

CSO Solicitation No. 2319

Construction Engineering and Inspection Services for Project No. 170-3192

Prequalification Category - Construction Engineering and Inspection (Road & Bridge) AND (Rails)

ONLY FIRMS WHO ARE PREQUALIFIED IN THE CATEGORY ABOVE ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT. THOSE FIRMS WILL BE SENT THIS LETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

IT IS BEING POSTED HERE FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage one (1) prequalified consultant engineering firm, in the categories listed above, to provide Construction Engineering and Inspection services for the following project:

Project No. 0170-3192 – Rehabilitation of 4 (four) Housatonic Railroad Bridges in the towns of Canaan, Kent, and Milford in District 4. This contract was advertised on August 22, 2018, with a scope of “G”.

Firms responding to this request should be of adequate size and sufficiently staffed with experienced and licensed personnel to perform this assignment and will be required to provide the necessary staffing upon execution of the contract. Information regarding the licensing, certification and qualification requirements for this project can be found in the “Construction Engineering and Inspection Information Pamphlet for Consulting Engineers” dated February 2017. (This Pamphlet can be found online at http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dconstruction/2017_cei_information_pamphlet.pdf.)

Please be advised that the Department currently utilizes SiteManager software for construction management reporting. Firms should also be familiar with the Department’s construction policies as outlined in our Construction Manual. (This Manual can also be found online at http://www.ct.gov/dot/lib/dot/documents/dconstruction/construction_manual/CM_ver_3.0.pdf.)

If your firm desires to be considered for this assignment, your submittal should consist of a one page letter of interest and ConnDOT Form CSO 255 (Rev. Jan. 2016), and up to a maximum of four (4) resumes of proposed staff, which are limited to two (2) pages each. One of the resumes must be that of the proposed Chief Inspector (Chief Inspector 2), as well as assurance he/she will be available for work when required. An Office Engineer position is not anticipated for this assignment. The CSO 255 Form can be found online at www.ct.gov/dot/business/consultant/selection. **Four (4) copies of the submittal are required and they must be either postmarked by, or, if hand delivered, received by 3:00 p.m. on October 3, 2018.** Firms, who are shortlisted based on their CSO 255 submittal, will be notified by the Consultant Selection Office of the time and date for their final selection interview. A final selection is anticipated by December 21, 2018.

Your CSO 255 form should identify the following: your proposed staff and their qualifications, experience, and availability to perform the required services. Your submittal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- (1) Experience, qualification, and availability of current staff, including sub-consultants, proposed for this assignment. Weighted scoring value = 15%
- (2) Bridge Construction. Weighted scoring value = 35%
- (3) Rail Construction. Weighted scoring value = 20%
- (4) Administration of construction projects. Weighted scoring value = 10%
- (5) Required certifications. (NETTCP - Concrete Inspector, Soils and Aggregate Inspector)

Weighted scoring value = 10%

(6) Familiarity with ConnDOT's construction inspection standards and procedures.

Weighted scoring value = 10%

Responding firms must also provide copies of the required licenses and certifications for the proposed inspectors, showing that they are in current standing.

This will be a cost-plus, fixed-fee contract. All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform the majority (at least 50%) of the work with employees of the firm. Joint venturing assignments will not be allowed.

You are advised that a Small Business Enterprise (SBE) set-aside requirement applies to this contract. The set-aside requirement will be no less than five (5) percent of the agreement value. Within the submittal, you must include the designated SBE sub consultant(s) which you plan to use. To be eligible for SBE credit, the sub-consultant(s) must be currently certified by the Department of Administrative Services.

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firm will be required to have a Department-approved audit and affirmative action plan, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnerships excluded). The selected firm will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm approved to do business in the State of Connecticut. A minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) Professional Liability Insurance coverage, with a maximum deductible of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), will be required. Proof of coverage must be submitted on acceptable insurance forms prior to the start of the negotiations process. The selected Firm shall also carry Railroad Protective Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance.

Do not send additional documentation other than what is requested. The Consultant Selection Panel may reject your submittal, and your firm may not be considered for this project if you provide additional documentation such as corporate brochures, background information, and histories.

In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-252, 4a-81, and 4-252a, firms, once selected, must complete the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Ethics Form 1 (Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification), Form 5 (Consulting Agreement Affidavit), and Form 7 (Iran Certification) prior to the agreement/contract execution. Forms 1 and 5 apply to all consulting agreements/contracts which have a total value to the State of Connecticut (State) of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in a calendar or fiscal year. Form 7 applies to any consulting agreement/contract which has a total cumulative value to the State of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more. Any consultant that does not complete the certifications (Form 1 & 7) required under subsection (c) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (b) of CGS 4-252a, or refuses to submit the affidavit (Form 5) required under subsection (b) of CGS 4a-81 shall be disqualified and the Department shall award the agreement/contract to the next highest ranked consultant or seek new submittals, in accordance with subsection (d) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (d) of CGS 4a-81. Please note, in an effort to streamline the certification and affidavit process for agreement execution, the Department is requiring all selected firms to upload Forms 1, 5 and 7 on the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Business Network ("BizNet") website. Directions and forms can be found at http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2982&q=386038&opmNav_GID=1806.

For all State contracts, as defined in CGS § 9-612(f)(1) having a value in a calendar year of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice titled "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations" (Notice) advising State contractors of State campaign contribution

and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the Notice. The State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice can be found online at www.ct.gov/SEEC by clicking on the Forms link and then the Contractor Reporting Forms link. The Notice is hereby made a part of this solicitation.

The Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel this solicitation and terminate the process to retain consultant services, and is under no obligation to contract for the services specified herein.

The Department reserves the right to add additional projects of a similar nature for a separate selection should additional projects become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

All letters of interest shall be addressed to:

Mr. David Mancini, P.E.
Consultant Selection Office
Connecticut Department of Transportation
2800 Berlin Turnpike
Newington, Connecticut 06111

Hand delivered letters should be brought to the front desk at the aforementioned address no later than 3:00 p.m. on October 3, 2018.

Please be advised that firms must continue to be prequalified in the specified category in the year a shortlist is finalized and/or a selection is made.

All inquiries regarding this request for Letters of Interest shall be directed to Mr. David Mancini of the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3017.