



Skamania County Notice to Consultants
2023 Regulatory Signs & Guardrail Project
Fed Aid No. HSIP-000S(688)

Skamania County (COUNTY) solicits interest from consulting firms with expertise in Civil, Transportation and Structural Engineering Design. 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 2023 Regulatory Signs & Guardrail Project funded through the federal Highway Safety Improvement Project (HSIP). All prospective consultants must be advised that federally funded projects will be held to Federal EEO requirements.

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 to 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 (R/W, CN) associated with this project. The contract type and methods of payment is anticipated to be multiphase and specific rate of pay with negotiate hourly rate.

Project Description

The work to be performed by the CONSULTANT is within the preliminary engineering phase of this project. The project installs and upgrades guardrail and regulatory signing, including bridge weight limit signs. Approximately 80 bridge weight limit / detour signs (includes load rating reevaluation and repair recommendations etc. for sign removal). Approximately 70 regulatory signs in County Road districts 2 and 3. Approximately 6350 linear feet of guardrail. The primary tasks of the project are as follows:

- Environmental and Archaeological Permits
- Right-of-Way (R/W) Research, Determination of R/W Needs, Surveying and Plan Preparation
- Construction Cost Estimate
- Engineering Drafting and Design
- General Special Provisions for Contracts
- Plans and Contract (stamped by a professional engineer registered in the state of Washington)

DBE Participation

This project has a 14% percent DBE goal. The COUNTY encourages disadvantaged, small, minority, veteran, and women-owned consultant firms to respond to this RFQ.

Evaluation Criteria

Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1) Qualification of Proposed Project Manager
- 2) Qualifications / Expertise of Firm



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- 3) Ability to meet schedule
- 4) Approach to plan
- 5) Familiarity with WSDOT, FHWA, and county standards
- 6) Past Performance / References
- 7) Approach to meet the DBE goal (DBE Participation Plan)

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 completing the project. Final selection from the short-listed firms shall be made based upon combined results of the submittal and the "Live" interview scoring. The COUNTY is substituting Zoom or Teams meetings or 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: "2023 Regulatory Signs & Guardrail 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 including references in the SOQ proposal.

Please submit FOUR copies of your Statement of Qualifications to:

Sadi' Stouder-Pettenger
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, May 16th, 2024**. Submission of any request cost proposals or elements of cost be in a concealed format and separate from technical/qualifications proposes, since these shall not be considered in the evaluation, ranking and selection phase. Submittals will not be accepted after the time and date specified above, and cost of proposals or elements of cost that are not in a concealed format.

Questions and Answers

Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Tony Hegewald at 509-427-3910 or



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pwengineering@co.skamania.wa.us. All questions submitted to the email by **Monday, May 13th, 2024, 5:30 P.M.** will receive a reply via the COUNTY's website on **Tuesday, May 14th, 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, services or activities. This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing Sadi Stouder-Pettenger at pwengineering@co.skamania.wa.us or by calling collect 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.

Dates of publication in the Skamania County Pioneer: Wednesdays, April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, 2024.

Dates of publication in the Daily Journal of Commerce: Wed Oct 24th, Fri April 26th, Mon April 29th, Wed May 1st, Fri May 3rd Mon, May 6th Wed May 8th, 2024.