

**ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES
FEBRUARY 07, 2017**

**CONTRACT NO. 4400009954
RETAINER CONTRACT FOR NAVAL
ARCHITECTURE AND MARINE ENGINEERING SERVICES
STATEWIDE**

Under Authority granted by Title 48 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) hereby issues a Request for Qualification Statements (RFQ) on DOTD Form 24-102 (24-102), “Professional Engineering and Related Services”, revised November 2011, from Consulting Firms (Consultant) to provide engineering and related services. **Consultants who are a Louisiana or foreign LLC or corporation should be appropriately registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State, as contemplated by Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, and with LAPELS under its rules for FIRMS. If a Consultant fails to place itself in good standing in accordance with those provisions, it may be subject to consequences contemplated in Title 12 and/or the LAPELS rules. All requirements of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board must be met and the Prime consultants must be registered with the Federal Government using SAM.gov prior to contract execution.** One Prime-Consultant/Sub-Consultant(s) (Consultant/Team) will be selected for this Contract.

DOTD employees may not submit a proposal, nor be included as part of a Consultant’s team.

Project Manager – Mr. Kevin Reed

All inquiries concerning this advertisement should be sent in writing to Mark.chenevert@la.gov and heather.huval@la.gov.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The selected Consultant will perform modifications and repairs to ferry vessels and barges owned by or in the domain of the DOTD for statewide projects covered by a Retainer Contract under separate Task Orders. This project consists of providing consulting naval architecture and marine engineering services which include, but are not limited to physical inspection, preparation of specifications and drawings, reports, calculations, and submittals to regulatory bodies. The Consultant will be required to execute a Task Order which will specify the scope of services, contract time, and compensation. Each Task Order will become a part of the Retainer Contract.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services to be rendered for this Retainer Contract shall consist of the following Stages and Parts:

Stage 3: Design

- Part III: Preliminary Plans
- Part IV: Final Plans
- Part V: Operational Services
- Part VI: Inspection Services

Stage 5: Construction

- Part I: Construction Support

1. Attendance at DOTD Ferry Staff meetings to advise and report on matters pertaining to their expertise.
2. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required to investigate new, conceptual or repair projects sufficiently to advise the DOTD. This advice shall consider the scope and nature of the proposed work, approximate estimate of construction cost, engineering effort and cost, procedures, time frame, constraints, etc.
3. Emergency response and inspection of DOTD ferry vessels, other floating equipment and dock structures following any vessel casualty, collision or other mishap, either physical or mechanical. If required, prepare a survey inspection report with an estimate of repair scope of work and costs for each incident.
4. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required for the design, planning and scheduling of future DOTD repair and improvement projects. The services shall be sufficient to develop estimates of project costs.
5. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required to provide advice and recommendations regarding repairs, refurbishment, upgrading for USCG compliance, and/or modifications to DOTD marine equipment.
6. Act as the DOTD's representative to supervise, inspect and recommend for approval work done by others to DOTD ferry vessels and other floating equipment.
7. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required to make recommendations concerning the operation and maintenance of the ferry vessels and other floating equipment owned by the DOTD.
8. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required to review, as may be requested by the DOTD, plans that have been prepared by other engineers engaged by the DOTD for repair or improvement projects.
9. Furnish Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Services as required to advise, consult and meet with DOTD staff on an as needed basis.
10. Technical resources to be provided must be comprehensive and inclusive of all disciplines required to accomplish in the aforementioned work.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Contractor will be responsible for providing research, studies, reports, recommendations, calculations, pertaining to the operational and regulatory issues related to the operation of the DOTD Ferry System.

The consultant may be required to act on behalf of the Department to initiate correspondence with the USCG specific to regulatory compliance, including the development of any submittals necessary for all applicable CFR's and modify original submittals to conform with USCG comments.

REFERENCES

All services and documents will meet the standard requirements as to format and content of the DOTD; and will be prepared in accordance with the latest applicable editions, supplements and revisions of the following:

1. 46 CFR, Subchapter H
2. American Bureau of Shipbuilding (ABS)

COMPENSATION

Compensation to the Consultant for services rendered in connection with each TO shall be based on negotiated work-hours using DOTD established billable rates for the actual work performed on the Task Order.

The Consultant may request to have the initial billable rates updated on a yearly basis. However, any adjustment to the Contract billable rates shall not be cause for an increase in the maximum compensation limitation imposed herein.

The amount payable under this Retainer Contract for services to be performed under the various TO's shall not exceed a maximum of **\$1,250,000**. Each TO shall be payable under the respective TO project number which shall be obtained by the Project Manager.

All travel related expenses will be compensated under direct expenses, and will be in accordance with Louisiana Office of State Travel regulations found at: <http://www.doa.la.gov/osp/travel/travelpolicy/2015-16TravelGuide.pdf> Vehicle rental rates will require prior approval from the DOTD Project Manager.

DIRECT EXPENSES

All direct expense items which are not paid for in the firm's overhead which are needed and will be consumed during the life of the contract must be identified by the consultant during contract development. Standard equipment to be used in the provision of services rendered for this contract will not be considered for payment under direct expenses.

Failure to provide the above information will deem items as non-qualifying for direct expenses.

The Consultant shall provide a minimum of three rate quotes for any specialty vehicle or equipment. Any and all items for which said quotes are not submitted shall be deemed as non-qualifying for payment as direct expenses, unless approved by the Consultant Contract Services Administrator.

CONTRACT TIME AND NOTICE TO PROCEED

This Retainer Contract shall be in effect for **five years**. The services to be performed for each Task Order (TO) will be determined prior to the execution of the TO. The Consultant will proceed with the services required in the TO upon issuance of the Notice to Proceed from the DOTD. The contract time for each TO, will be specified in the executed TO. **All TO's must be completed by the expiration date of the Retainer Contract.** No TO will be initiated unless sufficient contract time remains to complete the TO.

ELECTRONIC DELIVERABLES

Preliminary and final plans shall be delivered electronically in both PDF and Microstation V8.5 (DGN) file formats.

All written specifications shall be delivered electronically in Microsoft Word 2010 (DOC) file format.

QUALITY CONTROL/QUALITY ASSURANCE

The DOTD requires the Consultant to develop a Quality Control/Quality Assurance program or adopt DOTD's program; in order to provide a mechanism by which all construction plans can be subject to a systematic and consistent review. Consultant's must ensure quality and adhere to established design policies, procedures, standards and guidelines in the preparation and review of all design products. The DOTD shall provide limited input and technical assistance to the Consultant. The Consultant's plans shall meet or exceed DOTD's Construction Plans Quality Control / Quality Assurance Manual and EDSM No. Volume I. 1.1.24 on Plan Quality. The Consultant shall transmit plans with a DOTD Quality Control/Quality Assurance Checklist, and a certification that the plans meet the DOTD's quality standards.

ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED BY DOTD

When deemed necessary, the DOTD will provide the Consultant, without charge for the following items:

1. All information which it has in its files as to vessel details, repairs, records, certificates, future plans and studies, and assistance in securing similar data from others to the extent available.
2. Copies of past inspection/survey reports.

MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met at the time of submittal:

1. At least one principal of the Prime-Consultant shall be a Professional Engineer registered in the state of Louisiana.
2. At least one principal or responsible shall be an undergraduate Naval Architect or Marine Engineer with a degree, from an accredited university or college, having at least ten years of experience in the marine industry.
3. In addition, the Prime-Consultant must also employ on a full-time basis, or through the use of a Sub-Consultant(s):
 - a) a technical and clerical support staff sufficient to provide the required services included in the scope of services. The technical staff is to possess familiarity with the USCG rules and regulations of large passenger vessels (Title 46 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Subchapter H and W). This staff shall consist of no less than two full-time employees.

Training Certifications/Certifications of Compliance must be submitted with and made part of the Consultants DOTD Form 24-102 for all Personnel Requirements listed herein.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The general criteria to be used by DOTD in evaluating responses for the selection of a Consultant to perform these services are:

1. Consultant's firm experience on similar projects, weighting factor of 3;
2. Consultant's personnel experience on similar projects, weighting factor of 4;
3. Consultant's firm size as related to the estimated project cost, weighting factor of 3;**
4. Consultant's past performance on similar DOTD projects, weighting factor of 6;**
5. Consultant's current work load, weighting factor of 5;
6. Location where the work will be performed, weighting factor of 4. *

*Location will be based from Marksville, Louisiana.

**All respondents will receive a 5 for this category.

Consultants with no past performance rating in a rating category will be assigned the average rating of the firms submitting; with ratings capped at the statewide average rating for that category as of the date the advertisement was posted.

Complexity level – Normal

Consultants will be evaluated as indicated in Items 1- 6. The evaluation will be by means of a point-based rating system. Each of the above criteria will receive a rating on a scale of 1-5. Then the rating will be multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The firm's ratings in each category will then be added to arrive at the Consultant's final rating.

If Sub-Consultants are used, the Prime Consultant must perform a minimum of 51% of the work for the overall project. Each member of the Consultant/Team will be evaluated on their part of the contract, proportional to the amount of their work. The individual team member ratings will then be added to arrive at the Consultant/Team rating.

DOTD's Project Evaluation Team will be responsible for performing the above described evaluation, and will present a short-list of the three (if three are qualified) highest rated Consultants to the Secretary of the DOTD. The Secretary will make the final selection. **Below are the proposed Team members. DOTD may substitute for any reason provided the members meet the requirements of R.S. 48:291.**

1. Mark Chenevert – Ex officio
2. Kevin Reed
3. Shane Caldwell
4. David Miller
5. Nick Fagerburg
6. Leslie Mix

Rules of Contact (Title 48 Engineering and Related Services)

These rules are designed to promote a fair, unbiased, legally defensible selection process. The LA DOTD is the single source of information regarding the Contract selection. The following rules of contact will apply during the Contract selection process and will commence on the date of advertisement and cease at the contract execution by the selected firm. Contact includes face-to-face, telephone, facsimile, Electronic-mail (E-mail), or formal written communications. Any contact determined to be improper, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD, may result in the rejection of the submittal (24-102):

- A. The Consultant shall correspond with the LA DOTD regarding this advertisement only through the LA DOTD Consultant Contracts Services Administrator;
- B. Neither the Consultant, nor any other party on behalf of the Consultant, shall contact any LA DOTD employees, including but not limited to, department heads; members of the evaluation teams; and any official who may participate in the decision to award the contract resulting from this advertisement except through the process identified above. Contact between Consultant organizations and LA DOTD employees is allowed during LA DOTD sponsored one-on-one meetings;

- C. Any communication determined to be improper, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD, may result in the rejection of submittal, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD;
- D. Any official information regarding the project will be disseminated from the LA DOTD'S designated representative on the LA DOTD website. Any official correspondence will be in writing;
- E. The LA DOTD will not be responsible for any verbal exchange or any other information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified herein.

By submission of a response to this RFQ, the Consultant agrees to the communication protocol herein.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The selected Consultant will be required to execute the contract within 10 days after receipt of the contract.

INSURANCE - During the term of this contract, the Consultant will carry professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. This insurance will be written on a "claims-made" basis. Prior to executing the contract, the Consultant will provide a Certificate of Insurance to DOTD showing evidence of such professional liability insurance.

AUDIT - The selected Consultant/Team shall provide to the DOTD Audit Section an *independent* Certified Public Accountant (CPA) audited overhead rate developed in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and guidelines provided by the DOTD Audit Section. In addition, the selected Consultant/Team will allow the DOTD Audit Section to perform an overhead audit of its books, at the DOTD's sole discretion. The performance of such an audit by the DOTD Audit Section shall not relieve the Consultant/Team of its responsibilities under this paragraph.

Consultants are also required to submit labor rate information twice a year to the DOTD's Audit Section and/or as requested by DOTD. Newly selected firms must have audited salaries and overhead rates on file with the DOTD's Audit Section before starting any additional stage/phase of their contracts. All Qualification Statements (24-102) submitted to DOTD by Consultants currently under contract may be considered non-responsive if the consultant is not in compliance with the above audit requirements.

Any Consultant currently under contract with the DOTD and who failed to meet all the audit requirements documented in the manual and/or notices posted on the DOTD Consultant Contract Services Website (www.dotd.louisiana.gov), will not be considered for this project.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

One original (**stamped “original”**) and **five** copies of the DOTD Form 24-102 must be submitted to DOTD **along with an electronic copy (USB flash drive only) in a searchable Portable Document Format (pdf). If you wish to have your flash drive returned, please include a postage paid, self-addressed envelope.** All submittals must be in accordance with the requirements of this advertisement and the Consultant Contract Services Manual.

If more than one contract is to be selected based on this advertisement, no Prime Consultant is allowed to be a Sub-Consultant on any other Consultant’s 24-102. If a Prime Consultant is submitted as a Sub-Consultant on another Consultant’s 24-102, it’s submittal as a Prime Consultant may be deemed non-responsive.

Any Prime Consultant that submits a Sub-Consultant’s 24-102 without written consent of that Sub-Consultant to be submitted in response to this ad, may be deemed non-responsive.

Any Consultant/Team failing to submit any of the information required on the 24-102, or providing inaccurate information on the 24-102, will be considered non-responsive.

Any Sub-Consultants to be used, including Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), in performance of this Contract, must also submit a 24-102, which is completely filled out and contains all information pertinent to the work to be performed.

The Sub-Consultant’s 24-102 must be firmly bound to the Consultant’s 24-102. In Section 8, the Consultant’s 24-102 must describe the **work elements** to be performed by the Sub-Consultant(s), and state the approximate **percentage** of each work element to be subcontracted to each Sub-Consultant.

Contract employees may be allowed for a period of time for a particular element or task on a project. Contract employees should be shown in **Section 9a. Project Staffing Plan** with resumes included in **Section 10**.

Use of contract employees requires prior approval by the Consultant Contract Services Section for each element or task on a project. The approval request shall be made prior to the submittal of the 24-102 form.

~~Name(s) of the Consultant/Team listed on the 24-102, must precisely match the name(s) filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State, Corporation Division, and the Louisiana State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.~~

The DOTD Form 24-102 will be identified with **Contract No. 4400009954**, and will be submitted **prior to 3:00 p.m. CST on Wednesday, March 01, 2017 ~~February 22, 2017~~**, by hand delivery or mail, addressed to:

Department of Transportation and Development
Attn.: Mr. Mark Chenevert, P.E.
Contracts Services Administrator
1201 Capitol Access Road, **Room 405-E**
Baton Rouge, LA 70802-4438 or
Telephone: (225) 379-1591

REVISIONS TO THE RFQ

DOTD reserves the right to revise any part of the RFQ by issuing an addendum to the RFQ at any time. Issuance of this RFQ in no way constitutes a commitment by DOTD to award a contract. DOTD reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all Qualification Statements submitted and/or cancel this announcement if it is determined to be in DOTD's best interest. All materials submitted in response to this announcement become the property of DOTD and selection or rejection of a submittal does not affect this right. DOTD also reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in the RFQ.