

Local Public Agency Name: *The City of Garrett, IN*
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Request for Proposals Notification

Title: *Request for Proposals for the Development of a Safe Routes To School Travel Plan for the City of Garrett, IN.*

Project Location: *The City of Garrett, DeKalb County, IN.*

Response Due Date and Time: *03/17/2011 and no later than 12:00 pm (EST)*

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. Steve Bingham, Planning Director
City of Garrett
130 S Randolph St
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Garrett IN 46738
260-357-4154
planning@garrettindiana.us*

Submittal requirements:

1. Letter of Interest – One (1) Original and four (4) Copies plus one (1) Electronic Copy in PDF format (required content and instructions follow). Identify any part of the LoI which you believe is not considered to be releasable as a public document and the provision of Indiana Law which would restrict its release.
2. One (1) signed Affirmative Action Certification and associated required documents for all items.

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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. Final selection ranking will be determined by the weighted score totals with the highest score being the top ranked firm.

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

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 twelve (12) 8 ½" x 11" pages that include Identification, Qualifications and Key Staff and Project Approach.
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, Qualifications and Key Staff

- 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 prime consultant and each sub consultant. (See Affirmative Action Certification requirements below.) 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 "Prequalified Consultants" link on the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) Consultants Webpage. (<http://www.in.gov/indot/6813.htm>).
- c. 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.

- d. Describe the capacity of consultant staff and their ability to perform the work in a timely manner relative to present workload.

2. Project Approach

- a. 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, cost containment practices, innovative ideas and any other relevant information concerning your firm's qualifications for the project.

3. SRTS Project References

- a. Provide contact information for a minimum of three (3) references for similar SRTS projects you have done in Indiana within the last five (5) years. Emphasis should be on SRTS planning projects if possible. Provide the organization name, year project was completed and the contact person's name, telephone number and email address.

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 documentation in additional pages that evidences that it 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.

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

Work item details:

City of Garrett, Indiana

Project Location: *The City of Garrett, DeKalb County, IN.*

INDOT District covering project: *Fort Wayne*

INDOT Des#: (if known) *1006384*

Project Phases Included: *Phase I shall consist of any basic environmental and historical assessment required to support the development of the Safe Routes To School Travel Plan, the study and evaluation of existing sidewalks, trails, bike paths, etc to schools located within the City of Garrett, the development of programs to encourage walking/biking to /from school and the creation of the final SRTS Travel Plan. Phase II shall consist of implementing the programs to encourage walking/biking to/from school and the preparation of an SRTS infrastructure grant to be filed in 2011 for 2012 funds. Phase III, which is NOT part of this RFP but which is herein mentioned for informational purposes, will consist of one or more future projects to improve or construct the recommended infrastructure necessary to implement the SRTS Travel Plan.*

Project Description: *As part of Phase I the Consultant shall be responsible for developing the Safe Routes To School Travel Plan which shall include the following:*

- *Developing a GIS Database Schema in cooperation with City officials and subsequent creation of GIS Data layers supporting the development and maintenance of a travel plan including a capital improvement plan for sidewalks, trails, walkways, bike paths, etc necessary to implement the travel plan. The DB schema and GIS data shall be delivered in an ESRI-compatible Shapefile or Geodatabase format.*
- *Attending up to 2 days of public meetings (maximum of 1 afternoon and 1 evening meeting per day) scheduled by the City of Garrett to solicit citizen input during the development of the plan and/or receive citizen comment on the final plan before submittal to the City of Garrett for adoption. The Consultant will assist City officials in providing information to the public and answering questions.*
- *Studying and evaluating existing routes to and from schools within the City of Garrett to identify locations of primary, secondary and tertiary routes and to identify locations where new routes are needed.*
- *Studying and evaluating routes connecting schools to other school properties/facilities and to public locations frequented by children attending before- and after-school activities such as public parks, public library and community center.*
- *Preparing an inventory of all sidewalks, trails, walkways and/or bike paths within the City of Garrett that are within 2 miles of school property and along an identified primary, secondary or tertiary SRTS route. This will include identifying those primary, secondary or tertiary routes currently without sidewalks. Data to generally be collected on the overall conditions within a block rather than on the basis of individual properties.*
- *Conducting any basic environmental and historical assessment required to support the development of the SRTS Travel Plan but not to the level of detail required for construction purposes.*
- *Preparing a Capital Improvement Plan for existing and proposed sidewalks, trails,*

walkways, bike paths along SRTS routes within the City of Garrett.

- *Developing, in cooperation with the City of Garrett and the Schools, several specific activities to encourage students to walk and/or bike to/from school such as a walk-a-thon, bike-a-thon, bike rodeo, walking/biking safety week, etc. Also develop a program where safety equipment such as reflective zipper pulls, bike reflectors, bike helmets and/or bike locks can be made available to eligible students and crossing guard equipment and moveable street barricades can be made available to the schools as needed.*
- *Other responsibilities or amendments to those stated above may be mutually agreed upon by the City and the Consultant during contract negotiations.*

As part of Phase II the Consultant shall be responsible for assisting in the implementation of parts of the Safe Routes To School Travel Plan which shall include the following:

- *Assisting the City of Garrett and the Schools in implementing the programs developed to encourage walking/biking to/from school.*
- *Preparing, in cooperation with the City of Garrett, an SRTS infrastructure grant application to be filed in 2011 in an attempt to secure 2012 funds for part of Phase III.*

Estimated Construction Amount: *Not Applicable – Planning Grant Only*

Funding: 100% Federal Funding from INDOT Safe Routes To School Program

Term of Contract: *To be negotiated with the selected consultant however expectations are for project to be completed in 2011*

DBE goal: 0 %

Required Prequalification Categories:
(List required prequalification categories)

5.2 Environmental Document Preparation CE
8.1 Non-Complex Roadway Design

LPA Consultant Selection Rating Sheet

Sample:

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	Performance evaluation score averages from historical performance data.				
	Quality score for similar work from performance database.			6	
	Schedule score from performance database.			3	
	Responsiveness score from performance database.			1	
Capacity of Team to do Work	Evaluation of the team's personnel and equipment to perform the project on time.				
	Availability of more than adequate capacity that results in added value.	1		20	
	Adequate capacity to meet the schedule.	0			
	Insufficient available capacity to meet the schedule.	-1			
Team's Demonstrated Qualifications	Technical expertise: Unique Resources that yield a relevant added value or efficiency to the deliverable.			15	
	Demonstrated outstanding expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	2			
	Demonstrated high level of expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	1			
	Expertise and resources at appropriate level.	0			
	Insufficient expertise and/or resources.	-3			
Project Manager	Predicted ability to manage the project, based on: experience in size, complexity, type, subs, documentation skills.			20	
	Demonstrated outstanding experience in similar type and complexity.	2			
	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	Project Understanding and Innovation that provides cost and/or time savings.			15	
	High level of understanding and viable innovative ideas proposed.	2			
	High level of understanding of the project.	1			
	Basic understanding of the project.	0			
	Lack of project understanding.	-3			
Location	Location of assigned staff office relative to project.			5	
	Within 50 mi.	1			
	51 to 150 mi.	0			
	151 to 500 mi.	-1			
	Greater than 500 mi.	-2			
				Weighted Sub-Total:	
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 as defined in 49CFR18.36.					
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: _____			
		Print Name: _____			
		Title: _____			
		Date: _____			
(Form Rev. 3-30-10)					

Request for Proposals Bulletin_____

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?&

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 Total Percentage Credited toward DBE Goal:_____

Estimated Percentage 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.