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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Request for Qualifications

Professional Services for On-call Construction Engineering & Inspection (CE&I) Services for Local Public Agencies (LPAs)

December 1, 2021

Statements of Qualifications are due Wednesday, December 22, 2021, 1:00 P.M.

GENERAL

In accordance with Nebraska Consultants' Competitive Negotiation Act ([Neb. Rev. Stat. §81-1702](#)), the Brooks Act ([40 USC 1101](#)), and [23 CFR 172.5](#), the State of Nebraska, Department of Transportation (NDOT), is issuing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for CE&I Services for LPA's. Qualified consultants are invited to submit a statement of qualifications as outlined below. NDOT's website referred to in this document is located at: <http://www.dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/>

All consultants interested in providing professional services for NDOT are strongly encouraged to review NDOT's template [IDIQ Master On-Call PE Agreement](#), [IDIQ Task Order Agreement](#), [Sample Fees and Payments Exhibit](#), and [Insurance Requirements for Professional Service Providers](#) prior to responding to this RFQ. By submitting a statement of qualifications in response to this RFQ, Consultant, and all subconsultants, agree to meet the substantive requirements of these documents. These documents can be found on NDOT's website. An agreement will not be executed unless consultant provides a current overhead schedule and proof of meeting the insurance requirements in the form of an [Insurance ACORD](#). Further information regarding insurance, including a [checklist](#) to assist in submitting an acceptable certificate, can be found at <https://dot.nebraska.gov/business-center/consultant/insurance/>.

NDOT is seeking a statement of qualifications from consultants who wish to be considered to provide these services. The selected consultants will be required to follow the [LPA Guidelines Manual for Federal-Aid Projects](#) and all applicable Federal and State requirements and procedures for the local federal-aid projects.

This RFQ does not commit NDOT to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure or contract for services. NDOT reserves the right to award contracts to more than one qualified consultant, to accept or reject any or all responses received as a result of this request, to negotiate with any qualified consultant or to modify or cancel in part or in its entirety the RFQ, if it is in the best interest of NDOT to do so.

In accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute [84-712](#) et.seq., Nebraska Public Records Act, documents provided to NDOT are public records subject to disclosure unless consultant requests in writing that documents must be kept confidential and can demonstrate that such

records are confidential under federal or state law.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

Standard Work Categories anticipated on this project are:

- 109 Construction Inspection
- 202 Engineering Survey
- 204 Land Surveying
- 205 Materials Testing

Information regarding the [Standard Work Categories](#) can be found on NDOT's website.

The Consultant services generally include, but are not limited to: project management; construction engineering; pre-construction staking; traffic control plans; conducting the preconstruction conference; construction staking and inspection, and materials sampling and testing during project construction; monitoring environmental commitments; preparing as-built plans; progress computations; final computations; preparing contractor change orders and work orders; and all project communications, including any necessary communication regarding federal-funding project eligibility questions, issues and concerns. The required construction engineering services will be further defined in each Task Order.

The Consultant shall review and have a working knowledge of the project plans, special provisions, standard specifications (the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction of NDOT (Current Edition), change orders and all other project related contract documents for the construction of LPA's Federal-Aid project. The project plans, special provisions, standard specifications, and other contract documents will be incorporated by reference into the future construction engineering agreement(s), and collectively, may be referred to as the Construction Contract Documents. Consultant shall assume the duties of "Inspector", (also referred to in the NDOT Construction Manual as "Construction Technician"); "Project Manager;" and also "Engineer" (unless the context of use of the term "Engineer" would otherwise require), as those terms are defined and duties set out in the Standard Specifications for Highway Construction (2007 Edition). Consultant shall assume that it is responsible for all duties of the "Engineer" unless notified otherwise by NDOT.

Consultant shall review and have a working knowledge of the following authoritative guides and manuals related to highway construction, materials, and federal aid reimbursement:

- [Construction Manual](#)
- [Materials Sampling Guide](#)
- [Specifications for Highway Construction](#)
- [Standard Methods of Tests](#)
- [Construction Project Manager Materials Compliance Guide](#)
- [The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices](#)
- AASHTO Standard Specifications for Transportation Materials and Methods of Sampling and Testing
- The ASTM Standards
- [Final Review Manual](#)
- [2019 PM Best Practice Manual](#)
- [LPA Manual – Chapter 12 checklists](#)

- [ECODatabase \(ECOD\)](#)
- [Final Review Process Manual](#)

These documents, collectively, may be referred to as the Manuals. Unless required otherwise by the Construction Contract Documents, Consultant shall be responsible for timely completion of all applicable checklists, tests, samples, duties, requirements, and provisions of the Manuals. The Manuals will be used to determine what, when, how, the sequence, and other details of the work that must be provided by Consultant, whenever Consultant's duties in these respects are not clearly set out in the Construction Contract Documents. Consultant shall employ a sufficient number of qualified employees on the project to adequately observe, monitor, inspect, measure, manage, document, report and carry out the other duties of this agreement, so that the project is constructed by the contractor in compliance with the Construction Contract Documents, the Manuals, State and Federal law, rule or regulation and policy. Consultant shall fulfill all contract duties of inspection, project management and construction engineering for the project in a timely manner and shall communicate regularly about the progress of the construction with the LPA, through the RC, and, when appropriate for federal funding or eligibility issues, the State representative.

The Consultant is required to use NDOT Construction Systems as the construction record-keeping system for Services under this contract.

The Consultant shall be present at the project site when appropriate for each applicable phase of construction to inspect, observe, monitor, measure, manage, document and report on the progress of the work or as otherwise specially agreed to by the LPA.

The parties understand that the Consultant is not responsible for the Contractor's means and methods of construction. To the extent the Construction Contract Documents and the Manuals specify sequencing of work, equipment requirements, or other construction methods, the Consultant shall keep the Owner's RC informed about the progress and quality of the work and shall advise the RC about observed or measured deficiencies in the work.

DETAILS

It is anticipated that eight (8) consultants will be awarded contracts under the Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) or "on-call" procurement process. The proposed two-year contract term will have a maximum value of \$2,000,000. The contract term may be extended up to 6 months at the discretion of NDOT. Typical Task Orders that will be awarded under this IDIQ contract will range from \$5,000 to \$300,000. The payment method for the individual Task Order Agreements will be Specific Rates of Compensation (SRC).

Ten (10) consultants will be short-listed for final selection evaluation. The evaluation criteria to be used for the short-listing and final selection are outlined below.

NDOT reserves the right to abandon or terminate any contract at any time and either re-advertise services or utilize its own forces. NDOT also reserves the right to accomplish services for future phases on all projects with the selected consultant, select another consultant, or utilize its own forces.

NDOT will not hold a briefing. All information is contained within this RFQ and on NDOT's website. If additional information is deemed necessary, it will be posted on the same web page as this RFQ and will be labeled as an update. Consultants interested in this RFQ are responsible for checking for updated information.

Interested consultants must have a current [NDOT Form 497, "Architect, Engineer, and Related Services Certification Form"](#) on file with NDOT prior to the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities. If necessary, a completed NDOT Form 497 should be submitted to: NDOT.PDAnnualCertification@nebraska.gov.

Please submit your Drug-Free Workplace Policy (DF Policy) separate from the response to this RFQ ([DF Policy Example](#)). The DF Policy is a one-time submittal to NDOT. Please do not re-submit unless your DF Policy has changed, or you never have previously submitted a DF Policy. While the DF Policy is not a submittal requirement, all consultants must have an acceptable DF Policy on file prior to the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities. If necessary, the consultant's DF Policy may be submitted via email to: NDOT.PDAnnualCertification@nebraska.gov

Please do not call or write NDOT staff for information regarding the services in this RFQ. Email all inquiries/questions to Randy Eldorado, Procurement Engineer, at: randy.eldorado@nebraska.gov or call (402) 479-4778.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Short List (80 pts)

A. Qualifications (40 pts)

1. Qualifications of the project manager and key team members to perform the work.
2. Level of understanding and experience with Trns•port Site Manager software, construction inspection services, and Federal Aid procedures and requirements for transportation construction projects.
3. Firm organizational chart of personnel that will be working on the project.

B. Performance Data (20 pts)

1. Firm has provided a client reference list and contacted reference feedback has been positive.
2. Performance evaluations by NDOT regarding the work of the Consultant.
3. NDOT's experience with firm on previous or related work within the last 5 years.

C. Understanding of the Project (20 pts)

1. Firm has demonstrated understanding of key elements of federally funded construction engineering projects.
2. Firm has provided comparable services with which they, and current staff, have been involved.
3. The consultant has recognized and identified special circumstances to be considered for the projects.

Final Selection (20 pts, 100 pts total)**A. COMMITTEE Q&A SESSION (20 pts)**

The Department will send, via email, four to six questions to each of the short-listed firms, with responses due as shown below in the Schedule of Activities. The scoring of responses will be totaled, and added with the shortlisting scores, with the highest score determining the selected firm.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	Date (2021)	Time (CST)
RFQ Posted	Dec 1, 8, 15	
Last Day Updates to RFQ may be posted	Dec 15	4:00 PM
NDOT Form 497 & Drug-Free Workplace Policy on File at NDOT	Dec 15	4:00 PM
Statement of Qualifications Due	Dec 22	1:00 PM
Post Short-List Consultants & Send interview Questions to Shortlisted Consultants	Jan 4, 2022	4:00 PM
Receive interview Questions from Shortlisted Consultants	Jan 10	9:00 AM
Post Final Selections	Jan 25	4:00 PM

NOTE – THE Selected Firm must provide verification that they and all subconsultants have submitted their indirect cost rates and certifications for their latest fiscal year. Latest fiscal year means the last fiscal year with an end date no more than 6 months in the past.

IDIQ ORDERING PROCEDURES

When ordering specific on-call design services NDOT will consider each selected consultant's statement of qualifications along with any performance data on file with NDOT. The selection of a consultant will be based upon the following criteria:

1. Professional qualifications of the firm
2. Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required
3. Past performance of similar type of work
4. Capacity of firm to perform the work in a timely manner

Upon selection, NDOT will prepare a Task Order Agreement that will incorporate the provisions of the Master Agreement by reference and includes some or all the following performance details:

1. Detailed scope of work
2. Detailed description of deliverables
3. Description of performance/quality measures
4. Timeline for delivery of services

SUBMITTAL OF QUALIFICATIONS

All information must be received by the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities. No exceptions to this deadline will be given.

One (1) electronic copy (PDF format) of your firm's statement of qualification (SOQ) must be submitted using the Online "[SOQ Submittal Form](#)" link found on the Consultant Services Business Opportunities page. Please "reduce file size" of PDF before submitting.

Submittals are to include the following in the order given below:

1. Front cover to include the consultant, subconsultants (if applicable), and number and title of the RFQ.
2. A letter of interest not to exceed one (1) page.
3. Organizational Chart not to exceed one (1) page.
4. A narrative responding to the established evaluation factors not to exceed four (4) pages.
5. A maximum of two (2) pages of additional supportive material such as charts, tables, resumes, or photos.
6. NDOT Form 498, "Architect, Engineer, & Related Services Supplement to Statement of Qualifications" not to exceed six (6) pages for the consultant and six (6) pages for each subconsultant. A separate NDOT Form 498 must be submitted for each subconsultant to be used.

Additional submittal requirements are:

1. Submittal covers and dividers between the sections are allowed and not included in the page limit.

INTERVIEWS

NDOT will make every effort to post the short-listed consultants and the interview schedule on NDOT's website prior to the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities.

NDOT selection committee will conduct discussions with the short-listed consultants via written Questions and Answers, submitted to the shortlisted firms. Answers will be scored by the selection committee. Consultant may contact the Procurement Engineer to make any special arrangements.

Upon completion of all the interviews and approval of the Deputy Director, NDOT will post the final selections on NDOT's website prior to the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities, or as soon as possible.

John Selmer, P.E., Director
Nebraska Department of Transportation

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