

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT

Department of Highways Professional Services Procurement Bulletin 2027-03 Statewide Utility Management

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 Utility Management. Three (3) consultants will be selected to provide these services on an as-needed basis for two years.

II. PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Manager -	Jennifer McCleve, P.E.
User Division -	Right of Way & Utilities/Rails
Approximate Fee -	\$1,000,000 per contract (Upset Limit)
	Work will be assigned via Letter Agreement, not to exceed \$200,000
Project Funding -	State and Federal Funds
Contract Term -	Two Years

III. PURPOSE AND NEED

The selected Consultants will be asked to perform necessary work to supplement the Utility Management Services provided by the District and Central Offices on an as-needed basis.

IV. SCOPE OF WORK

The selected Consultants will be responsible for working with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, Division of Right of Way and Utilities to Utility Management Services, as needed, for various Transportation projects. The selected Consultants' work may include any/all of the associated prequalified professional services defined as Utility Management activities for the facilitation of approved transportation improvements. These services include utility relocation plan design, Standard and Complex Water & Sewer, Utility Preconstruction Coordination, and Utility Construction Inspection. Three (3) consultants will be selected to provide these services.

V. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

Three (3) 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 \$200,000 without written approval from the State Highway Engineer.

The Selection Committee will rank and list the selected Consultants 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 Right of Way & Utilities/Rails 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.

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.

VI. METHOD OF DESIGN

The selected Consultants shall utilize the CADD Standards for Highway Plans (current version) Policy in the development of utility relocation plans using highway plans as base plan. The policy can be found at: <https://transportation.ky.gov/CADD-Standards/Pages/default.aspx>

VII. UTILITIES

The selected Consultants may be required to assist the Department with utility conflict identification and investigation for various projects. The selected Consultants may be required to provide Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) work to field-locate utilities as needed.

VIII. PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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

ROADWAY DESIGN

- Rural Roadway Design
- Surveying
- Urban Roadway Design

UTILITY DESIGN

- Standard Water & Sewer
- Complex Water & Sewer
- Utility Construction Inspection
- Utility Preconstruction Coordination
- *Communication* (see note below)*
- *Standard Electrical* (see note below)*
- *Complex Electrical* (see note below)*
- *Standard Gas* (see note below)*
- *Complex Gas* (see note below)*
- *Petroleum* (see note below)*

** Note – These prequalifications are not required with the initial proposal as it is uncertain to the extent practicable if they are necessary. Should these services become necessary during the delivery of the project in this or future phases, the selected Consultant team must obtain the required qualifications before providing those services or bring on a prequalified subconsultant at that time.*

IX. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

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

- Advertisement Posted: September 8, 2026
- Response Date: September 30, 2026 by 4:30 PM ET (Frankfort Time)
- First Selection Meeting: October 5, 2026
- Final Selection: October 21, 2026
- Pre-Design Conference: October 28, 2026
- Notice to Proceed: November 18, 2026

X. PROJECT SCHEDULE

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

- Assignment of All Projects – Within two (2) years from Notice to Proceed
- Completion of All Services – Within initial contract term or by time extension

XI. EVALUATION FACTORS

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

1. Past record of performance on projects similar in type and complexity. (20 Points)
2. Pertinent experience of consultant personnel assigned to project team with highway project for KYTC and/or federal, local or other state governmental agencies. (15 Points)
3. Available team workload capacity to comply with project schedule. (15 Points)
4. Project approach and proposed procedures to accomplish the services for the project. (10 Points)
5. 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. (5 Points)

6. Knowledge of the locality and familiarity of the general geographic area. (2 Points)

XII. SELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

1. Jennifer McCleve, P.E., User Division
2. Allen Rust, P.E., User Division
3. Adam Ulrich, P.E., Secretary's Pool
4. Min Jiang, P.E., Secretary's Pool
5. Cindy Evensen, Governor's Pool