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TOWN of SUMMERVILLE SC

Request for Qualifications

Design Build Services for the construction of a pedestrian bridge at the Summerville Ashley River Preserve

Responses are due no later than: Tuesday, August 5, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. (EST)

To: Krista Collins
Purchasing Agent Town of Summerville
200 South Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
Email: kcollins@summerillesc.gov

Scope of Services:

The scope of services of this request for qualifications includes, but is not limited to, architecture, engineering, surveys, geotechnical, permitting, cost estimates, construction documents, construction and construction administration services to install a pedestrian bridge for the Town of Summerville. The bridge will span across an inlet and will need to be approximately 50 feet in length. Project requires firm to acquire permits for any wetland mitigation. Access to the location is limited by wetlands on one side of the inlet.

Schedule:

The Town's tentative schedule for Request for Qualifications is:

- Advertise for Qualifications: 7/21/2021
- Deadline for Questions: 7/27/2021 (5:00 p.m.)
- Deadline for Responses: 7/29/21 (5:00 p.m.)
- RFQ Response Due Date: 8/05/2021 (2:00 p.m.)

The Town reserves the right to delay or modify the schedule as warranted and will notify all identified responders of changes. The Town reserves the right to reject any and or all responses and to waive defects, technicalities and/or irregularities in any responses.

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Deadlines for Questions: The town will entertain questions regarding the project up until 5:00 p.m. on 7/27/21. Questions should be submitted via email prior to this date and time. Questions will be addressed as required and responses will be forwarded to identified responders by 5:00 p.m. on 7/29/21. All questions regarding the RFQ must be directed to Krista Collins at kcollins@summervillesc.gov.

Deadline for Responses: The Town will accept RFQ Responses until 2:00 p.m. on 8/05/2021 at Town Hall. Interested Firms shall submit four (4) hard copies of the RFQ Responses. Responses shall be sealed in an envelope addressed to:

Krista Collins
Purchasing Agent
Town of Summerville
200 South Main Street
Summerville, SC 29483
kcollins@summervillesc.gov

The Town is not responsible for and will not accept RFQ Responses which are received late.

RFQ Response Requirements:

The response shall contain no more than twenty-five (25) double spaced pages with normal one (1) inch margins, typed on one side only, excluding appendices. Minimum font size shall be 12-point, and the response document page size shall be standard 8.5 inches x 11 inches. True tables (not bordered text boxes) may be single spaced with a minimum font size of 10-point. Photo captions and other text that are not part of the narrative paragraphs and tables do not have font limitations. Town of Summerville intends to make its selection from among eligible firms that submit an acceptable proposal. All proposals must include the following:

Letter of Interest:

LOI should include the following:

- An expression of the Prime Consultant's interest in being selected for the project.
- A statement confirming the commitment of key personnel identified in the submittal to the extent necessary to meet Town of Summerville's quality and schedule expectations.
- Provide the name of the Prime Consultant Principal, Officer of the Firm or Project Manager responsible for this contract and has authority to sign the contract for consultant.
- A summary of key points regarding the Prime Consultant's qualifications.
- Signing the letter of interest constitutes authorization of consultant to submit qualification for the purpose of negotiating and entering a contract with The Town of Summerville.
- Certification of authorized submitter that information contained within is correct by including: "I certify that the information included within this document, is to the best of my knowledge, correct as of the date indicated".

Project Organization Chart: Limited to one (1) side of a sheet of paper not exceed the size of 11" x 17". This chart must include the names of the key individuals selected for this project, their roles on the project, the names of the consultant by which they are employed, and the lines of communication, to include functional structure, levels of management and reporting relationships for key individuals, and major functions to be performed in managing and designing the project.

It shall also indicate the people who will be points of contact with the Town of Summerville Project Manager.

Qualifications for Key Individuals:

Names and qualifications for other key individuals that are considered critical to the success of this project in addition to those identified above. Qualifications should include information on experience related to similar projects and previous project work.

Approach to Project:

Narrative outlining the Firm's understanding and approach to the project and process to include: methods and tools for execution, communication, scheduling, permitting, competitive pricing, construction supervision and coordination, safety and quality controls, project completion and closeout and warranty management.

Appendices

- Provide a list of References who have personal knowledge of the prime consultant's and the sub-consultant's previous performance. Provide three (3) client references each for both the prime and the sub-consultant(s). The references must include verified addresses, email addresses and telephone numbers, contact persons, and a brief description of services that have been provided similar to those described by Town of Summerville for this project. References shall be shown on separate sheets (limited to one (1) single-sided sheet; one sheet for the prime and one sheet for each sub proposed).
- Size and description of firm. Identify the needed resources specific to this project and how those resources will be secured for the project. All Qualification Statements submitted in response to the RFQ shall be reviewed in accordance with the evaluation items listed below.

Review Committee

The Qualification Statement Review Committee shall be comprised of staff from Town of Summerville. The Committee shall determine the firms which meet the minimum requirements pursuant to selection criteria of the RFQ and procedures. The Committee shall select one qualified firm. The Committee may negotiate with one or more firms during the same period and may, at its discretion, terminate negotiations with any or all firms. The Committee shall make a recommendation regarding the award to the Town Administrator and Summerville Town Council who shall have final authority to award a contract to one or more of the successful firms in the best interests of the Town of Summerville.

Qualification Statement Selection Criteria

The Qualification Statement Review Committee shall assign up to the maximum number of points as stated in this section for each evaluation item to each of the proposing firms. All assignments of points shall be at the sole discretion of the Qualification Statement Review Committee. The Qualification Statements all contain the essential information in which the award decision shall be made. The information required to be submitted in response to this RFQ has been determined by the Town to be essential for use by the Committee in the evaluation and selection process. Therefore, all instructions contained in this RFQ shall be met in order to qualify as a responsive and responsible firm and participate in the Qualification Statement Review Committee's consideration for award. Offerors who do not meet or comply with the instructions of this RFQ may be considered non-conforming and deemed non-responsive and subject to disqualification at the sole discretion of the Committee.

The selection of the firm(s) will be made in accordance with the Town of Summerville Procurement Ordinance. Qualification Statements will not be accepted from any firm, company, individual, person or party, parent or subsidiary, against which the Town has an outstanding claim, or a financial dispute relating to a prior contractual performance with the Town. Qualification Statements may be withdrawn by offeror prior to, but not after, the time set for the opening. Upon receipt by the Town, the Qualification Statement shall become the property of the Town, without compensation to the offeror, for disposition or usage by the Town at its discretion. The Town shall have the sole discretion in evaluating both the Qualification Statement and the qualifications of the offerors. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all Qualification Statements and is not bound to accept any Qualification Statements, if the Qualification Statement acceptance is contrary to the best interest of the Town. The Town reserves the right to waive or modify any information, irregularity, or inconsistency in applications received, request modification to applications from any or all offerors during the review and negotiation and negotiate any aspect of the application with any firm and negotiate with more than one firm at the same time. All Qualification Statements shall be evaluated using the same criteria and scoring process. The following criteria shall be used by the Committee to evaluate Qualification Statements:

Evaluation Item Maximum Points

- 1) Experience, qualifications, and technical competence of the staff proposed for the type of work required (40 Points)
 - 2) Past performance of the firm/team on similar type projects (20 Points)
 - 3) Overall approach to project (20 Points)
 - 4) Teams understanding of the specific requirements of this project (20 Points)
- TOTAL POINTS 100 Points

The Town of Summerville is an Affirmative Action/Equal Employment Opportunity Employer. Further, the Town of Summerville and the Bidder warrant that in the performance of this project, it will not discriminate or permit discrimination against any person or group of persons on the grounds of race, color, religion, national origin, sex or physical disability, including, but not limited to blindness, unless it is shown to be that such disability prevents performance of the work involved in any manner prohibited by the laws of the United States and the State of South Carolina.

END OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS