



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS PACKAGE

(Procurement per Article 3 of AS 36.30)

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ISSUING OFFICE

Agency Contact & Phone No.....: Connie Horton (907) 451-5467
Contracting Division: Department of Transportation & Public Facilities, Northern Region

PROJECT

RFP NUMBER: 025-9-1-040
Project Numbers-State/Federal.....: 63213/STP-RS-M-0617(3)
Project Site (City, Village, etc.).....: Fairbanks, Alaska
Project Title & Contract Description: University Avenue Rehabilitation & Widening: Appraisal, Acquisition & Relocation

To provide professional services as stipulated in the attached Proposed Statement of Services, Appendix B.

SCHEDULE & PAYMENT

Anticipated period for performance-Begin/End: July 2009 through December 31, 2010

Estimated amount of proposed contract:

☐ less than \$100,000 ☒ \$100,000 to \$150,000 ☐ \$150,000 to \$250,000
☐ \$250,000 to \$500,000 ☐ \$500,000 to \$1,000,000 ☐ \$1,000,000 or greater

Proposed Method(s) of Payment:

☐ Fixed Price Plus Expenses (FPPE) ☐ Firm Fixed Price (FFP) ☐ Cost Plus Fixed Fee (CPFF)
☒ Other: Time & Expenses

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE AND LOCATION

*OFFERORS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO ASSURE DELIVERY PRIOR TO DEADLINE (2 AAC 12.250).
ONLY PROPOSALS RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME WILL BE OPENED.*

DATE: July 16, 2009

PREVAILING TIME: 4:00 PM

HAND DELIVER ONLY DIRECTLY TO FOLLOWING LOCATION

(and person, if named):

Connie Horton, Right of Way Agent III
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Right of Way Section
2720 Pickett Place
Fairbanks AK 99709-5399
(907) 451-5467

IMPORTANT NOTICE: If you downloaded this solicitation from the State's Website, you must register with the Northern Region Plans room to be placed on the planholders list and to receive subsequent addenda. Failure to register may adversely affect your proposal. It is the Offeror's responsibility to insure that he has received all addenda affecting this RFP. To be registered, email Debbie.Scott@alaska.gov or call (907) 451-2247 or fax (907) 451-5390 and provide the project name & number, company name & contact person, address, phone number & fax number.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

1. Competitive Sealed Proposals will be evaluated by a committee (2 AAC 12, Article 4). Evaluation of responses to criteria set forth in Part C results in a numerical score for each proposal. Each criterion in Part C has an assigned weight for this RFP which demonstrates its relative importance. The total of all weights is 100 (100%). Each one-percent weight equates to a range of 0-5 points per Evaluator. The maximum points (score) obtainable for any proposal is equal to the product of 500 multiplied by the number of Evaluators.
2. Scoring of proposals will be accomplished as follows:
 - 2.1 Each Evaluator will individually read and rate each Offeror's response to each criterion described in Part C - Section I - Technical Proposal. Ratings will be based solely on contents of proposal and per the Contracting Agency's standard Instructions for Evaluation Committee. Except as may be stated within any criterion description in Part C, a rating of "5" = Best Response from all Offerors; "4" to "1" = Progressively Less Responsive; "0" = Non-Responsive. Ratings are multiplied by the assigned weights for each criterion to obtain criteria scores.
 - 2.2 After scoring Part C - Section I - Technical Proposal, criteria scores for Part C - Section II - Preferences, and Section III - Price (if applicable), will be determined as stated within such criteria descriptions.
 - 2.3 After completion of individual ratings, the Evaluation Committee will meet to discuss proposals. Evaluators may then alter their ratings; however, any changes shall be based solely on the criteria set forth in Part C.
 - 2.4 The total score for each Offeror will be obtained by summing the scores determined for each criterion in Sections I, II and III of Part C. The order of ranking for negotiations shall be as follows: highest scored Offeror will be ranked first, next highest scored second, and etcetera.
3. Evaluators may discuss factual knowledge of, and may investigate Offerors' and proposed Subcontractors' prior work experience and performance, including projects referenced in proposal, available written evaluations, etcetera, and may contact listed references or other persons knowledgeable of a Contractor's and/or a Subcontractor's past performance. Factors such as overall experience relative to the proposed contract, quality of work, control of cost, and ability to meet schedules may be addressed. If any issues of significant concern to the proposed contract are discovered, the Committee may:
 - 3.1 Provide written recommendations for consideration during contract negotiations;
 - 3.2 Conduct discussions in accordance with paragraph 4, below.
4. The Committee may decide to conduct discussions (or "interviews") with responsible Offerors whose proposals are determined to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award for the purpose of clarification to assure full understanding of, and responsiveness to, the solicitation requirements (AS 36.30.240 & 2 AAC 12.290). Offerors selected by the Committee for discussions may be permitted to submit Best and Final Offers (BAFO) for final Committee Evaluation. After discussions and any BAFO's, Evaluators will determine the final scoring and ranking for contract negotiations by evaluating written and oral responses using only the criteria set forth in Part C of this RFP (2 AAC 12.260(b)).
5. All Offerors will be advised of the Offeror selected for negotiation and, after completion of negotiations, a Notice of Intent to Award will be provided to all Offerors. If contract negotiations are unsuccessful with Offeror(s) selected for negotiation, the Contracting Agency may either cancel the solicitation or negotiate with other Offerors in the order of ranking.

NOTICES

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1. The Contracting Agency is an equal opportunity employer.
2. Copies of contract documents are available for review at the Contracting Agency's office. Offerors located outside the general vicinity of the Contracting Agency's office may telephone the Agency Contact identified on page one of this Part A for a discussion of such items.

General Conditions of the Professional Services Agreement are contained in the Small Procurement Standard Provisions Booklet, which is located on the Department's WEB site. To view or download the booklet, follow these steps:

- A. log on to the web page at www.dot.state.ak.us
- B. select Procurement
- C. select Professional Services, Construction Related
- D. select Small Procurement Standard Provisions Booklet

The General Conditions are the **same** for both Competitive Sealed Proposals and Small Procurements.

3. Offerors are specifically advised that a contract shall not be in effect until a written agreement is executed by an authorized agent of the Contracting Agency. The Contracting Agency shall not be liable for any cost incurred by an Offeror in response to this solicitation, including any work done, even in good faith, prior to execution of a contract and issuance of a Notice to Proceed.

4. The Contracting Agency expressly reserves the right to waive minor informalities, negotiate changes or reject any and all proposals and to not award the proposed contract, if in its best interest. "Minor Informalities" means matters of form rather than substance which are evident from the submittal, or are insignificant matters that have a negligible effect on price, quantity, quality, delivery, or contractual conditions and can be waived or corrected without prejudice to other Offerors (2 AAC 12.990).

5. All proposals shall be open for public inspection (AS 36.30.230) after a Notice of Intent to Award is issued. Offerors should not include proprietary information in proposals if such information should not be disclosed to the public. Any language within a submittal purporting to render all or portions of a proposal confidential will be disregarded. Proprietary information which may be provided after selection for contract negotiations will be confidential if expressly agreed to by the Contracting Agency (AS 36.30.230).

6. Substitution for any personnel named in a proposal may result in termination of negotiations.

7. If it is discovered that a selected Offeror is in arrears on taxes due the State of Alaska, a contract may not be awarded until the Alaska Department of Revenue approves the payment provisions for the contract.

8. **Offerors and proposed subcontractors shall be in compliance with the statutory requirements for Alaska licensing included in the certification statement on Page 2 of Part D in this RFP package. Non-compliance shall result in rejection of proposal.**

9. **PRICE COMPETITION:** Price cannot be an Evaluation Criterion in accordance with Article 3 of AS 36.30 for services that must be performed only by Architects, Engineers or Land Surveyors (A/E or LS) licensed in the State of Alaska, UNLESS the provisions of AS 36.30.270(d) apply; i.e., unless the services required are repetitious in nature, and the nature and amount of services required are thoroughly defined by measurable and objective standards to reasonably enable firms or persons making proposals to compete with a clear understanding and interpretation of the services required. Also, a majority of the evaluation committee must be registered in Alaska to perform architectural, engineering, or land surveying services.

- 9.1 If the services performed do not require an A/E or LS, then all Offerors including any A/E or LS must provide Price Proposals in accordance with AS 36.30.270(b) and 2 AAC 12.260(c).

- 9.2 Price (or any estimate of labor hours) cannot be an Evaluation Criterion for contracts that will receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) per 49 CFR 18.36(t) and AC 150/5100-14D, para 2-8(j). Exception: Price must be an Evaluation Factor for Real Estate Appraisal services (AS 36.30.250(d) and FAA AC 150/5100/14D, para 2-4(c)).

10. An audit of the selected Offerors' and proposed Subcontractors' cost accounting systems and business records may be required to ascertain if systems are adequate for segregating contract costs; to establish a maximum allowable Indirect Cost Rate for the Agency's negotiator; and to investigate the accuracy of proposed labor rates and unit prices. In order

not to unduly delay contract negotiation or award, be prepared to submit Pre-Audit Statement, DOT&PF Form 25A257 immediately for your firm and any subcontract which may exceed \$100,000. If selected for negotiation, failure to submit properly completed Pre-Audit Statement(s) in a timely manner may disqualify an Offeror from further consideration. Information from Pre-Audit Statements and any Audit conducted for the Contracting Agency is considered proprietary and will be confidential.

11. Standard insurance provisions for Worker's Compensation, General and Automobile Liability, and Professional Liability are contained in DOT&PF Form 25A269, Indemnification and Insurance. Coverages may be modified under very limited circumstances. Offeror should not assume any modification of coverages.

12. Professional Liability Insurance for the proposed contract: ☒ is not required

☐ is required as shown on DOT&PF Form 25A269.

13. The proposed contract ☒ will ☐ will not be a Federally Assisted Program of the U.S. Department of Transportation. If it will be an assisted program, then the Offeror shall insert the following notification in all subcontract solicitations for bids or proposals pertinent to this RFP:

"In accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, CFR, U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT), Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. DOT issued pursuant to such Act, in any Subcontract entered into pursuant to this RFP, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids or proposals and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin, in consideration for an award.

14. Pre-proposal Conference: ☒ None ☐ As follows:

15. Special Notices:

15.1 Per Alaska Statue (AS) 36.30.210(e): An Alaska Business License is required of Contractors who do business in Alaska and is a prerequisite to Proposal. Offerors should be aware of this requirement and are advised that proof of application for an Alaska Business License will satisfy this requirement. Information regarding applying for an Alaska Business License can be found on-line at <http://www.dced.state.ak.us/off/home.htm> or by calling 1-907-465-2550. Section 12 AAC 12.020(g) of the Alaska Administrative Code further specifies that the business license must be in the name of the company under which the proposal is submitted. This is a requirement regardless of funding source. If an Offeror fails to comply with this requirement, their proposal will be rejected as non-responsive.

15.2 Based on guidance from the US Department of Transportation's General Counsel, effective January 10, 2006, the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities implemented a Race Neutral Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program by setting 0% project goals on all highway, mass transit and airport projects. Contractors are encouraged to continue using DBE participation on highway, mass transit and airport projects as appropriate. Any questions about this notice may be directed to the Civil Rights Office, 907-269-0850.