

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
FOR
CONSULTING ENGINEERING SERVICES

FOR
"17-610-02" BURNET COUNTY – ROADWAY AND BRIDGE PROJECTS

BURNET COUNTY

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INTRODUCTION

Burnet County, hereinafter known as the County, is seeking the services of a qualified Consulting Civil Engineering Firm to provide engineering services for the Planning, Preliminary Engineering, and Construction Engineering for various county bridge, road, and public roadway projects as the need arises. The contract is anticipated to start April 1, 2017 and will cover a period of three years with an option for renewal for two additional years. The County reserves the right to amend this contract for additional time if it is in the best interest of the County.

Separate work orders will be developed for each County project. Burnet County reserves the right to select a different Consulting Engineer for these County projects if it is in the best interest of the public to do so as determined by the Burnet County Commissioners' Court.

Section 1: RFQ Submittal and Closing Date

Seven copies of the RFQ must be received by 2:00 pm local time on March 16th, 2017 at which time the RFQs will be publicly opened and read aloud in the conference room of the county auditor located at 133 East Jackson Street, Burnet. RFQs may not exceed 20 pages. Neither late nor faxed submittals will be acceptable. Firms submitting RFQs not in compliance with Section 4 will be considered non-responsive. RFQs must be addressed to the following:

PLEASE MAIL YOUR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO:

**BURNET COUNTY
Attn: COUNTY AUDITOR/PURCHASING AGENT
220 S. PIERCE STREET
BURNET, TEXAS 78611**

**FEDEX, UPS/HAND DELIVERED PACKETS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:
BURNET COUNTY AUDITOR/PURCHASING AGENT
133 EAST JACKSON STREET
BURNET, TEXAS 78611**

In order to assure your packet is fairly considered, it must be submitted in properly sealed envelope, clearly marked on the left hand corner with the numbers "17-610-02". Envelopes containing qualifications that are unmarked or marked otherwise may be opened prematurely.

Section 2: Inquiries

2.1 Questions that arise prior to the RFQ deadline shall be addressed to the following:

Burnet County
Attn: County Auditor
220 S. Pierce
Burnet, TX 78611
512-715-5295

2.2 Consultants may be directed to submit questions in writing to Jolene Mock no later than seven days prior to the submittal date. Substantive questions and answers will be provided to all RFQ recipients.

Section 3: General Statement of Work and Delivery Schedule

3.1 General Work Statement

The objective of this work is to assist Burnet County with the design and construction of a variety of projects as the need arises. Projects may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Road improvement projects
2. Bridge projects
3. Public Roadway improvement projects
4. General public works projects such as drainage improvement projects, etc.

3.2 Consultant's Responsibilities

The scope of work to be performed by the Consultant for various County projects may include engineering services relating to the Planning, Preliminary Engineering, and Construction Engineering of the projects. A detailed Scope of Work will be provided for specific projects. Services to be provided may include some of, but not limited to, the following:

1. Assist the County with development and planning projects.

2. Prepare preliminary project costs.
3. Assist the County in the financial planning for projects.
4. Meet with the County and representatives of local, state, and federal agencies as necessary.
5. Prepare conceptual designs and review the designs with the County and applicable agencies and prepare preliminary cost estimates based on the conceptual design.
6. Proceed with final design after the County has approved the conceptual design.
7. Complete the necessary mapping and detailed design of the projects, prepare detailed drawings, specifications, and contract documents, and make approximate estimates of the anticipated final costs based on the final designs.
8. Perform surveys and assist in negotiations for land rights when required.
9. Attend public meeting and/or conferences with the County and representatives of other agencies and interested parties.
10. Provide detailed drawings, specifications, and other contract documents stamped by a Registered Professional Engineer to the County and any other agency from which approval must be obtained prior to advertisement for bids.
11. Attend bid openings, tabulate bid proposals, analyze the bids, check bid forms and bonds, check quantities in the bids, and assist the County in negotiating and awarding the contracts.

12. Meet with the County and contractors in preconstruction conferences.

13. Keep the County informed concerning progress of the work and attend meetings held by the Agency, regulating agencies, and contractor as they relate to the project.

14. Review shop and working drawings furnished by the contractor.

15. Provide general review and inspection of the contractor's work as construction progresses.

16. Provide construction staking as required.

17. Provide material testing services as required.

18. Review the contractor's requests for progress payments and advise County as to the extent of the work accomplished as of the date of the request.

19. Prepare change orders.

20. Provide County with Record Drawings and as Constructed Plans.
21. Make final inspection of projects and report same to County and any other applicable agency.
22. Assist with the preparation of environmental review records or impact statements.
23. Assist in obtaining permits, applications, etc., as necessary for the work.
24. Assist the County with property surveys, property plats, legal descriptions, and other items necessary for negotiating for land rights and easements.
25. Assist with the preparation for and appearances before courts and boards on matter of litigation related to the projects.
26. Furnish consultations necessary to correct unforeseen project difficulties after County accepts the work.
27. May provide a warranty inspection eleven months after the County accepts the project and prior to the expiration of the contractor's one year warranty.
28. Insure compliance with applicable state and federal requirements and regulations specific to each project in accordance with funding sources.
29. Insure that the person in charge of the project is a Texas Professional Surveyor and/or Texas Professional Civil Engineer and include the name and registration number of each.
30. Provide and use all safety equipment including, but not limited to, hard hats, safety vests, and clothing required by applicable state and federal regulations.

Section 4: RFQ Content Requirements

4.0 No Fee Schedule

Costs will not be evaluated as part of the selection process. Costs will be negotiated after a Proposer is selected. A Preliminary Salary and Fee Schedule for any Proposer selected for contract negotiations, must be submitted within five (5) days of the Proposer's notification of selection.

4.1 Consultant's Capabilities/Experience/References

Max Score 25

Outline the firm’s capabilities and experience with regard to the requested services. The response should address the following:

- Experience with similar projects. Provide references.
- Internal procedures and/or policies related to work quality and cost control.
- Management and organizational structure.
- Capability to perform the work for the duration of the contract.

4.2 Project Team

Max Score 25

Outline the firm’s personnel who would work with the County. The response should address the following:

- Extent of principal involvement
- Names of key members who will be performing the work on these projects and their responsibilities.
- Qualifications and relevant individual experience, including sub-consultants.
- Project manager’s experience with similar projects and interdisciplinary teams.

4.3 Method of Approach

Max Score 25

Outline the firm’s approach to working with the County on County projects.

4.4 Understanding of Requested Services and Local Area

Max Score 25

Outline the firm’s understanding of the requested services and local area. The response should address items such as expertise and familiarity with local conditions that could affect project construction success such as local materials sources, weather conditions, geology, local contracting resources, etc.

Section 5: Proposal Evaluation and Consultant Selection

5.1 Evaluation Process

Statements of Qualifications submitted on time will be reviewed against the Pass/Fail criteria. SOQs meeting those criteria will be forwarded to an evaluation committee for scoring against the evaluation criteria and ranking. The outcome of the evaluations may, at the County’s sole discretion, result in (a) note to a Proposer(s) of selection for tentative contract negotiation and possible award; or (b) further steps to gather more information for further evaluation. This often means notice of placement on an interview list with time and date of the interview. The selection process may be canceled if the County determines it is in the public interest to do so.

5.2 Evaluation Criteria

Each proposal will be judged as a demonstration of the consultant's capabilities and understanding of the services requested. Evaluation factors and maximum points will be as follows:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Score</u>
A. Consultant's Capabilities /Experience/ Reference	25
B. Project Team	25
C. Method of Approach	25
D. Understanding of Requested Services and Local Area	25
Total Maximum Score:	100

Section 6: General Information

6.1 The County may require any clarification of change it needs to understand the selected consultant's project approach.

6.2 The successful consultant must have Worker's Compensation Insurance covering work in the State of Texas. The successful consultant must also submit documents addressing insurance, non-collusion, tax law, debarment, and conflict of interest as part of the personal services contract.

6.3 The County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and is not liable for any costs the consultant incurs while preparing or presenting the proposal.

6.4 The County reserves the right to cancel this RFQ upon a good cause finding.

6.5 The County will award a contract to the consultant(s) whose proposal, in the opinion of the County Commissioners, would be most advantageous to the County.

6.6 The selected consultant will be required to assume responsibility for all services outlined in the RFQ, whether the consultant or a sub-consultant produces them.

6.7 Burnet County does not discriminate in selection of service providers on the basis of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, age, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or any other inappropriate reason prohibited by law or policy of the state or federal government.