



METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY

July 28, 2016

Tennessee Department of Transportation
Local Programs Development Office
505 Deaderick Street, 6th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243

Re: **Request for Qualification #:** 926586 - Harding Place Phase 3 Sidewalk Design Services
Federal Project Number: STP-M-NH-255(14)
State Project Number: 19LPLM-F0-119,19LPLM-F1-120, 19LPLM-F2-1-121,19LPLM-F3-122
Pin Number: 121791.00

To Whom It May Concern:

The Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County has completed its evaluation of submitted solicitation offers to the above Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and hereby notifies you of its recommendation to issue an intent to award to Parsons Brincherhoff, Inc., contingent upon successful negotiations of a contract.

Metro follows the Metro Code of Law, Title 4, Procurement Code found at https://www2.municode.com/library/tn/metro_government_of_nashville_and_davidson_county/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CD_TIT4PRCO and Metro Procurement Regulations found at <http://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/Finance/Purchasing/Regulations-20140206.pdf> for all procurements. However, a summary of the procurement used for this solicitation is as follows:

The department owner, such as Public Works, submits the scope of services to be performed to Metro's Procurement Division which utilizes an enterprise solicitation and contracting system. The solicitation includes the following standard language referencing the Metro Code and Regulations provided above:

Request for Qualifications for A&E Firms

Pursuant to § 4.08.080 M.C.L., this solicitation document serves as the written determination of the Purchasing Agent, that this is a solicitation for qualified A&E firms. Contracts for professional services, including architectural and engineering services, are awarded on the basis of recognized competence and integrity. The Purchasing Agent has secured the approval of a Review Board to conduct evaluations. The proposal process, the solicitation flexibility, and its limitations are governed by the Metro Code and related Procurement Regulations.

Offers to Metro online solicitations are required to be submitted within the iSupplier online environment unless otherwise stated. Hard copy offers will not be considered except as required by law.

Any response to this solicitation is a formal waiver of any claims of confidentiality regardless of what may be stated, printed, or implied in the submission and/or attachments submitted. All information is made a Public Record after an award is made.

The only official position of Metro is found within this solicitation including answers provided in response to questions raised. The online discussion tool within iSupplier is the appropriate tool for all questions or communications concerning this solicitation.

The detailed scope of services, requirements, and evaluating factors such as qualifications, experience, location, and capacity are entered into the enterprise system by Procurement staff and reviewed by the department for acceptance. As with all A&E solicitations, the selection criteria are focused on qualifications and competence, not on cost.

Proposals are directed only to consultants on TDOT's Pre-qualified consultant list. Offerors are required to submit their proposals electronically in a sealed system.

Typical of these solicitations, they usually include minimum Small Business Enterprise/Service Disabled Veteran (SBE/SDV) participation requirements and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) percentage participation goals. Offerors are required to acknowledge these subcontracting participation levels as part of the solicitation submittal process. Achievement of these commitments during the performance of the contract is monitored by a contract compliance office. Offerors provide a subconsultant form that shows proposed SBE/SDV/DBE firms being proposed as part of the response to the solicitation.

The Review Board evaluates the submitted proposals providing a consensus score and justification. The top three firms are submitted to the Mayor for selection. The Mayor selects the firm to whom the Procurement Division issues an intent-to-award notification and with the requesting department, begins the contract negotiation process.

Please let me know if you have any additional questions concerning this process.

Sincerely,



Jeff L. Gossage C.P.M.
Purchasing Agent

Cc: Solicitation File

Treadway, Diane (Mayor's Office)

From: Gossage, Jeff L (Finance - Procurement)
Sent: Tuesday, July 19, 2016 9:31 AM
To: Riebeling, Richard (Mayor's Office)
Cc: Treadway, Diane (Mayor's Office)
Subject: Request for Mayoral Selection of A&E Firm
Attachments: A and E Mayoral Selection Form for RFQ # 926586 - Harding Place Phase 3 Sidewalk Design Services.pdf

RFQ 926586, Harding Place Phase 3 Sidewalk Design Services

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- DBS & Associates Engineering, Inc.
- ICA Engineering Co., Inc.
- Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.

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yes

The Review Board's detail review is attached. Thank you.

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A&E Firm: DBS & Associates Engineering, Inc.

Strengths: Strong detailed methodology and approach; detailed specialized expertise of team members; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses: Similar contract experience lacks detail; failed to provide funding type on project experience; smaller volume of similar contract experience within complexity; and license expiration dates missing for some professional licenses.

DBE Plan: Pledged 11.25% DBE over life of the project. Proposed the engagement of Booker Engineering, Inc. to provide lighting, signage, and ADA; Civil Infrastructure Associates to provide survey, right-of-way; and Geotek Engineering to provide geotechnical services.

SBE/SDV Plan: Pledged 20% SBE/SDV over life of the project. Proposed the engagement of Booker Engineering, Inc. to provide lighting, signage, and ADA; Civil Infrastructure Associates to provide survey, right-of-way; and Geotek Engineering to provide geotechnical services; and Griggs & Maloney to provide NEPA. (Booker Engineering, Inc., Civil Infrastructure Associates, and Geotek Engineering are also DBEs).

A&E Firm: ICA Engineering Co., Inc.

Strengths: Strong expertise of team members; detailed methodology & approach; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses: Lack experience similar in complexity, specifically as it relates to local programs sidewalk experience; sustainability & cost saving missing; subconsultants' capacity.

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Inc. to provide archaeological/historical; and Hawkins Partners to provide landscape architect.

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A&E Firm: **Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.**

Strengths: Previous utility coordination on KBV, local programs & previous Metro Experience; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses: Lack project experience of similar complexity; no temporary lighting; and lacked license expiration dates.

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Review Board Scoring and Justification**

Offeror	Alfred Benesch & Company	Barge Waggoner Sumner and Cannon, Inc	CDM Smith	Collier Engineering Co., Inc.
Experience on Similar Contracts (35 Points)	27	30	28	25
Methodology and Project Approach (30 Points)	20	27	22	20
Specialized Expertise of Team Members (25 Points)	23	24	21	15
Organizational Capacity (10 Points)	8	8	8	5
Total Evaluation Scores	78	89	79	65

Alfred Bensch (78)

Strengths – Local Programs experience; Impressive list of project team members with specialized expertise.

Weaknesses – Unrealistic proposed schedule; similar contract experience not within complexity; failed to provide maximum calendar days; some resumes lacked detail; subconsultants staffing capacity outside Davidson County but inside MSA; and sustainability lacking detail.

Barge Waggoner Sumner Cannon (89)

Strengths – Extensive Metro & TDOT experience, the success of Gatlinburg Streetscape project; displayed a considerable amount of experience with similar projects; and demonstrated exceptional expertise of project team members; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – proposed numerous stakeholders meeting; long schedule; maximum calendar; and submitted resumes not in-line with organizational chart.

CDM Smith (79)

Strengths – Extensive Green design experience/certifications; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Demonstrated numerous Metro Water Services experience; similar contract experience not within complexity; failed to address temporary lighting; subconsultants resume lacked detail along with some license & expiration dates and submitted resumes not in-line with organizational chart.

Collier Engineering (65)

Strengths – Metro Project experience, demonstrated extensive knowledge of Metro processes; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Contract experience not within similar size, scope, and complexity; generic methodology & approach; expiration date missing on license; proposed senior engineer license is expired; unable to read submitted resume for subconsultants; staffing availability; and organizational capacity lacks detail.

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Offeror	DBS & Associates Engineering, Inc.	Gresham Smith & Partners	Hart Freeland Roberts, Inc	ICA Engineering, Inc
Experience on Similar Contracts (35 Points)	29	26	29	30
Methodology and Project Approach (30 Points)	29	17	20	28
Specialized Expertise of Team Members (25 Points)	23	20	23	24
Organizational Capacity (10 Points)	9	8	7	9
Total Evaluation Scores	90	71	79	91

DBS & Associates (90)

Strengths – Strong detailed methodology and approach; detailed specialized expertise of team members; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Similar contract experience lacks detail; failed to provide funding type on project experience; smaller volume of similar contract experience within complexity; and license expiration dates missing for some professional licenses.

Gresham Smith (71)

Strengths –Local program and Metro experience; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Failed to provide funding type on project experience; failed to demonstrated relationship with proposed subconsultants; failed to address major and minor tasks; offices not listed; failed to provide staffing numbers for subconsultants; and sustainability and environmental impacts.

Hart Freeland Roberts (79)

Strengths – Environmental and sustainability

Weaknesses – Lack experience similar in complexity; similar contract experience lacks detail; unrealistic schedule; resumes lacked detailed project experience; availability of proposed staff is limited; outside Davidson County but inside the MSA.

ICA Engineering (91)

Strengths – Strong expertise of team members; detailed methodology & approach; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Lack experience similar in complexity, specifically as it relates to local programs sidewalk experience; sustainability & cost saving missing; subconsultants' capacity.

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Offeror	James + Associates	LittleJohn Engineering	Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc
Experience on Similar Contracts (35 Points)	20	29	33
Methodology and Project Approach (30 Points)	18	19	29
Specialized Expertise of Team Members (25 Points)	15	17	23
Organizational Capacity (10 Points)	5	5	8
Total Evaluation Scores	58	70	93

James + Associates (58)

Strengths – Inside Davidson County

Weaknesses – Metro experience not within five (5) years; prime firms similar experience is bridge; subconsultants demonstrated more experience than prime firm; failed to provide cost savings and innovation; Failed to address temporary lighting; failed to demonstrated policies for ensuring this project will be environmentally friendly; failed to demonstrate sustainability practices; unrealistic schedule; Missing Professional License expiration dates; Organizational capacity lacks detail; resumes provided not in-line with organizational chart; and no availability for staffing.

LittleJohn Engineering (70)

Strengths – Inside Davidson County; detailed project experience

Weaknesses – Prime Firm similar project experience demonstrated was development not retrofitting urban street sidewalk projects; one (1) local programs experience but outside five (5) years; unrealistic schedule; temporary lighting lacks detail; utility coordination lacks detail; failed to provide a detailed explanation for tasks and subtasks; staffing roles lacks detail; subconsultants expiration dates missing; team members experience lacks complexity; and organizational capacity contains approach content information.

Parson Brinckerhoff (93)

Strengths – Previous utility coordination on KBV, local programs & previous Metro Experience; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Lack project experience of similar complexity; no temporary lighting; and lacked license expiration dates

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Offeror	Ragan-Smith Assoc, Inc.	Smith Seckman Reid Inc	Volkert
Experience on Similar Contracts (35 Points)	34	27	30
Methodology and Project Approach (30 Points)	23	22	20
Specialized Expertise of Team Members (25 Points)	22	18	19
Organizational Capacity (10 Points)	6	6	8
Total Evaluation Scores	85	73	77

Ragan-Smith (85)

Strengths – Strong experience similar in complexity; challenges; schedule; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Lacked license expiration date; failed to address temporary lighting; personnel availability lacked detail, Schedule lacked detail, failed to address organizational chart; failed to demonstrate innovation and progressive approach; failed to demonstrated policies for ensuring this project will be environmentally friendly; and failed to demonstrate sustainability practices.

Smith Seckman Reid (73)

Strengths – Local Programs Experience; Other Metro agency experience, specifically Water Services; and inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Lack project experience of similar complexity; no lighting specialist; failed to discuss lighting approach; Lack availability information in percentage; and overall generic proposal.

Volkert Inc (77)

Strengths – Realistic and detailed scheduled; completed projects on time and within budget; and Inside Davidson County.

Weaknesses – Limited description about sidewalk projects; temporary lighting; failed to demonstrate local programs experience as a prime; failed to provide funding types on past projects; proposed numerous stakeholders meeting; no lighting specialist identified; and organizational capacity lacked detail

BAO SBE Assessment Sheet

BAO Specialist: JoeAnn Carr
 Contract Specialist: Terri Troup
 Date: 5/27/2016

Department Name: Public Works
 RFP/ITB Number: RFQ#926586
 Project Name: Harding Place Phase 3 Sidewalk Design Services

Primary Contractor*	Prime Bid Amount	Total Proposed SBE (\$)	SBE Subs approved?	Comments
Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc	A&E	Acknowledged the SBE/SDV requirement of 20%	Yes	Proposed the engagement of SBE subcontractors; Booker Engineering, Inc. to provide lighting/signal design, Thornton and Associates to provide survey and Varallo Public Relations to provide public engagement/relations
DBS & ASSOCIATES ENGINEERING, INC	A&E	Acknowledged the SBE/SDV requirement of 20%	Yes	Proposed the engagement of SBE subcontractors; Booker Engineering, Inc. to provide lighting, signage, and ADA; Civil Infrastructure Associates to provide survey, right of way; Geotek Engineering to provide geotechnical services and Griggs & Maloney to provide NEPA
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