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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Request for Qualifications

Professional Services for RFQ-2424
Complete Streets Policy Implementation

October 2, 2024

Statements of Qualifications are due Wednesday, October 23, 2024, 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 Complete Streets Policy Implementation. 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 [Standard Professional Services 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 (indirect cost rate) 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/>.

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.

Required Title VI Non-discrimination General Assurance

The Nebraska Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders/offerors that it will affirmatively insure {ensure} that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

STANDARD WORK CATEGORIES

Standard Work Categories anticipated on this project are listed below. Consultant/team must be certified in the following Standard Work Categories. Information regarding the [Standard Work Categories](#) can be found on NDOT's website.

- 102 Transportation Planning
- 120 Roadway Design
- 140 Traffic Operation Studies & Design

SCOPE OF SERVICES**A. OVERVIEW OF THE WORK:**

The Consultant will assist the NDOT in the development of a detailed Complete Streets policy framework focused on sidewalks, crossings, and bikeways. The project is broken up into two distinct phases, which are described as follows:

- a. The first phase of this work will have the Consultant establishing definitions and decision thresholds for Complete Streets elements with internal stakeholders. Such decisions and thresholds may include things like “where to include sidewalks”, “how much does NDOT pay”, “when are bikeways accommodated”, etc. These things will inform an NDOT policy process and implementation plan. The plan will tell internal stakeholders when it is recommended to implement Complete Streets on projects. At the same time, the Consultant will work with NDOT to create an externally facing Complete Streets policy statement. Its purpose is to provide a public commitment to Complete Streets, with a focus on routine accommodations for sidewalks, crossings and bikeways in urban contexts.
- b. The second phase of the project will focus on policy development and integration at NDOT. This phase will have the Consultant work with NDOT to create Complete Street standards and policy components. Next the Consultant will help NDOT map policy impacts to its manuals, internal policies, practices and processes. It will then assist NDOT with the development of a prioritized roadmap of updates needed to accommodate policy language. To ensure that policies are followed and show the public that NDOT is committed to policy implementation, the Consultant will also help NDOT develop associated checklists and protocols for Complete Streets policy implementation. Lastly, the Consultant will assist the NDOT in the development of Complete Streets performance measures. This will include a list of data needs (and data gaps) along with a reporting plan.

B. QUALIFICATIONS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE:

- a. The consultant firm shall have experienced transportation professionals including planners, public involvement specialists, roadway designers, traffic engineers, safety specialists and statistical analysts.
- b. The Consultant's team shall have experience with the following types of work:
 1. Complete Streets Policies and Procedures
 2. The NDOT Design Manual
 3. AASHTO “Green Book”

4. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices
5. Federal Laws, Regulations, Guidance and Emphasis areas (E.g., ADA, PROWAG, Justice40, etc.)
6. Federal Programs and Program Requirements (e.g., Formula & Grant Programs, Performance Management, Permitting, etc.)
7. NDOT Plans (e.g., LRTP, SHSP, etc.)
8. Benefit-Cost Analysis
9. Safety Analysis
10. The NDOT STIP/Program Book
11. Active Transportation/Bicycle-Pedestrian Plans
12. Collaborative stakeholder activities such as public meetings, focus groups, surveying, etc.

C. SOFTWARE AND EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Microsoft Office and Adobe Products

D. EXPECTATIONS FOR THE DELIVERABLES:

- a. All documents produced with Microsoft Office and Adobe Products
- b. Work is to be completed and submitted to NDOT electronically in an agreed to format at the time of the task assignment.
- c. Work will be completed on an as needed basis, timing and extent of work will be negotiated at the time the task is assigned.
- d. All work completed will be available for use by NDOT in related documents and for public review.

E. SCHEDULE:

- a. The Consultant will be expected to complete the work within 1 year from notice to proceed. Additional time may be granted if deemed necessary by the NDOT.

DETAILS

It is anticipated that three (3) consultants will be short-listed for interviews, with one (1) consultant will be awarded the contract for the work. The evaluation criteria to be used for the short-listing and final selection is outlined below. The payment method for the contract may be Lump Sum, Cost Plus Fixed Fee, or Specific Rates of Compensation.

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 be certified by NDOT or have a completed certification form on file with NDOT prior to the deadline identified in the Schedule of Activities. Instructions for completing the NDOT Annual Consultant Certification form is available at: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/media/g1qb344b/cert-instruc-annual-certification.pdf>

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 NDOT Procurement Engineer, at: ndot.pdRFQinfo@nebraska.gov or call (402) 479-4778.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Short List (70 pts)

A. QUALIFICATIONS (30 PTS)

- a. Qualifications of the project manager and key team members to perform the work.
- b. Qualifications and capability of key subconsultants.
- c. Applicability and relevance of comparable projects provided by the Consultant.
- d. Knowledge of and experience with Complete Streets policies and guidance documents listed above in the SCOPE OF SERVICES section, item "B".

B. PERFORMANCE DATA (20 PTS)

- a. Performance evaluations by NDOT, or other DOT's, regarding the work of the Consultant, if available.
- b. Project schedule adherence on previous projects with NDOT.
- c. Cooperation with NDOT staff on previous projects.
- d. If firm has no experience with NDOT, review information obtained from Consultant's references for Consultant's performance with other states, local governments, or appropriate clients. The team should list a minimum of two (2) references in their proposal.

C. UNDERSTANDING OF THE SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED (20 PTS)

- a. Consultant demonstrated they understand nature and scope of the projects to be assigned under this on-call agreement.
- b. The consultant has recognized and identified special circumstances to be considered for the projects.
- c. Consultant provided a logical approach to complete tasks and resolve issues of the project.

Final Selection (30 pts, 100 pts total)**D. DISCUSSION OF FOCUS AREA TOPICS (20 PTS)**

- a. Consultant's interview presentation was clear and concise.
- b. Consultant showed knowledge and understanding of topics.

E. COMMITTEE Q&A SESSION (10 PTS)

- a. Consultant answered committee questions logically and thoroughly.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES	Date (2024)	Time (CST)
RFQ posted	October 2, 9, 16	
Last day questions will be accepted	October 9	4:00 PM
Last day Q&A or updates to RFQ may be posted	October 16	4:00 PM
NDOT Form 497 & Drug-Free Workplace Policy on file at NDOT	October 23	4:00 PM
Statement of Qualifications Due	October 23	1:00 PM
Post Short-List Consultants & Interview Schedule	October 30	4:00 PM
Interview	November 5	9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Post Final Selections	November 7	4:00 PM

NOTE – Shortlisted Firms may be asked to 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.

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 five (5) pages.
5. A maximum of five (5) 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" \(MS Word version\)](#) 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. All material in the submittal must be formatted for 8½ x 11 paper, single or double spaced.
2. Submittal covers and dividers between the sections are allowed and not included in the page limit.

INTERVIEWS

NDOT's selection committee will conduct interviews with the short-listed consultants via WebEx on the date and time specified in the Schedule of Activities. Interviews will be capped at 15 minutes, followed by up to 10 minutes of Q&A. Consultant may contact the Procurement Engineer to make any special arrangements.

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

Upon completion of scoring 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.

Vicki Kramer, Director
Nebraska Department of Transportation

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