This solicitation is being extended to all interested firms

Legal Notice
Request for Letters of Interest

CSO Solicitation No. 2402
Task Order Environmental Soil and Groundwater Services
and
CSO Solicitation No. 2403
Task Order Environmental Compliance Asbestos, Lead, Air Quality and Structure Demolition Compliance Services

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage two (2) consultant firms to provide environmental soil and groundwater task order services and one (1) consultant firm to provide environmental compliance asbestos, lead, air quality and structure demolition compliance services. Firms are eligible to pursue and be selected for both assignments; however, each assignment requires a separate submittal as detailed below. Each assignment selection will be determined by a separate interview process. These assignments are medium complexity for volume considerations. Refer to the following website for Volume Adjustment Factors: [https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information](https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information).

CSO #2402 – Environmental Soil and Groundwater services include but are not limited to: regulatory compliance, environmental site evaluations, subsurface environmental investigations, water quality monitoring, design of soil and groundwater remediation systems, sampling and screening for storm sewer illicit discharge detection and elimination, preparation of plans, specifications and estimates, and environmental inspection and compliance services.

CSO #2403 - Environmental Compliance Asbestos, Lead, Air Quality and Structure Demolition Compliance Services include but are not limited to: conducting investigations for the presence of asbestos and lead, preparation of plans, specifications and estimates for asbestos abatement, lead abatement and structure demolition, inspection and compliance services during asbestos abatement, lead abatement and structure demolition and air quality compliance services.

The contracts for both assignments will be limited to five (5) years to assign new work, with the stipulation that assignments initiated during the term of the contract will continue to completion of work. No new tasks will be assigned after five (5) years from the start of the contract. The value of each contract is estimated to be $15,000,000.00 and is anticipated to utilize either a lump sum or specific rates of compensation (billing rate) payment method. The total number of assignments may vary depending on the Department’s needs.

The selected firms must provide all electronic design data (i.e., Ground files, Design files, Digital Terrain Models [surfaces], Alignments, Contract Plans, and/or all other Electronic Engineering Data) in conformance with the Department’s CONNECT Digital Design Environment. Submissions will also be required to comply with the Department’s Digital Design Environment and the Digital Project Development Manual ([https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Engineering-Applications/CTDOT---CONNECT-DDE](https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Engineering-Applications/CTDOT---CONNECT-DDE)).

Firms responding to this request should be of adequate size and sufficiently staffed and experienced to perform this assignment and will be required to provide the necessary staffing upon execution of the contract. The selected firms will also be required to maintain a Connecticut office for the duration of assignment, with the Project Manager available on a daily basis for the direct and visual supervision of the staff performing the majority of the assignments.

If your firm would like to be considered for one of these assignments, your submittal should consist of a letter-of-interest limited to one (1) page, a Department Form CSO 255 (Rev. June 2022) and a maximum of five (5) resumes which are limited to two (2) pages each. One of the resumes must be that of the proposed
Electronic Submittal – A .pdf of your CSO 255 must be emailed to Amie.Maines@ct.gov by 3:00 p.m. on or before August 2, 2022, and must be no larger than 10 MB in size. The file name should be in the following format: CSO#2402.FirmName for Environmental Soil and Groundwater Services and CSO#2403.FirmName for Environmental Compliance Asbestos, Lead, Air Quality and Structure Demolition Compliance Services. You will receive a confirmation email by 4:00 p.m. on the due date, once your submittal has been accepted. Please retain proof of sending your submission before the due date/time, in the unlikely event that your email is not received. If you do not receive a confirmation by the time specified above, please contact the Consultant Selection Office at 860-594-3498 or at the email listed above. Firms, who are shortlisted based on their CSO 255 submittal, will be notified by the Consultant Selection Office of the time and date for their final selection interview. A final selection is anticipated by September 30, 2022.

**CSO #2402 – Environmental Soil and Groundwater Services**

Your CSO 255 submittal should identify the following: your proposed current staff and their qualifications, experience, and availability to perform the required services. Your submittal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Proposed Staff Size and Qualifications
   Weighted scoring value = 15%
2. Regulatory Compliance Experience
   Weighted scoring value = 20%
3. Environmental Site Evaluation Experience
   Weighted scoring value = 10%
4. Subsurface Environmental Investigation Experience
   Weighted scoring value = 10%
5. Water Quality Monitoring Services Experience
   Weighted scoring value = 5%
6. Design of Soil & Groundwater Remediation Systems Experience
   Weighted scoring value = 5%
7. Preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates
   Weighted scoring value = 10%
8. Environmental Inspection and Compliance Services During Construction
   Weighted scoring value = 10%
9. State and Federal Regulatory Knowledge
   Weighted scoring value = 15%

License requirements include CT Professional Engineering and CT Licensed Environmental Professional. Certification requirements include either an Industrial Hygienist or a Hazardous Materials Manager. One person can hold all the above noted requirements. Responding Firms must provide copies of the required licenses and certifications for the proposed personnel that indicate that they are in current standing.

**CSO #2403 - Environmental Compliance Asbestos, Lead, Air Quality and Structure Demolition Compliance Services**

Your CSO 255 submittal should identify the following: your proposed current staff and their qualifications, experience, and availability to perform the required services. Your submittal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Proposed Staff Size and Qualifications
   Weighted scoring value = 20%
2. Regulatory Compliance Experience

Weighted scoring value =15%
(3) Investigative Services Experience
Weighted scoring value = 10%
(4) Asbestos & Lead Abatement Design Experience
Weighted scoring value = 10%
(5) Abatement & Structure Demolition Inspection Services Experience
Weighted scoring value = 10%
(6) Air Quality Experience
Weighted scoring value = 10%
(7) Preparation of Plans, Specifications and Estimates
Weighted scoring value = 10%
(8) State and Federal Regulatory Knowledge
Weighted scoring value = 15%

License Requirements include CT Professional Engineering, CT Asbestos Consultant-Inspector/Management Planner, CT Asbestos Consultant-Project Designer, and CT Asbestos Consultant-Project Monitor. The firm must also hold a CT Corporate Professional Engineering license. Certification Requirements include CT Lead Planner-Project Designer, CT Lead Inspector, CT Lead Inspector Risk Assessor and Industrial Hygienist. Registration Requirements include Asbestos Analyst. One person can hold all the above-noted requirements. Responding firms must provide copies of the required licenses and certifications for the proposed personnel that indicate that they are in current standing. Sub-consultant personnel may be used to satisfy these requirements.

Please be advised that there is no Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal assigned for these contracts. All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform the majority of the work with employees of the firm. Joint venturing will not be allowed. Small-, Minority- and Women-owned businesses are encouraged to provide submittals.

Do not send additional documentation other than what is requested. The Consultant Selection Panel may reject your submittal, and your firm may not be considered for this project if you provide additional documentation such as corporate brochures, background information, and histories.

In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 9-612(f), as amended by Public Act 21-76, any principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor submitting a bid or proposal for a state contract are directed to the State Elections Enforcement Commission’s Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations. The Notice is hereby made a part of this solicitation. Additionally, any principal of a state contractor or prospective state contractor is required to complete a Campaign Contribution Certification prior to execution of the contract.

Please note that Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-252, Section 4-252a, and Section 4a-81 were amended by Public Act 21-76 to no longer require the certifications and affidavits previously required from state contractors and prospective state contractors as part of the bidding, proposal or contracting process. Instead, the requirements for these above-referenced sections are described below.

Notice of Representation Requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-252: The official or employee of such state agency or quasi-public agency who is authorized to execute state contracts shall represent that the selection of the most qualified or highest ranked person, firm or corporation was not the result of collusion, the giving of a gift or the promise of a gift, compensation, fraud or inappropriate influence from any person.

Any principal or key personnel of the person, firm or corporation submitting a bid or proposal for a large state contract shall, upon execution of such contract, make the following representations in the resulting contract: (1) That no gifts were made by (A) such person, firm, corporation, (B) any principals and key personnel of the person, firm or corporation, who participate substantially in preparing bids, proposals or
negotiating state contracts, or (C) any agent of such person, firm, corporation or principals and key personnel, who participates substantially in preparing bids, proposals or negotiating state contracts, to (i) any public official or state employee of the state agency or quasi-public agency soliciting bids or proposals for state contracts, who participates substantially in the preparation of bid solicitations or requests for proposals for state contracts or the negotiation or award of state contracts, or (ii) any public official or state employee of any other state agency, who has supervisory or appointing authority over such state agency or quasi-public agency; (2) That no such principals and key personnel of the person, firm or corporation, or agent of such person, firm or corporation or principals and key personnel, knows of any action by the person, firm or corporation to circumvent such prohibition on gifts by providing for any other principals and key personnel, official, employee or agent of the person, firm or corporation to provide a gift to any such public official or state employee; and (3) That the person, firm or corporation is submitting bids or proposals without fraud or collusion with any person.

Notice of Certification Requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 4-252a: (a) For purposes of this section, "state agency" and "quasi-public agency" have the same meanings as provided in section 1-79, "large state contract" has the same meaning as provided in section 4-250 and "entity" means any corporation, general partnership, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, joint venture, nonprofit organization or other business organization whose principal place of business is located outside of the United States, but excludes any United States subsidiary of a foreign corporation. (b) No state agency or quasi-public agency shall enter into any large state contract, or amend or renew any such contract with any entity unless such contract contains a certification that such entity has not made a direct investment of twenty million dollars or more in the energy sector of Iran on or after October 1, 2013, as described in Section 202 of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability and Divestment Act of 2010, and has not increased or renewed such investment on or after said date.

Notice of Representation Requirements of Connecticut General Statutes Section 4a-81: (b) (1) Each contract described in subsection (a) of this section shall include a representation whether any consulting agreement has been entered into in connection with any such contract. Such representation shall be required if any duties of the consultant included communications concerning business of a state or quasi-public agency, whether or not direct contact with a state agency, state or public official or state employee was expected or made. As used in this section, "consulting agreement" means any written or oral agreement to retain the services, for a fee, of a consultant for the purposes of (A) providing counsel to a contractor, vendor, consultant or other entity seeking to conduct, or conducting, business with the state, (B) contacting, whether in writing or orally, any executive, judicial, or administrative office of the state, including any department, institution, bureau, board, commission, authority, official or employee for the purpose of solicitation, dispute resolution, introduction, requests for information, or (C) any other similar activity related to such contracts. "Consulting agreement" does not include any agreements entered into with a consultant who is registered under the provisions of chapter 10 as of the date such contract is executed in accordance with the provisions of this section. (2) Such representation shall be sworn as true to the best knowledge and belief of the person signing the contract and shall be subject to the penalties of false statement. (3) Such representation shall include the following information for each consulting agreement listed: The name of the consultant, the consultant's firm, the basic terms of the consulting agreement, a brief description of the services provided, and an indication as to whether the consultant is a former state employee or public official. If the consultant is a former state employee or public official, such representation shall indicate his or her former agency and the date such employment terminated.

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firms will be required to have a Department-approved audit and affirmative action plan, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnerships excluded). The selected firms will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm approved to do business in the State of Connecticut. Proof of coverage must be submitted on a form acceptable to the State prior to the start of the negotiations process.

The Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel this solicitation and terminate the process to retain consultant services, and is under no obligation to contract for the services specified herein.
The Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to award subsequent phases of an assignment to other qualified firms.

All inquiries regarding this request for letters-of-interest shall be directed to Ms. Amie Maines of the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3346 or the email listed above.

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