

TANGIPAHOA PARISH GOVERNMENT

*Request for Qualification Statements-Pedestrian Improvements
Engineering Design and Construction Services*

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The Parish will award a selection to the respondents obtaining the highest recommendations and points based upon a selection committee review of the submitted, written RFQs, and work references.

Interested parties are invited to secure an informational package from Donna Domiano at the Parish of Tangipahoa, P.O. Box 215 or 206 E. Mulberry Street, Amite, La. 70422 or by calling #985 748-3211. The response to this request must be hand-delivered or mailed to the above-named person at the above-named address in such a manner that it is received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, 2019. The Parish of Tangipahoa is an Equal Opportunity Employer and encourages the submission by DBE certified firms and the use of DBE sub-contractors.

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PART 1--Management

The overall project management and level and scope of services will be determined by the Parish in relation to its approved FTA project application, FTA regulations, and conditions. A fixed sum contract on a cost reimbursement basis will be negotiated with the selected firm for the project, with the actual fees for services subject to approval by, and funding from FTA and the Parish, in accordance with cost principles. The Parish will review any proposed fee tables provided by the selected engineering company(s) for cost reasonableness, so a fee table for services and staff positions should also be included as an appendix to the submittal.

PART 2- Request for Qualification Statements

RFQs will be accepted by the Parish until **3:00 p.m. on Sept.____,** 2019. In order to be considered, submittals must be received prior by the Parish to the time and date specified herein at the location specified herein. The Parish reserves the right to reject any or all responses for late or incomplete submission. All responses should be sealed and the outside of the envelope marked: "FTA PEDESTRIAN PROJECT - PONCHATOULA, LA."

All submittals will be ranked by a selection committee, with the highest rated firm being awarded a contract, after appropriate negotiations. The submittal must include a brief history of the firm and a resume of each person in the firm who will be assigned to the project, experience with similar type projects, familiarity with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) standards, and examples of past projects completed. A Time Schedule for preparing various survey, design and construction bid documents must also be included in the submittal, along with a proposed fee, schedules typically charged, including a description of additional costs not included in the typical design fee. Also, please provide information as to any subconsultants and their role in the project, which may be used and use of any land surveyor (in-house or sub) to be used for this project if such services are needed. Specify if any of the subs are considered certified DBE firms, which the Parish encourages outreach to. Please also include a list of appropriate references for past jobs that are

similar. Note that registration in the federal SAM system is required of all selected consultants and contractors prior to contract approval.

Three (3) printed copies of the RFQ package must be provided by mail or hand-carried to the attention of Donna Domiano, Purchasing Agent for Tangipahoa Parish, P.O. Box 215, 206 E. Mulberry Street, Amite, La. 70422. An emailed response is not acceptable.

The services to be provided to the Parish through this RFQ will include, but not necessarily be limited to:

1. Project total and construction cost estimates, preliminary and final design improvements, choosing materials, construction plans, and construction inspection review, along with topo and land surveying and geo-technical, if needed.
2. Preparation of preliminary project site information, geo-technical services, design and the construction bid package in conformance with applicable federal requirements. Supervising the bid advertising, tabulation, and award process, including preparing the pre-bid meeting, preparation of advertisements for bid solicitation, and conducting the bid opening. Note that this project will include Davis-Bacon wages. If any portion of the project is located within a State or Railroad ROW, then the engineering consultant will have to provide appropriate plans to those organizations for approval.
3. If the project moves forward with construction and funding from FTA, the selected firm will coordinate a pre-construction meeting and coordination with Parish and interested public entities, permit requirements, and identification of utilities in the ROW that may need to be marked and moved.
4. On-site inspection of construction work, and preparation of written inspection reports.
5. Review and approval of all contractor requests for payment and submitting approved requests to the Parish, with prior review by the City of Ponchatoula.
6. In coordination with subconsultants (if used), preparing and submitting all applications for the various permits to various agencies, including building and drainage permits, DOTD permits, or others, on an as-needed basis.
7. Conducting final inspection and recommendation of acceptance of work.

PART 3--SELECTION CRITERIA

All responses to this solicitation will be evaluated according to the following criteria and will be evaluated on the bases of any written materials submitted, along with a Parish verification of previous job references. Incomplete or misleading/incorrect information may result in disqualification of a submittal. After initial qualification, the highest scoring firm will be interviewed for reasonable cost

negotiation and pricing considerations in relationship to approved project fees.

EVALUATION CONSIDERATIONS.

1. Experience of the firm, in projects and in years, in successfully providing engineering services in the implementation of other similar projects, particularly those funded through FTA or the Federal Highway Administration (please identify those). **(up to 30 points)**.
2. Knowledge and background of assigned staff members and/or sub-consultants that are involved with the project. **(up to 30 points)**. Include a listing and background of which staff members will be involved with this particular submittal and knowledge of similar projects.
3. Timeliness and methods in being able to quickly complete cost estimates, design and project plans, based upon a written task and time schedule to be included by the respondent. **(up to 10 points)**

Engineering Consultant fees will be negotiated with the highest rated firm(s) based upon cost reasonableness and typical engineering fee scales and rates, which must be included in the project submission (i.e.: typical fees and costs).

Questions concerning this proposal should be addressed to Purchasing Agent, Donna Domiano at (985) 748-3211. Email questions should be sent to ddomiano@tangipahoa.org.

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