upon the date of the purchase order or related Notice to Proceed and remain in effect until completion of the expressed and implied warranty periods.

Contract must contain the following statement:

“I, as an authorized agent of [firm name] warrant that [firm name] has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for [firm name] to solicit or secure the Contract and that [firm name] has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for [firm name] any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of the Contract.”

6.1 E-VERIFY

Upon award of a contract, Contractor shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new persons hired by the Contractor during the term of the Contract.

Contractor shall include in all contracts with subcontractors performing work pursuant to any contract arising from this solicitation an express requirement that the subcontractors utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s E-Verify system in accordance with the terms governing use of the system to confirm the employment eligibility of all new employees hired by the subcontractors during the term of the subcontract.

7.0 METHOD OF PAYMENT

The Contractor must submit an accurate invoice to the County’s using department. The date of the invoice must be after delivery but no more than thirty (30) calendar days after delivery. Invoices must reference the: purchase or task order; delivery date, delivery location, and corresponding packing slip or delivery ticket signed by a County representative at the time of acceptance. Failure to submit invoices in the prescribed manner will delay payment.

Payments will be tendered in accordance with the Florida Prompt Payment Act, Part VII, Chapter 218, Florida Statutes. The County will remit full payment on all undisputed invoices within forty-five (45) days from receipt by the appropriate County using department. The

County will pay interest not to exceed one percent (1%) per month on all undisputed invoices not paid within thirty (30) days after the due date.

8.0 METHOD OF AWARD

Florida Statute 287.055, The Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act, will be followed to secure the required firm. The Contracting Officer listed in Section 2.0 will be responsible for the selection process and will be the sole point of contact for all Respondents. In addition to the materials provided in the written responses to this RSQ, the County may utilize site visits or may request additional material, information, presentations or references from the Respondents submitting qualifications packages.

Pursuant to Chapter 472, Florida Statutes, firms or individuals must be registered with the State of Florida and have obtained at least the minimum thresholds of education and experience required by the applicable statutes.

Respondents must exhibit compliance with the qualification standards and evaluation factors stated in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, to be considered for award. Location, listing of subcontractors and respective percentage of use, are a listed evaluation factor under CCNA.

Each Proposal submittal will be evaluated for conformance as responsive and responsible using the following criteria:

- A. Proper submittal of ALL documentation as required by this Solicitation. (Responsive)
- B. Proposals will be evaluated based upon the greatest benefits to Lake County and the following criteria listed in order of descending importance: (Responsible)
 1. Firm's qualifications;
 2. Past Performance. In order to evaluate past performance, all Vendors are required to submit a list of three (3) verifiable references / relevant projects completed within the last three (3) years that are the same or similar in magnitude to this RSQ. The County may be listed as a reference. Use Attachment 2 – References Form;
 3. Proposed materials and plans to accomplish tasks;
 4. All technical specifications associated with this Solicitation;
 5. Financial Stability: A Dun and Bradstreet report may be used by the County to evaluate Vendor's financial stability. All Vendors shall be prepared to supply a financial statement upon request, preferably a certified audit of the last available fiscal year.
 6. Any other criteria that may be specific to your Solicitation.

Awards will be made to the most responsive, responsible, Vendor whose Proposal represents the best overall value to the County when considering all evaluation factors.

The County reserves the right to reject any and all offers or waive any minor irregularity or technicality in Proposals received.

Proposals received before the date and time listed will be opened, recorded, and accepted for consideration. Vendors' names will be read aloud and recorded. Proposals will be available for inspection during normal business hours in the Office of Procurement Services thirty (30)

calendar days after the solicitation due date or after recommendation of award, whichever occurs first.

9.0 DELIVERY OF PROPOSAL

DO NOT RESPOND TO THIS SOLICITATION ONLINE. All Proposals must be sealed and clearly marked with SOLICITATION: **20-0901, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR 455** , and firm name.

Proposals must be received by the Lake County Office of Procurement Services, Room 441, Fourth Floor, 315 W. Main Street, Tavares, FL 32778-7800, no later than 3:00 P.M., Eastern time on **09/18/2019**. Proposals received after this time, regardless of circumstance, will not be considered.

A response will not be accepted if received in the Office of Procurement Services after the official due date and time regardless of when or how it was received by the Lake County Clerk of Court Mail Receiving Center. Allow enough time for transportation and inspection.

All Proposals must be sealed and delivered to (faxes/e-mails will not be accepted):

Hand Delivery:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
315 W. MAIN STREET
4TH FLOOR, ROOM 441
TAVARES, FLORIDA 32778

Sealed Proposals delivered by a third-party carrier (U.S. Postal Service, FedEx, UPS, etc.) are opened and inspected by the Lake County Clerk of the Circuit Court Mail Receiving Center in an off-site controlled facility prior to delivery to the Office of Procurement Services.

United States Postal Service (USPS). Allow additional days for transportation and inspection:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
PO BOX 7800
TAVARES, FL 32778-7800

Third Party Carrier (FedEx, UPS, etc.). Allow an additional day for transportation and inspection:

LAKE COUNTY PROCUREMENT SERVICES
MAIL RECEIVING CENTER
313 SOUTH BLOXHAM AVENUE
TAVARES, FL 32778

10.0 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Vendors must complete and return all information requested in this RSQ document.

Proposal submission indicates a binding offer to the County and agreement of the terms and conditions referenced in this Request for Statement of Qualifications.

Do not make any changes to the content or format of any form without County permission. All information must be legible. The person signing the Proposal must initial any corrections made.

The Proposal must be signed by an official authorized to legally bind the firm to its provisions. Include a memorandum of authority signed by an officer of the company if the signor is not listed as a corporate officer on the firm's SunBiz registration or corporate documents.

Vendor must submit one (1) signed original, three (3) copies, and one (1) complete electronic copy (on a CD or USB flash drive) in a sealed package marked **20-0901, ENGINEERING AND DESIGN SERVICES FOR CR 455** and delivered to the Office of Procurement Services no later than the official solicitation due date and time. Any Proposal received after this time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. The County is not liable or responsible for any costs incurred by any Vendor in responding to this RSQ including, without limitation, costs for product or service demonstrations if requested.

10.1 PRESENTATION

Each Proposal must be a concise, accurate, complete, and clear description of the Vendor's solution and capabilities to satisfy this RSQ.

10.2 PROPOSAL GUIDELINES

Proposals must be in accordance with the instructions outlined in this Section. Failure to do so may result in the County rejecting the Proposal.

Page Size and Format – The preferred format is letter sized (not including foldouts), single-spaced, with 11 point or larger text, and numbered sequentially by section.

Legible tables, charts, graphs, or figures may be used as needed and should not exceed ledger size.

Binding and Labeling – Include a cover sheet containing the RSQ title, solicitation number, and the Vendor name in each Proposal copy. All Sections of the Proposal should be identified by tabs.

10.3 PROPOSAL SECTIONS AND CONTENT

Proposals must be organized into the following major sections.

TAB 1 – VENDOR PROFILE

Respondent is representing that each person listed or referenced in the qualifications package will be available to perform the services described for the County, barring illness, accident, or other unforeseeable events of a similar nature in which case the respondent must be able to promptly provide a qualified replacement. Any replacement person is subject to prior written County approval. In the event the requested substitute person is not satisfactory to the County and the matter cannot be resolved to the satisfaction of the County, the County reserves the right to cancel the contract for cause.

- Statement of Interest & Understanding of Project.
 - Concisely state the firm's understanding of the services required by the County.
 - Include additional relevant information not requested elsewhere in the RSQ.
 - Signature on statement must be that of a person authorized to bind the firm.
- Firm Profile / Firm History.
- Provide a copy of Certified Minority Business Enterprise or Disadvantaged Business Enterprise, if applicable.
- Include copies of any required licenses or permits.

TAB 2 – FORMS

- Complete Attachment 1 – Bid Submittal Form.

- Completed Addenda issued subsequent to the release of this solicitation must be signed and returned with the firm's Proposal. Failure to return signed addenda may cause for Proposal to be considered non-responsive.
- Provide a completed W-9.
- Provide a copy of the current State of Florida Board of Professional Regulation License.
- Provide a Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Sunbiz report of the firm available from the [Sunbiz homepage](#).
- Complete Attachment 2 – Reference Form submitting at least three (3) verifiable references where the proposed solution of similar magnitude has been completed within the last three (3) years. The County may be listed as a reference.
- Proof of Insurability. Provide either an Acord form reflecting required insurance coverage or documentation from the firm's insurance agency stating insurability at the required insurance coverage.
- Complete Attachment 3 – Team Composition Form
- Complete Attachment 4 – Location and Percentage of Work to be Completed Form
- Complete Attachment 5 – Truth in Negotiation Certification Form

TAB 3 – PROPOSED SOLUTION

- Provide a concise description of the approach and process to successfully complete the work to be performed including any specific staffing or equipment resources.
- Provide any additional information or description of resources (including any design capabilities) supporting your firm's qualifications for the County's project.

TAB 4 – SUBCONTRACTORS / JOINT VENTURES

- Provide a list of proposed subcontractors or joint venture arrangements that may be used on the project.

TAB 5 – FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Provide a financial stability statement indicating the firm has the necessary resources (human and financial) to provide the services at the level required by the County. The County reserves the right to request a financial statement, a certified audit, or a third party prepared financial statement. The County reserves the right to use a third-party company to verify financial information provided. Provide similar information for a subcontractor or joint venture arrangement.

TAB 6 – LITIGATION

- Provide information on the nature and outcome of litigation and proceedings for the previous three (3) years where the firm has been involved in any matter related to professional activities.

TAB 7 – OTHER INFORMATION

- Include any additional data that Vendor deems pertinent to the understanding and evaluating of the Proposal.

10.4 PRESENTATIONS/ POST-DISCUSSIONS AFTER PROPOSAL RESPONSE

- A. The County, at its sole discretion, may ask for an oral presentation or demonstration without charge to the County. The County reserves the right to require the Vendor to

demonstrate to the satisfaction of the County that the Firm has the fiscal and technical ability to furnish the requirements of the RSQ. The demonstration must satisfy the County and the County will be the sole judge of compliance.

- B. The County may commence contract negotiations in accordance with the method of award specified. The County reserves the right to conduct discussions with Vendors having a realistic possibility of contract award to include requests for additional information and requests for “best and final” offers.
- C. Vendors must not assume they will be asked to make a presentation or asked for a “best and final” offer and must include all pertinent and required information in their original Proposal.

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