

Hamilton County  
Request for Proposals  
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## Request for Proposals Notification

**Project Location:** *On-Call Construction Inspection Services, Hamilton County, IN*

**Response Due Date and Time:** *July 15, 2009 and no later than 4:00 p.m.*

This Request for Proposals (RFP) is official notification of needed professional services. This RFP is being issued to solicit a letter of Interest (LoI) and other documents from firms qualified to perform engineering work on federal aid projects. A submittal does not guarantee that the firm will be contracted to perform any services but only serves notice that that firm desires to be considered.

**Contact for Questions:** *Mr. Matt Knight*  
*Bridge Program Engineer*

*OR* *Mr. Mark Fisher*  
*Project Engineer*

*Phone: (317) 773-7770*

### Submittal requirements:

1. Please provide **Three (3)** copies of the Letter of Interest (required content and instructions follow).
2. One (1) signed Affirmative Action Certification and associated required documents for all items with Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goals (sample form follows). If no DBE is required then this form does not have to be submitted.

**Submit To:** *Hamilton County Highway Department*  
*1700 South 10<sup>th</sup> Street*  
*Noblesville, IN 46060*

## **Selection Procedures:**

Consultants will be selected for work items further described herein, based on the evaluation of the Letter of Interest (LoI) and other required documents. The Consultant Selection Rating Form that will be used to evaluate and score the submittals is included for your reference.

To be eligible for consideration, the lead consultant must be prequalified by INDOT.

Note: If the Local Public Agency waives prequalification, additional steps as set out in the Local Public Agency Architectural and Engineering Firm Selection Procedures will be required.

## **Requirements for Letters of Interest (LoI)**

### **A. General instructions for Preparing and Submitting a Letter of Interest (LoI)**

1. Provide the information as set out in Item B below, in the same order listed, signed by an officer of the firm. Scanned signed documents or electronically applied signatures are both acceptable. Do not send additional forms, resumes, brochures, or other material unless otherwise noted in the item description.
2. LoI's shall be limited to a total of twelve (12) 8 ½" x 11" pages. Ten (10) pages for Identification and Qualification and two (2) pages for the combined Key staff and Project Approach unless otherwise noted in the Project Description.
3. LoI's must be received not later than "Response Due Date and Time" as shown in the RFP header shown above. Responses received after this deadline will not be considered. Submittals must include all required attachments to be considered for selection.

### **B. Letter of Interest Content**

#### **1. Identification and Qualifications**

- a. Provide the firm name, address of the responsible office from which the work will be performed and the name and email address of the contact person authorized to negotiate for the associated work.
- b. List all proposed sub consultants, their DBE status, and the percentage of work to be performed by the lead consultant and each sub consultant (sample Affirmative Action Certification follows). A listing of certified DBE's eligible to be considered for selection as prime consultants or sub-consultants for this RFP can be found at the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) website. (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2576.htm>).

- c. Provide personnel resumes and such additional information concerning qualifications as may be relevant to the project

## 2. Key staff and Project approach

- a. List the Project Manager and other key staff members, including key sub consultant staff and include the percent of time the project manager will be committed for the contract, if selected. Include project engineers for important disciplines and staff members that will be responsible for the work. Address the experience of the key staff members on similar projects and the staff qualifications relative to the required item qualifications.
- b. Describe the capacity of your staff and their ability to perform the work in a timely manner relative to present workload and the availability of the assigned staff.
- c. Provide a description of your Project Approach relative to the advertised services. For project specific items confirm that the firm has visited the project site. For all items address your firm's technical understanding of the project or services, as related to your firm's qualifications.

### **Requirements for Affirmative Action Certification**

A completed Affirmative Action Certification form is required for all items that identify a DBE goal. The consultant must identify the DBE firms with which it intends to subcontract. Include the contract participation percentage of each DBE and list what the DBE will be subcontracted to perform on the Affirmative Action Certification Form. **Copies of DBE certifications, as issued by INDOT, for each firm listed are to be included as additional pages after the form.** If the consultant does not meet the DBE goal, the consultant must provide documentations on additional pages that it has made good faith efforts to achieve the DBE goal. Please review the DBE program based on any goals set and complete the DBE Affirmative Action Certification form as applicable. What constitutes good faith efforts is explained in detail within the DBE program information referred to above. If no goal is set then no Affirmative Action Certification form is required. Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) DBE Program Information is available at the Indiana Department of Transportation's website.

A listing of certified DBE's eligible to be considered for selection as prime consultants or sub-consultants for this RFP can be found at the Indiana Department of Transportation's (INDOT) website. (<http://www.in.gov/indot/2576.htm> ).

**DBE subcontracting goals apply to all prime submitting consultants, regardless of the prime's status of DBE.**

## Work item details:

**Local Public Agency Name:** Hamilton County, Indiana

**Project Location:** Various locations in Hamilton County

**INDOT District:** Greenfield

**INDOT Des#:** Various

**Project Phases Included:** Construction Inspection

**Project Description:** The selected consultants will provide construction inspection services for Hamilton County as needs arise on construction contracts. It is anticipated that approximately three (3) to five (5) project engineers/supervisors will be required during the course of this contract. This contract is expected to span the construction seasons of 2009 and 2010. Winter season work may be necessary for some personnel. The personnel may be expected to work for up to twelve (12) hours per day or at night. Inspection forces may be reduced during the months from December to March during the assigned construction contract period. The Consultant's personnel shall work under the County's Project Manager and Greenfield District Construction Engineer. On-call contracts are on an as-needed basis and there is a possibility that no assignments will be made.

The Consultant shall furnish all construction field testing equipment, including nuclear gauges, necessary to sample and test materials in accordance with INDOT procedures. The Consultant shall provide personnel local to the Hamilton County area such that lodging expenses will not be incurred. Travel time and mileage will not be reimbursable for less than 50 miles commute each way to the assigned location. Work Group 13, Construction Inspection currently has no defined criteria. Therefore, the following shall constitute the minimum requirements for an individual assigned under this agreement:

1. Indiana licensed Professional Engineer or
2. Graduate from an accredited college with a BS in Civil Engineering or
3. Certified under INDOT's Certified Technician program

<b>Est. Construction Amount:</b>	\$4,000,000 - \$6,500,000	<b>Number of Contracts:</b>	3
<b>Funding:</b>	Federal Funding (ARRA)	<b>Approx. No. of Assignments:</b>	1 to 10
<b>Term of Contract:</b>	Two (2) year contract	<b>Compensation Method:</b>	Negotiated Labor Rate
<b>DBE goal:</b>	5%		
<b>Required Prequalification Categories:</b>	13.1 Construction Inspection		

**Additional Requirements:** Additionally, all assigned individuals must have the ability to pass written and proficiency test for INDOT's Qualified Technician Program for Construction personnel prior to such tests being required on the assigned projects.

# CONSULTANT SELECTION RATING FORM

RFP Selection Rating for \_\_\_\_\_ Des. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(City, County, Town, etc.) - or - (Local Public Agency)

Consultant Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Services Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Criteria to be Rated by Scorers					
Category	Scoring Criteria	Scale	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
Past Performance	<b>Performance evaluation score averages from historical performance data.</b>				
	Quality score for similar work from performance database			6	0
	Schedule score from performance database.			3	0
	Responsiveness score from performance database.			1	0
Capacity of Team to do Work	<b>Evaluation of the team's personnel and equipment to perform the project on time.</b>				
	Availability of more than adequate capacity that results in added value to INDOT.	1		20	0
	Adequate capacity to meet the schedule.	0			
Insufficient available capacity to meet the schedule.	-1				
Team's Demonstrated Qualifications	<b>Technical expertise: Unique Resources that yield a relevant added value or efficiency to the deliverable.</b>				
	Demonstrated outstanding expertise and resources identified for req'd services for value added benefit.	2		15	0
	Demonstrated high level of expertise and resources identified for req'd services for value added benefit.	1			
	Expertise and resources at appropriate level.	0			
	Insufficient expertise and/or resources.	-3			
Project Manager	<b>Predicted ability to manage the project, based on: experience in size, complexity, type, subs, documentation skills.</b>				
	Demonstrated outstanding experience in similar type and complexity	2		20	0
	Demonstrated high level of experience in similar type and complexity	1			
	Experience in similar type and complexity shown in resume'	0			
	Experience in different type or lower complexity	-1			
Insufficient experience.	-3				
Approach to Project	<b>Project Understanding and Innovation that provides cost and/or time savings.</b>				
	High level of understanding and viable innovative ideas proposed.	2		15	0
	High level of understanding of the project.	1			
	Basic understanding of the project.	0			
Lack of project understanding.	-3				
Location	<b>Location of assigned staff office relative to project.</b>				
	Within 50 mi.	1		5	0
	51 to 150 mi.	0			
	151 to 500 mi.	-1			
	Greater than 500 mi.	-2			
<b>Weighted Sub-Total:</b>					0

It is the responsibility of scorers to make every effort to identify the firm most capable of producing the highest quality deliverables in a timely and cost effective manner without regard to personal preference.

I certify that I do not have any conflicts of interest associated with this consultant. (A definition of conflicts of interest of concern may be found in IC 4-2-6-9.)

I have thoroughly reviewed the letter of interest for this consultant and certify that the above scores represent my best judgment of this firm's abilities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Project\_\_\_\_\_

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATION FOR DBE**

I hereby certify that my company intends to affirmatively seek out and consider Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) certified in the State of Indiana to participate as part of this proposal. I acknowledge that this certification is to be made an integral part of this proposal. I understand and agree that the submission of a blank certification may cause the proposal to be rejected. I certify that I have consulted the following DBE website to confirm that the firms listed below are currently certified DBEs:

[https://financial.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/EMPLOYEE/ERP/c/SOI\\_APPS\\_MWBE.SOI\\_DBE\\_CERT.GBL?&](https://financial.gmis.in.gov/psc/guest/EMPLOYEE/ERP/c/SOI_APPS_MWBE.SOI_DBE_CERT.GBL?&)

I certify that I have contacted the certified DBEs listed below, and if my company becomes the CONSULTANT, these DBEs have tentatively agreed to perform the services as indicated.

I understand that neither my company nor I will be penalized for DBE utilization that exceeds the goal. After contract award, any change to the firms listed in this Affirmative Action Certification to be applied toward the DBE goal must have prior approval by INDOT's Economic Opportunity Division.

**SUBCONSULTANTS**

**DBE SUBCONSULTANTS TO BE APPLIED TOWARD GOAL**

Certified DBE Name	Service Planned	Estimated percentage to be paid to DBE*

**DBE SUBCONSULTANTS TO BE USED BEYOND GOAL**

Certified DBE Name	Service Planned	Estimated percentage to be paid to DBE*

Estimated Dollar Amount Credited toward DBE Goal:\_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Dollar Amount of Voluntary DBE Work Anticipated over DBE Goal:\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Company:\_\_\_\_\_

By:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

\*It is understood that these individual firm percentages and dollar amounts are estimates only and that amounts paid may be greater or less as a result of negotiation of the contract scope of work. My firm will use good faith efforts to meet the overall DBE goal through the use of these or other certified and approved DBE firms.