



ONLY FIRMS WHO ARE QUALIFIED IN THE CATEGORIES LISTED BELOW ARE ELIGIBLE TO SUBMIT. THOSE FIRMS HAVE RECEIVED THIS LETTER ELECTRONICALLY.

Subject: Request for Letters-of-Interest

Task Order Constructability and Value Engineering Services

Prequalification Categories: Bridge and Structure Design; and Highway Design; and Construction Engineering and Inspection (Facilities) & (Road and Bridge)

CSO Solicitation No. 2460

THIS IS A MEDIUM COMPLEXITY ASSIGNMENT FOR VOLUME CONSIDERATION

Your firm has been prequalified by the Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) in the categories listed above for the 2024 calendar year. Refer to the following website for Volume Adjustment Factors: <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information>.

The Department is seeking to engage three (3) prequalified consultant engineering firms to provide task order services for plan reviews, constructability reviews, value engineering analysis, value scope, risk analysis, Total Quality Management, and other related tasks to assist the Department in improving the quality of contract documents as part of the Department's Quality Assurance initiative for highway, bridge, rails, maintenance and transit facilities construction, rehabilitation, replacement, and repair.

In general, for a specific project assignment, the firms would be responsible for all required activities incidental to performing comprehensive plan reviews including constructability reviews; value engineering/innovation studies analyses; perform forensic analysis, as needed; providing cost analysis services for non-standard contract items and independent cost estimation on selected projects; and Value and Risk Analysis.

General assignments may include, but not be limited to, preparing constructability and quality assurance practices, procedures, and checklists, training protocols, and providing training, as required.

The contracts 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 work will be negotiated after five (5) years from the start of the contract. The value of each contract is estimated to be \$4,500,000.00; however, actual contract fees will vary depending on the tasks assigned. It is anticipated to utilize either a lump sum or cost-plus fixed fee. The total number of assignments for each firm may vary depending on the Department's needs. Prior to assigning each individual task, the Department will evaluate each selected firm to determine which firm is most appropriate to perform the specific task.

Please be advised that the selected firms may not be eligible to pursue contracts, as a prime consultant or sub-consultant, on the subsequent phase of a project for which they provide services under this contract. This will be dependent on the actual scope of work of the services that are provided.

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

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assignment, with the Project Manager available daily for the direct and visual supervision of the staff performing most of this assignment.

If your firm desires to be considered for one of these contracts, your submittal should consist of a letter-of-interest limited to one (1) page, a Department Form CSO 255 (Rev. June 2022) with a maximum of five (5) resumes of the key personnel, which are limited to two (2) pages each. One of the resumes must be that of the proposed Project Manager who will oversee the work, and another of the Value Engineering Facilitator, as well as the assurance that they will be available for work when required. The CSO 255 form can be found online at www.ct.gov/dot/business/consultant/selection.

Electronic Submittal – A .pdf of your CSO 255 must be emailed to DOT.CSOSubmittals@ct.gov by 3:00 p.m. on **August 27, 2024**, and must be no larger than 10 MB in size. The file name should be in the following format: CSO#2460.FirmName. 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 860-594-3346 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 **November 2024**.

Your CSO 255 submittal should identify the following: your proposed 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 value = 10%
- (2) Constructability Reviews - weighted value = 25%
- (3) Value Engineering reviews - weighted value = 30%
- (4) Roadway, Bridge, and Vertical Design - weighted value = 5%
- (5) Construction Engineering and Forensic Analysis - weighted value = 5%
- (6) Quality assurance practices and procedures – weighted value = 15%
- (7) Familiarity with Department Standards and Procedures - weighted value = 10%

Responding firms must provide copies of the following required licenses, certifications and/or registrations for the proposed personnel that indicate they are in current standings:

Project Manager - Licensed as a Professional Engineer in the State of CT

Value Engineering Facilitator - Certified as a Certified Value Specialist (CVS) with SAVE International

You are advised that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal applies to this contract. The goal will be no less than two percent (2%) of the agreement value. Within the letter-of-interest submittal, you must include the designated certified DBE sub-consultant(s) which you plan to use. To be eligible for DBE credit, the sub-consultant(s) must be currently certified by the Department in the specific type of work to be performed. If the prime consultant is a Connecticut certified DBE firm, they will satisfy the DBE requirement provided the firm is certified to receive DBE credit for the type of work being performed.

All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform a major part of the work with employees of the firm. Joint venturing will not be allowed.

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.

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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

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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 firm(s) will be required to have a Department-approved audit, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnerships excluded). The selected firm 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 reserves the right to award subsequent phases of an assignment to other qualified firms.

The Department reserves the right to add additional assignment(s) of a similar nature for a separate selection, should additional assignments become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

Please be advised that firms must continue to be prequalified in the specified category for the year a shortlist is finalized and/or a selection is made.

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.