

A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Department of Highways Professional Services Procurement Bulletin 2022-05 Statewide Environmental Studies Services

This document constitutes a Request for Proposals for a Professional Service Contract from qualified individuals and organizations to furnish those services as described herein for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Department of Highways.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This statewide contract is to provide necessary Environmental Studies Services. Four (4) consultants will be selected to provide these services on an as-needed basis for two years.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Manager - Andrew Logsdon
User Division - Environmental Analysis
Approximate Fee - \$1,000,000 per contract (Upset Limit)
Work will be assigned via Letter Agreement, not to exceed \$150,000
Project Funding - State and Federal Funds
Contract Term - Two Years

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

To obtain services for the full range of environmental activities, when needed, on a statewide basis for both six-year highway plan and non-six year plan and/or non-highway projects.

IV. DBE REQUIREMENT

The Consultant team shall include a DBE Participation Plan with their Response to Announcement to help the Department meet the 11.95% DBE goal established by FHWA. The plan needs to demonstrate how DBE companies will be mentored or used to assist in the area(s) pertaining to this contract. An additional page will be allowed in the Project Approach (Page 7) to demonstrate this plan. A maximum of 4 points will be considered in the Evaluation Factors for the DBE Participation Plan.

V. SCOPE OF WORK

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

1. Environmental studies required to obtain location approval including Air Quality Analysis,

Highway Noise Analysis, Socioeconomic Impact Analysis, Aquatic Ecosystem Analysis, Terrestrial Ecosystem Analysis, Wetland Delineation, Wetland Design/Restoration and Monitoring, Stream Classification, Stream Restoration/Mitigation and Monitoring, Section 401/404 permitting, Underground Storage Tank and Hazardous Material Investigations, and Historic/Archaeological Resource Investigations.

2. Mitigation and Remediation as required in any of the aforementioned studies.

DOCUMENT PREPARATION

1. Technical reports necessary to adequately address specific areas of impact in each of the aforementioned areas.
2. Environmental documentation (EA/FONSI, EIS, CE) necessary for project location approval.
3. Design drawings and data necessary for 401/404 permit/WQC applications.

LABORATORY SERVICES

1. Interested consultants will not be required to comply with the requirement of utilizing a laboratory prequalified with the KYTC and for UST/Hazmat Services. Criteria for identification of acceptable testing facilities will be discussed with the selected consultant(s) who will provide KYTC with a proposed list of laboratories for approval.

VI. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Four (4) consultants will be selected to provide these services for a period of two (2) years with no new work assigned after two years from the Notice to Proceed, although the contract may be extended for time to complete work already assigned. Contracts will have an upset limit of \$1,000,000. Once the upset limit is reached or the two year term has expired, services may be re-advertised and no additional Letter Agreements will be executed under the contract. Contracts will not be modified to increase the upset limit or extended for time to assign new work. No Letter Agreement shall exceed \$150,000 without written approval from the State Highway Engineer.

The Selection Committee will randomly draw from the pool of selected Consultants and list in consecutive order to determine the initial order for which projects will be assigned. Projects will generally be assigned on a rotational basis. The Department reserves the right to select one of the firms outside of the assignment order for a particular project if it is to the benefit of the Department. That firm, if selected out of order, will be skipped in the rotation when their turn comes and the regular order will be followed thereafter. The Division of Environmental Analysis reserves the right to group multiple projects together as one offering if it is advantageous to the Department. The Department may also add additional work to an existing Letter Agreement, if needed. A firm will not be offered an additional project until the remaining firms on the list have been offered a project. If a firm declines to accept a project, that firm will not be eligible to accept another project until the remaining firms on the list have been offered a project. If a firm declines a project or does not respond to an invitation to perform services for a project within five (5) business days, documentation shall be provided in the project files and the next firm on the rotating list shall be offered the project.

The Department will allow the following modifications to the standard response format for response to this Statewide Environmental Studies advertisement only:

- Page 4 (A-E) Resumes, may be expanded, not to exceed 10 pages total (A-J).
- Page 5 (A-B) Workload / commitments, not to exceed 4 pages total (A-D).
- Page 6 (A-E) Project Experience, may be expanded, not to exceed 10 pages total (A-J).

Instructions for Response to Announcement can be found at:

<https://transportation.ky.gov/ProfessionalServices/Pages/Respond-to-an-Announcement.aspx>

VII. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

To respond to this project, the Consultant must be prequalified in the following areas by the response due date of this advertisement.

ENVIRONMENTAL & UST SERVICES

- UST & Hazmat Preliminary Site Assessment (Phase 1)
- UST Closure Assessment
- Hazmat Corrective Action
- Hazmat Site Investigation (Phase 2)
- UST Corrective Action

ENVIRONMENTAL AQUATIC & TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS ANALYSIS

- Fisheries
- Botany
- Terrestrial Zoology
- Wetlands
- Freshwater Macroinvertebrates
- Water Quality

ENVIRONMENTAL ARCHAEOLOGY & OTHER SERVICES

- Air Quality Analysis
- Prehistoric Archaeology
- Socio-Economic Analysis
- Highway Noise Analysis
- Historic Archaeology
- EIS Writing & Coordination
- Cultural-Historic Analysis
- Stream & Wetland Mitigation

ROADWAYS DESIGN

- Surveying

VIII. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

Dates other than Response Date are tentative and provided for information only.

- Advertisement Date: November 9, 2021
- Response Date: December 1, 2021 by 4:30 PM ET (Frankfort Time)
- First Selection Meeting: December 6, 2021
- Final Selection: December 17, 2021
- Pre-Design Conference: January 5, 2022

- Notice to Proceed: January 26, 2022

IX. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Individual project schedules will be defined by Letter Agreement on a project-by-project basis.

- Completion of All Services – 2 Years from Notice to Proceed

X. EVALUATION FACTORS

Consultants will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the following, weighted factors:

1. Relative experience of consultant personnel assigned to project team with highway project for KYTC and/or federal, local or other state governmental agencies. (20 Points)
2. Past record of performance on projects similar in type and complexity. (20 Points)
3. Project approach and proposed procedures to accomplish the services for the project. (15 Points)
4. Available team workload capacity to comply with project schedule. (5 Points)
5. DBE Participation Plan (4 Points)
6. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (2 Points)

XI. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Andrew Logsdon, User Division
2. Dave Harmon, User Division
3. David Erickson, P.E., Secretary's Pool
4. Stephen De Witte, P.E., Secretary's Pool
5. Bart Bryant, P.E., Governor's Pool