

ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES

August 14, 2009

STATE PROJECT NO. 700-08-0137

F.A.P. NO. DE-0809(507)

BOSSIER NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDOR

I-220/SWAN LAKE ROAD INTERCHANGE TO CROUCH ROAD

BOSSIER PARISH

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 Standard Form 24-102 (SF 24-102), "Professional Engineering and Related Services", revised January 2003, from Consulting Firms (Consultant) to provide engineering and related services. **All requirements of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board must be met at the time of contract execution.** One Prime-Consultant/Sub-Consultant(s) (Consultant/Team) will be selected for this Contract.

Project Manager – Mr. Don Maddox,

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All inquiries concerning this advertisement should be sent in writing to Edward.Wedge@LA.gov.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

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The project will construct a highway from the I-220/Swan Lake Road interchange to Crouch Road (See attached typical sections and layout map). It will include a flat deck bridge at Willow Chute Bayou (4-20' spans), Cypress Bayou (10-20' spans), and widening an existing flat deck bridge at Flat River (24' to 40' over 5-20' spans). The project will be designed for future widening.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

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

Stage 3: Design

Part I: Surveying Services

- (a) Topographic Survey
- (b) Title Research Reports
- (c) Property Survey
- (d) Title Updates
- (e) Right-of-Way (R/W) Maps
- (f) Title Take-Off

Part III: Preliminary Plans

This scope includes services for Topographic Survey, Property Survey, and Right-of-Way Map services as well as services for Title Take-Offs, Title Research Reports and Title Updates along that portion of the Bossier North-South Corridor project that begins on I-220 at the Swan Lake Road Interchange and ending at a point on Crouch Road. The length of this project, from I-220 to the Crouch Road is approximately 40,563' and is on an existing alignment for 21,500' and 18,986' on a new alignment.

The digital terrain model will have a required width of approximately 200' along the N-S Corridor project survey line, being 100' on each side. On realignment areas on southern section, both existing and proposed alignments will be a part of topographic survey and dtm. Modica Road, East-West Corridor, Tiburon Subdivison Entrance, Cardnell Road, Lakewood Entrance, Swan Lake Road, Deen Point Road, and Crouch Road will be topographic surveyed and dtm as per project layout map.

Bridge sub-structures are to be located and a drainage map is required. Cypress Guideline Levee will be located for 500' either side of proposed alignment. I-220 ramps in North quadrant will be part of topographic survey.

There will be approximately 124 property owners along the length of this project. The Right-of-Way Map will consist of 1 title sheet, approximately 30 plan sheets, and approximately six residual sheets. The plan sheets will be drawn at a scale of 1" = 50'. The residual sheets will be drawn at a scale to accommodate the six allotted residual sheets. It is expected that additional right-of-way will be required along the total length of this project.

All work is to be completed in English units of measurement and the Title Updates are required prior to the completion of the Final Right-of-Way Map Phase.

Part III: Preliminary Plans

This includes title sheet, typical sections, plan/profile sheets, hydraulic existing & design sheets, geometric details, sequence of construction, cross section sheets, as well as other details or plan sheets required for the project's construction. Geometric details will be required on all intersecting streets. Drawings will be provided for permits from other government entities. Preliminary bridge plans will consist of a general note sheet, sequence of construction for widening Flat River Bridge, general plan view for each bridge, typical section, approach slab, end bent, intermediate bent, and soil boring sheets. Additional sheets for detailing widening Flat River bridge or detailing slab deck structures will be provided as needed.

ITEMS TO BE PROVIDED BY DOTD

Items to be provided by DOTD/Bossier Parish: Traffic data, Typical Section design, standard plans, and geotechnical data. Environmental documentation has been completed by Bossier Parish.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

The scope of services and contract time for future engineering services will be established by Supplemental Agreement(s) for the following:

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- Stage 3: Design, Part IV: Final Roadway and Bridge Plans

All additional sub-consultants required to perform these services are subject to approval as per RS 48:290.D prior to execution of the supplemental agreement.

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- Stage 3: Design, Part VII: Contract Proposal
- Stage 5: Construction, Part I: Construction Support and Shop Drawings, if required.

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All additional sub-consultants required to perform these services are subject to approval as per RS 48:290.D prior to execution of the supplemental agreement.

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. AASHTO Standards, ASTM Standards or DOTD Test Procedures
2. DOTD Location and Survey Manual
3. DOTD Roadway Design Procedures and Details
4. DOTD Hydraulics Manual
5. DOTD Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges
6. Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices
7. DOTD Traffic Signal Design Manual
8. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
9. National Electric Safety Code
10. National Electric Code (NFPA 70)
11. DOTD Environmental Impact Procedures (Vols. I-III)
12. Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
13. Construction Contract Administration Manual
14. Materials Sampling Manual
15. DOTD Bridge Design Manual
16. Consultant Contract Services Manual

17. Geotechnical Engineering Services Document
18. Bridge Inspectors Reference Manual
19. DOTD Stage 1 Manual of Standard Practice
20. Code of Federal Regulations 29 CFR 1926 (OSHA)

COMPENSATION

Compensation to the Consultant for services rendered in connection with this Contract will be a non-negotiated lump sum of \$1,327,349. (\$911,404 for Stage 3, Part I and Part III. \$415,945 for Stage 3, Part IV)

CONTRACT TIME

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The Consultant shall proceed with the services specified herein after the execution of this Contract and upon written Notice-To-Proceed from the DOTD. The overall contract time to complete this project is estimated to be **706 calendar days**. The delivery schedule for all project deliverables shall be established by the Project Manager. The contract days are based on 294 days for topographical survey, 172 days for property survey, and 147 days for right-of-way maps. Preliminary plan days (412 days) are to begin with completion of topographical survey and run concurrent with property survey and right-of-way map calendar days. Upon completion of preliminary plans, a supplemental contract will be prepared for final plan development. (See attached bar sheet)

MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met by the Prime-Consultant at the time of contract execution:

1. At least one Principal of the Prime-Consultant must be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Louisiana.
2. At least one Principal or other Responsible Member of the Prime-Consultant must be a Professional Civil Engineer registered in the State of Louisiana.
3. In addition to the above, the Prime Consultant must also employ on a full-time basis a minimum of one Professional Civil Engineers, registered in the State of Louisiana, with a minimum of five years experience in Roadway Design and a corresponding support staff.
4. The Prime-Consultant must also employ on a full-time basis, or through the use of a Sub-Consultant(s):
 - a. One Professional Engineer, registered in the State of Louisiana, with at least five years of experience in the structural design of highway bridges, with a corresponding support staff.
 - b. One Professional Land Surveyor with at least five years of experience in conducting topographic and property surveys, and preparing right-of-way maps for DOTD.

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ELECTRONIC DELIVERABLES

The Consultant hereby agrees to produce electronic deliverables in conformance with “DOTD Software and Deliverable Standards for Electronic Plans” as outlined at http://www.dotd.louisiana.gov/highways/project_devel/design/electronic_standards_disclaimer.asp. The Consultant shall download and apply the latest CAD standards. The Consultant hereby agrees to install incremental updates to software and CAD standards as instructed by the Project Manager. Such updates will not have a significant impact on the development time or delivery date for project plans, or require the Consultant to purchase additional software. Prior to proceeding with plan development, the Consultant shall contact the Project Manager for any special instructions regarding updates to standards or project-specific requirements if this information has not already been provided.

In the event that any electronic standard conflicts with written documentation, including DOTD plan-development manuals, the electronic standard typically governs. The Consultant is responsible for contacting the Project Manager should questions arise.

Plan deliveries shall be made on CD or DVD media and labeled with media-compatible indelible ink on separate lines as follows:

- State Project Number
- “Final Plans Submittal”, “60% ACP Submittal” (or other milestone)
- “Electronic Deliverables”
- Consultant Firm Name

The CD/DVD shall be delivered with a signed cover letter that includes, among the formalities, a deliverable “hash” code that is documented in a report generated by the ControlCAD Indexer Submittal tool. The hash code is used to verify that the CD is authentic. At any stage of the plan development process, the Project Manager may require plan delivery by other methods including, but not limited to, upload to the DOTD ProjectWise repository.

The prime Consultant is responsible for ensuring that Sub-Consultants are prepared to produce electronic deliverables in conformance with DOTD electronic standards for plans.

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, Documentation Manual for Project Delivery, and a certification that the plans meet the DOTD's quality standards.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The general criteria to be used by DOTD (when applicable) 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 with DOTD, weighting factor of 5;
6. Location where the work will be performed, weighting factor of 4;

** The Road Design Rural (RR), Surveying (SV) and Bridge Design Moderate (BB) performance ratings will be used for this project.
The Complexity level for this project is **moderate**.

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 0-4. The rating will then be multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The firm's rating in each category will then be added to arrive at the Consultant's final rating.

If Sub-Consultants are used, 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.

The following estimates of work categories will be used in the Consultant Evaluation Process. These percentages are based on the overall project:

- Survey Services - 20%
- Roadway Design - 65%
- Bridge Design - 15%

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.

1. Edward R. Wedge – Ex officio
2. Don Maddox – Project Manager
3. Keith Tindell
4. Greg Wall
5. Bob Taylor
6. Ron Watts

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Members of the Project Evaluation Team should not be contacted regarding this advertisement. Doing so may result in the rejection of a firm's submittal. As a reminder,

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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. The Prime-Consultant may require the Sub-Consultant(s) to carry professional liability insurance. 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 will allow the DOTD Audit Section to perform an annual overhead audit of their books, or provide an *independent* Certified Public Accountant (CPA) audited overhead rate. This rate must be developed using Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and guidelines provided by the DOTD Audit Section. In addition, the Consultant/Team will submit semi-annual labor rate information, when requested by DOTD.

The selected Consultant/Team will maintain an approved Project Cost System, and segregate direct from indirect cost in their General Ledger. Pre-award and post audits, as well as interim audits, may be required. For audit purposes, the selected Consultant/Team will maintain accounting records for a minimum of five years after final contract payment.

Any Consultant currently under contract with the DOTD and who has not met 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 SF 24-102 must be submitted to DOTD. All submittals must be in accordance with the requirements of this advertisement and the Consultant Contract Services Manual. Any Consultant/Team failing to submit any of the information required on the SF 24-102, or providing inaccurate information on the SF 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 SF 24-102, which is completely filled out and contains all information pertinent to the work to be performed.

The Sub-Consultant's SF 24-102 must be firmly bound to the Consultant's SF 24-102. In Section 9, the Consultant's SF 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.

Name(s) of the Consultant/Team listed on the SF 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 SF 24-102 will be identified with State Project No. **700-08-0137**, and will be submitted **prior to 3:00 p.m. CST on Monday, August 31, 2009**, by hand delivery or mail, addressed to:

Department of Transportation and Development
Attn.: Mr. Edward R. Wedge, P.E.
Contract Services Administrator
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Baton Rouge, LA 70802-4438 or
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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.