

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Idaho County is seeking statements of qualifications from qualified engineering firms for plan set designs and development of project specifications, on-site project management and surveying services for a Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) fiber optic project that will result in high speed, quality broadband infrastructure placement from Orofino, Idaho through the City of Nezperce, Idaho to Grangeville, Idaho.

Project requirements include right of way consultation, coordination of required permits, addressing and resolving any routing environmental factors and working in close relationship with the Nez Perce Tribal Cultural Historical program to achieve cultural surveys and a successfully permitted project that respects tribal heritage requirements. Project may involve a wide range of services, such as:

- Rights-of-way, permitting and acquisition experience.
- Project consultation, design and plan development expertise.
- Plan review and recommendations regarding installation contractor proposals.
- On-site construction management, inspection and material testing.
- On-call topographic or boundary surveying.
- Grant application and change order negotiation and submittals.
- Experience working with Tribal cultural agencies performing cultural analysis and surveys.
- Review need and submit on request SPPC Plans for specific project segments.

It is the County's intent to enter into a contract with a firm for up to potentially a five (5) -year term with the option to extend that term an additional one year.

Respondents will be evaluated according to these criteria:

Project Understanding/Capability to Perform Project (i.e., firm's history, areas of expertise, address of office that will manage project, length of time in business, firm's legal structure, firm's commitment to provide necessary resources to perform and complete project). (10-25 pts.)

Relevant Project Experience (i.e., description of other projects executed by the firm that demonstrates relevant experience. List public sector clients for whom you have performed similar work in the past five years, which may include name, address, and phone number of a person who can be contacted regarding the firm's performance on the project). (10-25 pts.)

Qualifications of Project Team (i.e., resumé for the key people who will be assigned to the projects including sub-consultants. Key personnel roles and responsibilities on projects. Identify the project manager who will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project tasks and will be primary point of contact). (10-25 pts.)

Project Approach (i.e., how the firm proposes to work with the County on projects and execute the tasks.) (10-25 pts.)

Total Written Proposal Points Possible = 100

Bonus Points:

Additional points will be awarded to respondents showing documented evidence of previous work experience with the Nez Perce Tribe Cultural Office. (5-10 pts.)

Award will be made to the most responsible qualified offeror who is deemed most advantageous to Idaho County of all evaluation criteria considered. Unsuccessful offeror(s) will be notified as soon as possible.

Questions should be directed to Idaho County at 208-983-3074. Questions of a technical nature may be redirected to the Project's Technology Lead. A kmz file (map) of the projected path of construction is available upon request.

Proposals that address and comply with the RFQ packet requirements are to be delivered or mailed to:

Kathy M. Ackerman
Idaho County Clerk
320 West Main Street Rm 5
Grangeville, ID 83530
208-983-2751
kackerman@idahocounty.org

All responses must be received by Noon, Monday, February 5, 2024. Please state "Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services" on the outside of the response package.

This solicitation is being offered in accordance with the Idaho statutes governing procurement of professional services. The Idaho County Commission reserves the right to negotiate an agreement based on fair and reasonable compensation for the scope of work and services proposed, as well as the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory or inappropriate.