



Skamania County Notice to Consultants

High-Cost Bridge Inspections Project

Skamania County (COUNTY) solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in Structural Engineering, Bridge Inspections and Non-redundant Steel Tension Members (NSTM) Bridges. This agreement will be for approximately eight (8) months in duration with the option for the COUNTY to extend it for additional time and money if necessary. Consultants will be considered for the High-Cost Bridge Inspections Project funded through the Federal Surface Transportation Block Grant Program - Rural (STBGR).

The COUNTY reserves the right to amend terms of this “Request for Qualifications” (RFQ) to circulate various addenda, or to withdraw the RFQ at any time, regardless of how much time and effort consultants have spent on their responses.

The COUNTY requires the successful respondent shall commence work immediately upon contract issuance and that the consultant(s) will diligently pursue implementation of the tasks. The COUNTY reserves the right to retain the services of the successful firm(s) for any subsequent phases associated with this project.

Project Description

The work to be performed by the CONSULTANT is within the preliminary planning phase of this project. This project is to perform bridge inspections of Skamania County bridges.

- The bridges to be inspected are 207-Conrad Lundy Bridge (08368500), 101-Washougal River Bridge (0012160A), N-BONNE-2-Evergreen Bridge (08534700), 105-Hatchery Bridge (07974500), and 106-Butler Eddy Bridge (08474400).
- Previous reports can be viewed through WSDOT Bridge Works application or provided by email from Skamania County upon request.
- The Conrad Lundy Bridge has a center tower for support that will require “High Angle” entry to inspect.

DBE Participation

This project has a zero percent DBE goal assigned. The COUNTY encourages disadvantaged, small, minority, veteran, and women-owned consultant firms to respond to this RFQ.

REQUIRED CONSULTANT QUALIFICATIONS:

Consulting firms will be evaluated on the demonstration of experience and knowledge of both the firm and its personnel in the following areas:

- 1) Qualification of Proposed Project Manager
- 2) Qualifications / Expertise of Firm (WSDOT Bridge Inspectors Certificate, NSTM Certificate, UBIT Inspection techniques, and High Angle Entry techniques, etc.)
- 3) Ability to meet Schedule
- 4) Approach to Plan
- 5) Familiarity with WSDOT Bridge Works and other related WSDOT and FHWA Bridge Inspection standards.
- 6) Past Performance / References

After the COUNTY reviews the submittals, consultant firms will be short-listed and invited to interview. The interview score will be based on the team’s ability to demonstrate their combined experience, capabilities, and approach to delivering the project. Final selection from the short-listed firms shall be made based upon a combined



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results of the submittal and the “Live” Interview / additional qualifying information scoring. The COUNTY is substituting Zoom or Teams meetings for In-Person meetings.

Submittal:

Consultants are invited to submit their Statement of Qualifications at their own cost. The COUNTY assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) shall meet the following requirements or will be deemed non-responsive and will not be eligible for consideration of this work:

- Title of SOQ: “High-Cost Bridge Inspection Project”
- Firm clearly identified (Firm name, phone, and address).
- Name and Email of Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager.
- Name of employees in each firm proposed on the project.
- Max of 15 pages in the SOQ proposal.

Please submit FOUR copies of your Statement of Qualifications pages to:

Sadi’ Stouder-Pettenger, P.E., County Engineer

Skamania County Department of Public Works
PO Box 1009, Stevenson, WA 98648-1009
170 NW Vancouver Ave., Stevenson, WA 98648

Submittals must arrive no later than **10:00 A.M. Thursday, March 28th, 2024**. Submittals will not be accepted after that time and date.

Questions and Answers

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Randy Moline at 509-427-3915 or pwengineering@co.skamania.wa.us. All questions submitted to the email by **March 15th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.** will receive a reply via the COUNTY’s website on **March 20th, 2024**.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information

SKAMANIA COUNTY in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act (Section 504) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), commits to nondiscrimination on the basis of disability, in all of its programs and activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Sadi’ Pettenger at pwengineering@co.skamania.wa.us or by calling collect at 509-427-3910.

Title VI Statement

SKAMANIA COUNTY, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.



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