

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Department of Highways
Professional Services Procurement Bulletin 2026-10
Knott & Letcher | 12-163 & 12-173 | CR-1390

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

County - Knott / Letcher
Route - CR-1390 / New Route
Item No. - 12-163 / 12-173
Project Description - 12-163: CEI services for the Reconstruction of Starfire Haul Road (CR-1390) from KY-80 to proposed Olive Branch Development Site in Knott County. (Eastern KY Flood Relief Housing Development)

12-173: CEI services for the Construction of a permanent road to the Grandview High Ground Community Development in Letcher County. (Eastern KY Flood Relief Housing Development)

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Manager - Vincent Hayes, P.E.
User Division - Construction
Approximate Fee - \$1,500,000 Construction Engineering Inspection (Specific Rate of Compensation)
12-163.00 - \$750,000 | 12-173.00 - \$750,000
Project Funding - CDBG-DR (Federal Funds)
Project Length - Approximately 0.92 miles

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is pursuing construction of the Olive Branch and Grandview High Ground Community projects in Knott and Letcher Counties. The project will be let in two separate construction contracts and will be delivered through Construction Procurement using the traditional Design-Bid-Build method. Both construction sections are anticipated to go to letting in May of 2026. Construction activities should begin by early summer of 2026. Construction for both projects is expected to be completed by December 1, 2027. The construction contract will be awarded separately by KYTC Construction Procurement.

As the lead oversight agency for these two construction projects, KYTC is seeking the following

services for Construction Engineering and Inspection (CEI):

- Assistance with Contract Administration, Construction Oversight and Inspection
- Assistance with Material Sampling and Testing and Quality Assurance

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The Consultant selected as a result of this RFP shall be responsible for assisting KYTC in the contract administration, construction oversight, inspection, quality control, and quality assurance for the Olive Branch (12-163) and Grandview High Ground Community (12-173) projects. Services provided by the Consultant shall comply with Department manuals, procedures, and memorandums in effect as of the date of execution of the Agreement unless otherwise directed in writing by the Department. Such Department manuals, procedures, and memorandums are found at the State Construction Office's website.

1. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to administer and monitor the Construction Contract for the Olive Branch (12-163) and Grandview High Ground Community (12-173) projects according to the current version of the Kentucky Construction Guidance Manual or as directed by the KYTC Construction Project Manager. With the assistance of KYTC, the Consultant shall ensure that the project is constructed in reasonable conformity with the plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Contract. The Consultant shall attend all meetings as directed, be responsive to the schedule and review times, and provide all technical assistance necessary to ensure the contract requirements, as they pertain to the construction of the Olive Branch (12-163) and Grandview High Ground Community (12-173) projects, are being met. The Consultant shall assign a Resident Engineer who assists KYTC in the management and coordination between the various construction elements of the project. The position shall serve as a single point of contact for KYTC regarding all construction-related elements of the project. The authority of the Consultant's Resident Engineer shall be identical to the Department's Section Engineer as outlined in section CST-105-2 of the Construction Guidance Manual.

The Resident Engineer shall coordinate the Construction Contract administration activities of all parties, other than the Contractor, involved in completing the construction project. Notwithstanding the above, the Consultant is not liable to the Department for failure of such parties to follow written direction issued by the Consultant.

Contract Administration and oversight shall be completed with Engineering Services that shall include maintaining the required level of surveillance of Contractor activities, interpreting plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Phase Amendment(s). Maintaining complete, accurate records of all activities and events relating to the project and properly documenting all project changes. In addition to the work described above, the following services shall be performed:

- Attend a pre-service meeting for the Agreement with KYTC. Provide appropriate staff to attend and participate in the pre-service meeting. At the time of this meeting submit appropriate requests for network access to the KYTC Construction Project Manager for approval.
- Schedule and attend a Final Estimate informational meeting with the District Construction Office. Provide appropriate staff to attend and participate in this meeting.
- Verify that the Contractor is conducting inspections, preparing reports and monitoring all

storm water pollution prevention measures associated with the project.

- Analyze the Contractor's CPM project schedule(s) (i.e. baseline(s), revised baseline(s), updates, as-built, etc.) for compliance with the contract documents. Elements, including but not limited to completeness, logic, durations, activity, float, flow, milestone dates, concurrency, resource allotment, and delays will be reviewed. Verify the schedule conforms with the construction phasing and MOT sequences, including all contract modifications. Provide a written review of the schedule, identifying significant omissions, improbable or unreasonable activity durations, errors in logic, and any other concerns.
 - Analyze problems that arise on a project and proposals submitted by the Contractor; work to resolve such issues and process the necessary paperwork.
 - Document utility construction progress to be performed by Utility Agencies. Facilitate coordination and communication between the Utility Agency's representatives, the Department's staff, and Contractors executing the work. Identify potential utility conflicts and assist in the resolution of utility issues, including Department and Local Government-owned facilities.
 - Prepare and make presentations for meetings with the project and/or department in connection with the project covered by this Agreement.
 - Track, receive, and submit Contractor payrolls to the appropriate KYTC personnel and perform field wage rate interviews, both according to the latest KYTC policies.
 - Provide timely, professional responses to project inquiries, including emails, telephone calls, etc.
 - Collect photo and video documentation of the pre-construction conditions throughout the project limits. Provide a digital photo log of project activities, with heavy emphasis on potential claim items/issues and on areas of real/potential public controversy. These photographs shall be filed and maintained on the KYTC storage site using a digital photo management system. Photographs shall be taken the day before the start of construction and continue as needed throughout the project. Photographs shall be taken on the days of Conditional, Partial, and Final Acceptance.
2. With the assistance of KYTC, the Consultant shall observe and inspect the Contractor's work to determine the progress and quality of work. The Consultant shall identify discrepancies, report significant discrepancies to the Department, and direct the Contractor to correct such observed discrepancies. This includes sampling, testing, and control of materials utilized in the construction of the Olive Branch (12-163) and Grandview High Ground Community (12-173) projects.

The Consultant shall monitor the Contractor's on-site construction activities and inspect materials entering into the work in accordance with the plans, specifications, and special provisions for the Construction Phase Amendment(s) to determine that the project is constructed in reasonable conformity with such documents. Maintain detailed, accurate records of the Contractor's daily operations and of significant events that affect the work. The Department will monitor off-site activities and fabrication unless otherwise stipulated by this Agreement.

The Consultant shall monitor and inspect the Contractor's Work Zone Traffic Control Plan and review modifications to the Work Zone Traffic Control Plan, including the Alternate Work Zone Traffic Control Plan, in accordance with the Department's procedures. Consultant employees performing such services shall be qualified in accordance with the Department's procedures. Inform the designated Department project personnel of any significant omissions, substitutions, defects, and deficiencies noted in the work of the Contractor and the corrective action that has been directed to be performed by the Contractor.

The Consultant shall designate a **Lead Inspector** to serve as both Construction Oversight Manager and Materials Oversight Manager. The lead inspector shall ensure that all other inspectors working on the project are performing all appropriate inspections and documentation of the work and material components. The inspectors shall use inspection instruments, material testing equipment, and visual inspection to inspect the Contractor's work and ensure compliance with all contract provisions. The inspectors shall produce daily reports, verify quantity calculations, and field measure for payment purposes as needed to prevent delays in Contractor operations and to facilitate prompt processing of such information in order that the Department may make timely payment to the Contractor. The inspectors shall keep complete and accurate records of all work performed and prepare final paperwork for the construction and materials used throughout the project in accordance with KYTC's current policies for work in Kentucky.

The Consultant shall provide inspectors who have successfully completed the certifications as specified in the Special Instructions section of this bulletin and are required to maintain these qualifications for the duration of the contract. The inspectors shall demonstrate experience and knowledge of onsite roadway construction inspection and record keeping; the inspectors shall be capable of handling the physical requirements needed to access and perform arms' length inspection of the entire project.

3. The Consultant shall serve as liaison between the Contractor's construction forces and KYTC. For the duration of the Agreement, keep the KYTC Project Manager informed of all significant activities, decisions, correspondence, reports, and other communications related to its responsibilities under this Agreement. Facilitate communications between all parties (i.e. KYTC Design, Traffic, Permits, local agencies, etc.) ensuring responses and resolutions are provided in a timely manner. Maintain accurate records to document the communication process. Inform the designated Department project personnel of any design defects reported by the Contractor or observed by the Consultant. Submit all items relating to Payment Requests, Personnel Approval, Changed Conditions, Time Extensions, and Supplemental Agreements to the KYTC Project Manager for review and approval.
4. The Consultant's Resident Engineer shall assist KYTC in design review functions that could include the following: review of proposed shop drawings; review of sheeting/shoring plans; review of cofferdam designs; review of falsework designs; erection plans; review of Contractor-provided as-builts; other construction-related design review functions that may arise but are not specifically listed.

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

The construction administration, inspection, and materials sampling portions will be negotiated as specific rate of compensation and an estimated fee. All other work will be negotiated as a cost-

plus a fixed fee contract.

The cost per unit of work for inspection services is defined by the cost of the Services of a worker and the unit will be an hour. The cost per hour will include the pay rate for the personnel classifications providing the inspections, any overtime, equipment, materials, overhead, travel expenses, profit, and all other direct and indirect costs incurred by the Consultant to accomplish the work.

The inspection fee must be one (1) hourly rate for each Personnel Title for up to (3) three levels of Personnel Title (Senior, Mid & Entry). The rate should be all inclusive of overtime, equipment, overhead, travel, per-diem expenses, management fee, profit, and any direct or indirect expenses. The rate will apply from when the inspector reports to his assigned KYTC Project Manager. Daily or weekly commuting time will not be paid. Consultant employees will be required to sign daily time rosters to verify hours of work. The paid period for the Consultant workers starts when the employee reports to the office where they are assigned. In the event travel is required, it will be at the discretion of the Department's Project Manager and paid at the all-inclusive rate for that level of inspector. The proposed all-inclusive hourly charge should include salary, overtime, overhead, management fees, and any direct costs to cover whatever is needed.

These hourly rates should be uploaded to the Consultant Portal as an entirely separate file from the Consultant's Response to Announcement. Firms will have the ability to upload this file under the Rate Sheet Required section of the portal response. If you have any questions or concerns about this process, email Eric Pelfrey at eric.pelfrey@ky.gov.

OVERSIGHT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Once authorized and with approval of the KYTC Project Manager, the Consultant shall establish and maintain appropriate staffing throughout the duration of the project and completion of the final estimate. Construction is anticipated to begin in early summer of 2026 and is estimated to end by December 1, 2027. Responsible personnel, thoroughly familiar with all aspects of construction and final measurements of the various pay items, shall be available to resolve disputed final pay quantities until the Department has received a final packet from FHWA.

A full staff may not be required at all times during the duration of the contract nor through finalization of the project. The Department will coordinate with the Consultant regarding appropriate staffing needs. The Department intends to maintain the presence of the KYTC Project Manager to whom the Consultant's Resident Engineer and staff will report. As the Contractor's operations on the contract diminish (inclusive of project phasing and seasonal slowdowns), the Consultant shall appropriately reduce the personnel it has assigned to the project in coordination with the KYTC Project Manager.

Personnel Title	Full-Time	As-Needed	Part-Time
Resident Engineer	1		
Grade & Drain/Utility Inspector	1		
Paving Inspector		1-2	
Intern/Co-Op		1-2	
Office Clerk		1	*
Licensed Land Surveyor		1	*

* Personnel Titles marked with an asterisk (*) indicate that the function will, at most times, only be part-time or periodically short-term full-time. It is expected that the Consultant will serve these functions with home office staff who briefly report and charge to the project. Only a single hourly rate shall be required for these personnel titles.

CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION EXPERIENCE & CAPABILITIES

General - Personnel identified in the Consultant's technical proposal are to be assigned as proposed and are committed to performing services under this Agreement. Personnel changes will require written approval from the Department. Staff who have been removed shall be replaced by the Consultant within one (1) week of Department notification.

Provide competent personnel qualified by experience and education. Submit in writing to the KYTC Project Manager the names of personnel proposed for assignment to the project, including a detailed resume for each containing at a minimum: salary, education, and experience. The request for personnel approval shall be submitted to the KYTC Project Manager at least two (2) weeks before the date an individual is to report to work. Inspectors who fail to show experience and understanding of construction practices, record keeping, and workmanship in regard to inspections may be dismissed from the project without two (2) weeks' notice.

Before the project begins, all project staff shall have a working knowledge of the current KYTC specification/guidance documents and must possess all the necessary qualifications/certifications for fulfilling the duties of the position they hold. Cross-training of the Consultant's project staff is highly recommended to achieve a knowledgeable and versatile project inspection team but shall not be at any additional cost to the Department and should occur as workload permits.

Minimum qualifications for the Consultant personnel are set forth as follows. The inspectors should have all qualifications and/or certifications before reporting to duty. Exceptions or substitutions to these minimum qualifications and/or certifications will be considered on an individual basis. However, an individual working under the supervision and direction of a Resident Engineer or Lead Inspector shall have six (6) months from the date of hire to obtain the necessary qualifications/certifications provided all other requirements for such positions are met and the Consultant submits a training plan detailing when such qualifications/certifications and other training relative to the Department's procedures, Specifications and Design Standards will be obtained. The KYTC Project Manager or designee will have the final approval authority on such exceptions.

Grade & Drain Level I certification requires the use of a nuclear density machine (furnished by the department). The Consultant inspector will be required to furnish their own badge and will track and report to the appropriate safety organization. Consultant inspectors will have to transport nuclear density machines from storage areas to the job site and be in compliance with policies on transportation and storage, and supervision while the gauge is in their possession until it is stored properly at the end of the workday. State inspectors are required to attend safety classes presented by Troxler, and the Consultant inspectors shall have that same level of training. In the event KYTC finds it necessary for the Consultant to provide a gauge for field testing, provision of the gauge shall be completed on a cost-plus basis.

Resident Engineer - The Resident Engineer must be a senior-level Resident Engineer.

Senior-level must hold a Civil Engineering degree and be licensed as a professional engineer by

the Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors or must be licensed in another state with the ability to obtain a Professional Engineering license from the Kentucky State Board of Licensure for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors within six (6) months. Senior-level must have six (6) years of engineering experience in addition to that required for licensure. A master's degree in engineering will substitute for one year of the required experience. Graduate work in engineering beyond a master's degree will substitute for the required experience on a year-for-year basis.

Certifications listed below shall be held and maintained by the Resident Engineer throughout the duration of the contract:

- ACI Level I Certification
- Aggregate Sampling Technician
- Grade & Drain Level I Technician
- Asphalt Field Technician
- Structural Inspection Level I
- KEPSC-RI qualification
- Work Zone Traffic Control Supervisor

Grade & Drain / Utility Inspector - Grade & Drain Inspectors may be a senior, mid or entry-level inspector.

Entry-level must have six (6) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology.

Mid-level must have eight (8) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology and two (2) years of engineering-related experience.

Senior-level must have ten (10) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology and four (4) years of engineering-related experience.

Certifications listed below shall be held and maintained by Grade & Drain / Utility inspectors throughout the duration of the contract:

- ACI Level I Certification
- Aggregate Sampling Technician
- Grade & Drain Level I Technician

- KEPSC-RI qualification
- Work Zone Traffic Control Technician

Paving Inspector - Paving Inspectors may be a senior, mid or entry-level inspector.

Entry-level must have six (6) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology.

Mid-level must have eight (8) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology and two (2) years of engineering-related experience.

Senior-level must have ten (10) years of engineering-related experience. Technical or vocational training may substitute for required experience on a year-for-year basis, up to a maximum of four (4) years, or must be a graduate of a college or university with a bachelor's degree in engineering technology, construction management, engineering science, engineering mechanics, geology, earth science, industrial technology, industrial drafting, design technology or construction technology and four (4) years of engineering-related experience.

Certifications listed below shall be held and maintained by Paving inspectors throughout the duration of the contract:

- ACI Level I Certification
- Aggregate Sampling Technician
- Asphalt Field Technician
- Work Zone Traffic Control Technician

Intern / Co-Op - The Intern / Co-Op position represents a training and mentorship opportunity for participants to gain the knowledge and experience necessary to become Project Inspectors. The Intern / Co-Op is an individual not yet qualified as a Project Inspector. The individual is hired on a full-time or part-time basis and is closely supervised by either a qualified Project Inspector, Lead Inspector, or Resident Engineer.

Commensurate with the term of employment and expected duties, the Consultant shall give support to the Intern / Co-Op in pursuing certification in ACI Level I, Aggregate Sampling, Asphalt Field Technician, and Work Zone Traffic Control Intern / Co-Ops may be a senior, mid or entry-level worker.

Entry-level must have a High School Diploma or approved high school equivalency and the ability to read, write, and communicate in English, and do basic math computation for length, area, and volume. No project technical/field experience required.

Mid-level must meet the requirements of entry-level and have a minimum of six (6) months of full-time involvement in activities related to the inspection and testing of highway construction. Or, at a minimum, be enrolled in an Associate Degree program or higher in Civil Engineering Technology, Construction Engineering Technology, or Construction Management.

Senior-level must meet all requirements for mid-level and possess an additional six (6) months of full-time heavy highway project technical/field experience.

Once hired and prior to the start of work, submit to the KYTC Project Manager the prospective Project Inspector Intern's: Position Level, Resume, Proposed Training program (including a plan for providing technical experience, mentoring, and supervision, including the name and title of the supervisor), and proof of education/enrollment.

In accordance with Federal regulation, KYTC will establish a consultant direct salary limitation for the Intern / Co-Op(s) based upon "...an objective assessment of the reasonableness of proposed rates performed in accordance with the reasonableness provisions of the Federal cost principles." The Maximum direct salary rates for each level of Intern / Co-Op will be written directly into the Consultant's Agreement. KYTC will review these rates annually for adjustment as needed.

Office Clerk - Prepares and maintains construction project records and reports which may include entering information into ProjectWise, SiteManager, and other document management systems used by the Project Team. Performs other miscellaneous duties as assigned by the Resident Engineer and KYTC Project Manager. A full-time office clerk working on the project is not anticipated.

The Office Clerk shall have a high school diploma or high school equivalency; formal education in arithmetic that includes addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages & decimals, reading, writing and speaking common English vocabulary; and two (2) years of training and experience in office practices and procedures, including use of Microsoft Word, Excel, and Outlook.

Licensed Land Surveyor - Routine work for a full-time Licensed Land Surveyor on the project is not anticipated. The Consultant shall have the ability to provide a Licensed Land Surveyor in the event the KYTC Project Manager finds it necessary to perform surveying functions beyond the capabilities of the Consultant's inspection team.

Licensed Land Surveyors shall be licensed in the State of Kentucky. Prequalification in Roadway Surveying is not required for responding to this advertisement.

MATERIALS SAMPLING & TESTING SERVICES

The selected firms must be capable of performing a variety of materials sampling and testing services as required by the current Kentucky Standard Specifications, the current KYTC Materials Guidance Manual, Olive Branch and Grandview High Ground Community project documents, and other contract documents. The minimum sampling frequencies set out in the Department's Materials Guidance Manual shall be met. In complying with the aforementioned guidance, provide daily surveillance of the Contractor's Quality Control activities and perform the sampling and testing of materials and completed work items for verification and acceptance.

Sampling, testing, and laboratory methods shall be as required by the Department's Standard

Specifications, Supplemental Specifications, or as modified by the Special Provisions of the Construction Contract.

Transport samples to be tested in a Department laboratory to the appropriate laboratory or appropriate local KYTC facility.

Determine the acceptability of all materials and completed work items on the basis of either test results or verification of a certification, certified mill analysis, DOT label, DOT stamp, etc.

Input verification testing information and data into the Department's database using written instructions provided by the Department.

Documentation reports on sampling and testing performed by the Consultant shall be submitted during the same week that the construction work is done.

The selected Consultant will also be required to prepare a quarterly report for KYTC outlining that all required sampling and testing is current, and the status of clearing any failing materials issues.

The Department will perform inspection and sampling of materials and components at locations remote from the project site and the Department will perform testing of materials normally done in a laboratory remote from the project site.

In the event KYTC finds it necessary for the Consultant to perform laboratory testing, the testing shall be completed on a cost-plus basis.

The Department will monitor the effectiveness of the Consultant's testing procedures through observation and independent assurance testing.

ITEMS TO BE FURNISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO THE CONSULTANT

The Department, on an as-needed basis, will furnish the following Construction Phase Amendment(s) documents for each project. These documents may be provided in either paper or electronic format.

- Construction Plans
- Supplemental Files

The Department will provide a KYTC Network account to allow access to SiteManager through Citrix and web access to KYTC's ProjectWise depository upon receipt of the TC 17-9 for each requested account.

The Department will provide SiteManager accounts for inspection staff at the request of the Consultant for the referenced Contract.

ITEMS TO BE FURNISHED BY THE CONSULTANT

Department Documents - All applicable Department documents referenced herein shall be a condition of this Agreement. All Department documents, directives, procedures, and standard forms are available through the Department's Internet website.

Office Automation - Provide all software and hardware necessary to efficiently and effectively carry out the responsibilities under this Agreement.

Provide each member of the inspection staff with a laptop computer (or tablet) with Citrix Receiver installed and the ability to use a mobile broadband connection at the jobsite. All electronic data entry shall be input by Consultant personnel using equipment furnished by them.

All informational, contractual, and other business required for this project will be through a system of paperless electronic means. When the specifications require a written submission of documentation, such documents must be submitted electronically. The Department will provide access to a ProjectWise collaboration site to facilitate the electronic document exchange. All persons requiring access to the collaboration site shall be identified during the preconstruction conference.

Ownership, possession, maintenance, and IT support of computer equipment and related software, which is provided by the Consultant, shall remain at all times the responsibility of the Consultant. The Consultant shall retain responsibility for risk of loss or damage to said equipment during performance of this Agreement. All equipment should be maintained and operational at all times.

Vehicles - Provide vehicles for the inspection staff equipped with appropriate safety equipment and able to effectively carry out the requirements of this Agreement. Vehicles shall have the name of the consulting firm visibly displayed on both sides of the vehicle.

Field Equipment - Supply basic survey, inspection, and testing equipment essential to perform services under this Agreement; such equipment includes non-consumable and non-expendable items. Provide digital cameras for photographic documentation of the pre-construction state and of noteworthy activities, incidents, or events during construction.

Hard hats and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) shall have the name of the consulting firm visibly displayed. The Consultant shall be responsible for providing all PPE required for the jobsite.

Equipment described herein and expendable materials under this Agreement will remain the property of the Consultant and shall be removed at completion of the work.

Handling of nuclear density gauges shall comply with their license.

Retain responsibility for risk of loss or damage to said equipment during performance of this Agreement. Field equipment shall always be maintained and in operational condition.

Licensing for Equipment Operations - Obtain proper licenses for equipment and personnel operating equipment when licenses are required. The license and supporting documents shall be available for verification by the Department, upon request.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AND PERFORMANCE OF THE CONSULTANT

Quality Assurance Plan - Within thirty (30) days after receiving the award of an Agreement, furnish a QA Plan to the KYTC Project Manager. The QA Plan shall detail the procedures,

evaluation criteria, and instructions of the Consultant's organization for providing services pursuant to this Agreement. Unless specifically waived, no payment shall be made until the Department approves the Consultant QA Plan.

Significant changes to the work requirements may require the Consultant to revise the QA Plan. It shall be the responsibility of the Consultant to keep the plan current with the work requirements. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, the following areas:

- **Organization:** A description is required of the Consultant QA Organization and its functional relationship to the part of the organization performing the work under the Agreement. The authority, responsibilities, and autonomy of the QA organization shall be detailed, as well as the names and qualifications of personnel in the quality control organization.
- **Quality Assurance Reviews:** Detail the methods used to monitor and achieve organization compliance with Agreement requirements for services and products.
- **Quality Assurance Records:** Outline the types of records that will be generated and maintained during the execution of the QA program.
- **Control of Subconsultants and Vendors:** Detail the methods used to control subconsultant and vendor quality.
- **Quality Assurance Certification:** An officer of the Consultant firm shall certify that the inspection and documentation were done in accordance with KYTC specifications, plans, standard indexes, and Department procedures.

Quality Assurance Reviews - Conduct semi-annual Quality Assurance Reviews to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Agreement. Quality Assurance Reviews shall be conducted to evaluate the adequacy of materials, processes, documentation, procedures, training, guidance, and staffing included in the execution of this Agreement. Quality Assurance Reviews shall also be developed and performed to achieve compliance with specific QA provisions contained in this Agreement. The semi-annual reviews shall be submitted to the KYTC Construction Project Manager in written form no later than one (1) month after the review.

Quality Records - Maintain adequate records of the quality assurance actions performed by the organization (including subcontractors and vendors) in providing services and products under this Agreement. All records shall indicate the nature and number of observations made, the number and type of deficiencies found, and the corrective actions taken. All records shall be kept at the primary job site and shall be subject to audit review.

Performance of the Consultant - During the term of this Agreement and all Supplemental Amendments thereof, the Department will review various phases of Consultant operations, such as construction inspection, materials sampling and testing, Quality Assurance Review, and administrative activities, to determine compliance with this Agreement. Cooperate and assist Department representatives in conducting the reviews. If deficiencies are indicated, remedial action shall be implemented immediately. Department recommendations and Consultant responses/actions are to be properly documented by the Consultant. No additional compensation shall be allowed for remedial action taken by the Consultant to correct deficiencies.

Remedial actions and required response times may include, but are not necessarily limited to the following:

1. Further subdivide assigned inspection responsibilities, reassign inspection personnel, or assign additional inspection personnel, within one week of notification.

2. Immediately replace personnel whose performance has been determined by the Consultant and/or the Department to be inadequate.
3. Immediately increase the frequency of monitoring and inspection activities in phases of work that are the Consultant's responsibility.
4. Increase the scope and frequency of training of the Consultant personnel.

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY

Firms must provide proof of a minimum of \$1,000,000 in professional liability.

OTHER SERVICES

Upon written authorization by the KYTC Project Manager or designee, the Consultant will perform additional services in connection with the project not otherwise identified in this Agreement. The following items are not included as part of this Agreement but may be required by the Department to supplement the Consultant services under this Agreement.

- Assist in preparing for arbitration hearings or litigation that occurs during the Agreement time in connection with the construction project covered by this Agreement.
- Provide qualified engineering witnesses and exhibits for arbitration hearings or litigation in connection with the Agreement.
- Provide inspection services or material testing in addition to those provided for in this Agreement.

Instructions for Response to Announcement can be found at:

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

Consultants are required to follow the [Commonwealth Office of Technology's Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) policy](#) and affirmatively disclose any use of AI or Machine Learning undertaken as part of any awarded contract.

KYTC will allow the following modifications to the standard response format for response to this project advertisement only.

- Section 3: Project Team Organizational Chart and Section 5: Available Team Workload Capacity, KYTC will allow for 11" x 17" pages to be used and to count as two (2) pages
- Section 4 (A-E): Resumes may be expanded not to exceed ten (10) pages total (A-J). The Consultant must present their proposed Home Office CEI Program Manager, Resident Engineer, Lead/Structure Inspector, Primary Grade & Drain Inspector, and Primary CPM Schedule Reviewer
- Section 5 (A-B): Workload/commitments may be expanded not to exceed four (4) pages total (A-D); again, 11" x 17" pages will count as two (2) pages
- Section 7 (A-C): Project Approach may be expanded not to exceed five (5) pages total (A-E).

If a Consultant supplies Quality Control (QC) technicians for a contractor, it will be considered a conflict of interest if the Consultant also supplies inspection services for the Department.

Subcontracting may be allowed if approved by the KYTC Project Manager. The request to

subcontract must include a company prequalified with a brief description of the work to be performed by the subcontractor along with an explanation of why the subcontract is warranted. The request to allow subcontracting will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Project Manager will notify the Consultant of the decision within seven (7) days.

Note: No firm engaged in QA/QC work with a contractor doing business with the Cabinet may supply inspection services for the Cabinet. If directed by the Cabinet, the selected Consultant may also be required to mitigate any inspection deemed as a potential conflict of interest to the Cabinet on a case-by-case basis.

While no personnel shall be assigned until written notification by the Department has been issued, the Consultant shall be ready to assign personnel within two weeks of notification. For the duration of the project, coordinate closely with the Department and Contractor to minimize rescheduling of Consultant activities due to construction delays or changes in scheduling of Contractor activities.

For estimating purposes, if available the Consultants primary personnel may be allowed an accumulation of thirty (30) calendar days to perform preliminary administrative services prior to the issuance of the Contractor's notice to proceed and ninety (90) calendar days after final acceptance of the Construction Phase Amendment(s) to complete the final estimate and demobilize.

VI. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

[CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES](#)

- Construction Project Supervision

VII. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

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

- Advertisement Date: April 14, 2026
- Response Date: May 6, 2026 by 4:30 PM ET (Frankfort Time)
- First Selection Meeting: May 11, 2026
- Final Selection: May 27, 2026
- Pre-Design Conference: June 3, 2026
- Consultant Fee Proposal: June 12, 2026
- Contract Negotiations: June 24, 2026
- Notice to Proceed: July 15, 2026

VIII. PROJECT SCHEDULE

Both construction sections are anticipated to go to letting in May of 2026. Construction should begin by early summer of 2026 and both projects are expected to be completed by December 1, 2027. This contract is expected to remain open through May 31, 2028 to allow closeout activities for the construction projects.

IX. EVALUATION FACTORS

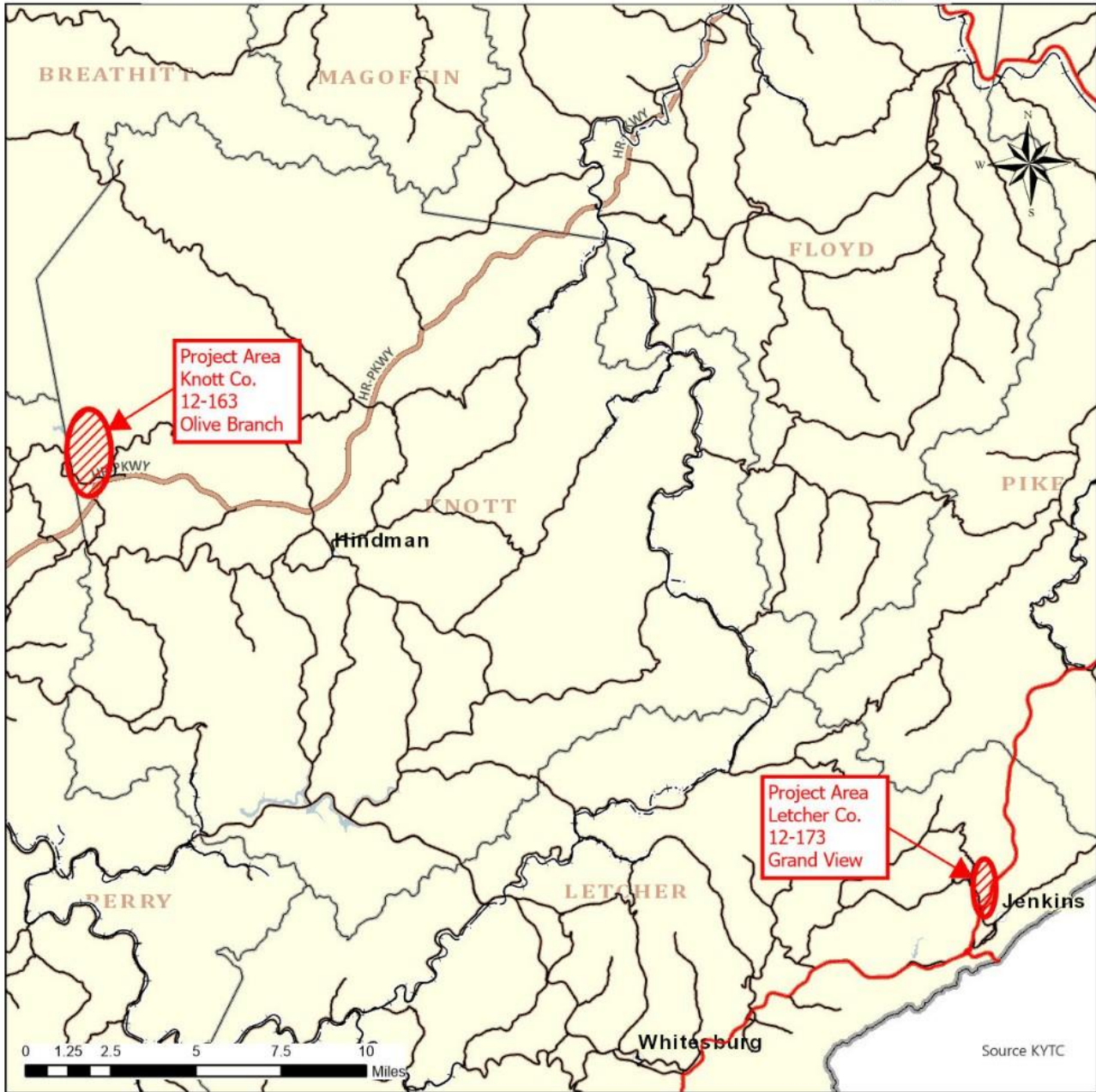
Consultants will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the following weighted factors:

1. Relative experience of Proposer personnel and inspection staff assigned to the project team projects of a similar nature for KYTC, and/or other federal, local or state governmental transportation agencies. Proposers will need to demonstrate appropriate qualifications with inspection staff as identified in the special instructions section (40 points)
2. Organizational structure of Proposer and approach of Proposer to managing quality control and quality assurance on behalf of the owner. Approach needs to demonstrate a strong understanding of the project and familiarity with KYTC Specifications and record keeping. (40 points)
3. Capacity and availability of team members over the life of the contract. (40 points)
4. The Consultant demonstrates a comprehensive understanding of safety strategies and the ability to generate meaningful ideas that can measurably enhance the safety of the completed project. This includes both the immediate effectiveness and the long-term safety impacts of the finished facility. (10 Points)
5. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (2 Points)

X. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Vincent Hayes, P.E., User Division
2. Greg York, P.E., User Division
3. Talya Caudill, P.E., Secretary's Pool
4. Lauren Meighan, P.E., Secretary's Pool
5. Marcelyn Mathews, P.E., Governor's Pool

XI. AREA MAP



12-163.00
RECONSTRUCT STARFIRE HAUL ROAD (CR 1390) FROM KY 80
(MP 0.0) TO PROPOSED OLIVE BRANCH DEVELOPMENT SITE
(MP 1.23). (EASTERN KY FLOOD RELIEF HOUSING)

12-173.00
DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT A PERMANENT ROAD TO THE GRAND
VIEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT IN LETCHER COUNTY.
(EASTERN KY FLOOD RELIEF HOUSING DEVELOPMENT)

