

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Regional Planning Commission is requesting qualification statements for the following project.

Comprehensive Operations Analysis FTA Grant No. LA-2018-013-00 RPC Task PARA21

An outline of the desired scope of work is available on the RPC web site <https://www.norpc.org/work-with-us/rfp/>. Contract services are expected to commence approximately 4 weeks from the date of award and will be completed within 6 months following Notice to Proceed. This is a request for proposals that demonstrate the technical merits of the prospective work scope, the capacity of the contractor to fulfill the scope, and the reasonableness of the proposed cost. All interested firms are invited to submit their qualifications for undertaking the above study. This project and RPC Notice to Proceed are predicated upon federal funding authorization.

Interested firms shall furnish sufficient technical and supervisory personnel to insure expeditious completion of the work. Firms with demonstrated experience, competence, and qualifications pertinent to the above project are being sought. Socially and economically disadvantaged firms are encouraged to submit qualifications for undertaking the above-mentioned work. Credit for DBE participation will be limited to the firms certified pursuant to the Louisiana Unified Certification Program. For convenience, DOTD provides a list on its website (<http://www8.dotd.la.gov/UCP/UCPSearch.aspx>) of firms that have been certified as eligible to participate as DBEs on US DOT assisted contracts.

Respondents should submit a description of how they propose to fulfill the work tasks described in the Scope of Work, as well as a proposed work schedule and budget. The consultant budget should identify, at a minimum, costs for labor, travel, other direct costs, and proposed profit.

Qualification statements are to be submitted on the MPO Standard Submittal Form, "Proposal to Provide Consultant Services." Submit your qualifications on the MPO Standard Submittal Form on a CD (or via email) as a single PDF file for prime and sub-consultants (one copy) along with one hard (paper) copy of the completed MPO Standard Submittal forms. There are no specific minimum personnel requirements, however the organization chart (No. 11), table (No. 12) and resumes (No. 13) must demonstrate sufficient qualified staff to accomplish the scope of work within the stated timeframe, within budget. Experience, both firm and individual; past performance on comparable projects; current work load; location where work will be performed and firm size will be the significant evaluation factors which will be used in selecting a firm for the above study.

Responsiveness to the work scope will be the primary evaluation factor under consideration when selecting a consulting team. Other factors that will be considered include the appropriateness of the proposed budget, relevant experience of the consultant team, past performance on equivalent work, current work load and its potential to impact capacity to complete the project according to the work schedule, and consultant team size relative to the magnitude of the work. RPC reserves the right to contact previous clients to discuss a proposer's performance on comparable work. Failure to submit all of the information required on the MPO Standard Submittal Form, for the prime and each sub-consultant, will constitute a non-response.

Letters of interest and qualification statements are to be identified by Project Title and RPC Task Number and are to be submitted prior to the 12:00 noon deadline on **Tuesday September 28, 2021** by hand or mail addressed as follows:

Ms. Maggie Woodruff
Regional Planning Commission
10 Veterans Memorial Blvd.
New Orleans, LA 70124

All inquiries should be sent in writing to: mwoodruff@norpc.org

Notification of selection will be posted to the RPC website, "Contracts Awarded" section of the "Requests for Proposals" page within 48 hours of selection.

Any non-responsive prime consultants will be notified individually, in writing.

Note: The selected firm will abide by the following instructions, in accordance with DOTD Consultant Contract Services Manual for Use by MPOs, December 2018:

The designated "signing authority" shown in the MPO Standard Submittal Form shall provide:

1. For Corporations: Corporate Certified Board Resolution, clearly authorizing and designating an officer of the consulting firm, by name, to sign contracts for the firm. Also, a Disclosure of Ownership Certificate from the Secretary of State's Office. Corporations domiciled outside Louisiana are required to submit a Certificate of Authority issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State.
2. For Limited Liability Companies (LLC): Manager/managing member consent, clearly authorizing and designating the person, by name, to sign contracts for the firm. Also, a Disclosure of Ownership Certificate from the Secretary of State's Office. LLCs domiciled outside Louisiana are required to submit a Certificate of Authority issued by the Louisiana Secretary of State.
3. For Sole Proprietorships: A Power of Attorney/Affidavit is required.
4. Additional forms required to be signed by the authorized signatory, will be provided by RPC: Affidavit, Third Party Contractor Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters, Certification of Restrictions on Lobbying

All consultants conducting business with RPC must provide to RPC an annual independent CPA audited indirect cost (overhead) rate of their firm, inclusive of the certification required under 23 CFR 172.11 (c)(3)(iii).

Each consultant must develop and maintain a written affirmative action program for each of its establishments, if it has 50 or more employees, and a contract of \$50,000 or greater.