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DATE: January 13, 2010
TO: Consulting Engineering Companies
FROM: Ray Sanders, Project Management Division
SUBJECT: Solicitation of Interest

At this time, the Department is soliciting the services of consulting engineering companies to provide Underwater Bridge Inspection and Preliminary Engineering, Preparation of Construction Plans for projects identified by the ODOT within limits of the State of Oklahoma. These services require qualifications, expertise, experience and/or equipment that are of a highly specialized nature.

Contact Person: **Greg Allen (405) 521-2606**

RESPONSE PACKET 1		
Services Description: Preliminary Engineering, Preparation of Construction Plans (Bridge and Approaches)		
Contract No.	1294	I-244 over the Arkansas River in Tulsa.
Expected Contracts	1	The anticipated services will included Survey, Geotechnical information, Preliminary and Final Design and will culminate in the submittal of Plans, Specifications and Estimates, (PS&E). The Preliminary and Final Design will include typical interstate transportation, High Speed Intercity Passenger Rail, Commuter Rail, and Bicycle/Pedestrian components. Additional professional engineering expertise may be included to aid the Bridge Division during the construction process. The Department will require the PS&E to be completed in phases and overall within 18 months.
ODOT Division	8	
County	Tulsa	
DBE Goal	0%	
Construction Project Job Piece No.	26504(04)	
		The Environmental Document and Pavement Design will be provided by the Department.

Contact Person: **Walt Peters (405) 521-2606**

RESPONSE PACKET 2		
Services Description: Underwater Bridge Inspection Contract		
Contract No.	1295	<p>The successful Consulting Firm will be responsible for providing underwater bridge inspections for 309 piers on 44 bridges. At the Department's option, this contract maybe divided into a North and South grouping.</p> <p>The North grouping would include 28 bridges (two of these locations have parallel bridges) with 159 piers including two box culverts requiring penetration dives (counted as four (4) piers each).</p> <p>The South grouping would include 16 bridges with 150 piers. The actual number of piers can vary depending on the water depth at the time of inspections.</p> <p>These services require qualifications, expertise, experience and/or equipment that are of a highly specialized nature. All divers shall be experienced in underwater structural inspections and at least one member on the diving team shall be a professional engineer. All members of the diving team shall meet the requirements and be trained in accordance with 29 CFR parts 1910, Subpart T, Commercial Diving Operations. Occupational Safety and Health Administration Standards (OSHA).</p> <p>As some of the bridges to be inspected span navigable waterways covered by the United States Long Shore and Harbor Workers (USLHW) Compensation Act, all divers including engineering divers, will be required to provide proof of USLHW coverage. Workman's Compensation for USLHW coverage can be obtained through the State Insurance Fund.</p> <p>The new NBIS requirement reads as follows for Underwater inspections: Frequency:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Inspect underwater structural elements at regular intervals not to exceed sixty months. 2) Certain underwater structural elements require inspection at less than sixty-month intervals. Establish criteria to determine the level and frequency to which these members are inspected considering such factors as construction material, environment, age, scour characteristics, condition rating from past inspections and known deficiencies. 3) Certain underwater structural elements may be inspected at greater than sixty-month intervals, not to exceed seventy-two months, with written FHWA approval. This may be appropriate when past inspection findings and analysis justifies the increased inspection interval.
Expected Contracts	2	
ODOT Division	Bridge	
County	Statewide	
DBE Goal	0%	
Construction Project Job Piece No.	TBD	

The Department solicitation of interest response mechanism is intended to reduce the reproduction requirements on work of a similar scope and/or specific to ODOT Field Divisions that will be reviewed by a common selection committee. Therefore, your response **for the Professional Services Contract that you are interested in being considered for** will include a total of one (1) response packet (one (1) unbound original) per common selection committee as described as follows:

RESPONSE PACKET 1

One (1) combined packet for **EC No. 1294** including the following:

- A Letter of Interest referencing the Engineering Contract Number (**EC No. 1294**)
- A Table of Organization depicting the proposed project team

- Any additional information you believe appropriate for the Department's use in determining your capabilities and qualifications to perform the type of work encompassed by that particular contract.
- A statement of your qualifications (CAP 255 Form preferred)

RESPONSE PACKET 2

One (1) combined packet for **EC No. 1295** including the following:

- A Letter of Interest referencing the Engineering Contract Number (**EC No. 1295**)
- A Table of Organization depicting the proposed project team
- Any additional information you believe appropriate for the Department's use in determining your capabilities and qualifications to perform the type of work encompassed by that particular contract.
- A statement of your qualifications (CAP 255 Form preferred)

Please remember that this is a SOLICITATION OF INTEREST and not a Request for Proposal. As such, you are only requested to provide information related to your qualifications to perform the work described. Any additional information you choose to provide related to proposed solutions for the solicited projects or any other prepared Contract/Project specific media is NOT required and is unnecessary for the Department's processes. Proposals will be requested upon entering the interview phase of the Consultant Selection Process.

The following factors will be considered primary for determining the firms that will be extended an invitation to interview and/or provide a proposal for Response Packet(s):

1. Experience and/or familiarity of the proposed Consultant Team with Department procedures.
2. Ability of the Consultant Team to perform the type of work contemplated.
3. Specialized qualifications of the Consultant Team applicable to the type of work contemplated.
4. Capacity of the Consultant Team to accomplish the work in accordance with the anticipated schedule considering current workloads.
5. Past performance of the Consultant Team (references may be requested if not provided).

The deadline for the submittal of your Response Packets will be 4:30 p.m. January 26, 2010 for response packets 1 and 2.

The Department anticipates the selection process to be complete and the contracts negotiated as soon as possible and as quick as February, 2010 for response packet 1 and March, 2010 for response packet 2. As all these contracts are anticipated to be financed with Federal Fiscal Year 2010 funding, the Notice to Proceed is expected as soon as possible and as quick as March, 2010 for response packet 1 and April, 2010 for response packet 2.

PLEASE NOTE: Response packets can now be submitted electronically in a .pdf format to Ms. Kathy Hurst at: khurst@odot.org.

LETTER OF INTEREST PACKET SUBMITTAL:

If not sending electronically, please submit all packets to the following address:

**Project Management Division
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As always, your assistance, cooperation and patience are greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to make us aware of any questions, comments or concerns that you may have or to offer suggestions for process improvement.