

Construction Engineering and Inspection Services (Rail) - CSO Solicitation No. 2092

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The Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) is seeking to engage one firm to perform the Construction Engineering and Inspection services on Project No. 301-038 – This project is located in the city of New Haven. The scope of this project is the construction of a new traction power supply station for New Haven Station (New Haven Supply 1086). The project includes construction of two 115KV/27.6KV transformers, associated relaying and protection equipment and oil containment structures, new circuit breaker switchgear and associated equipment in a prefabricated building, two harmonic filters and control equipment with all necessary cables and duct banks, a data concentrator based RTU and interface, interfacing of all new equipment with the 115 KV utility system and the existing autotransformer substation, a new ground grid and all grounding connections, replacement of the existing fencing system and a complete commissioning of the entire installation. Site clearing, excavation, pile driving, building construction, drainage, reinforced concrete, structural steel, high power electrical system installation, utility conduit installation, mechanicals and other disciplines of railroad construction will be required for the installation of the systems mentioned above. This project is currently scheduled to be advertised May 27, 2009. The anticipated start date is Sept 15, 2009 with an estimated completion date of May 15, 2011. The scope code for this project is “G”.

Information regarding the licensing, certification and qualification requirements for this project can be found in the “Construction Engineering and Inspection Information Pamphlet for Consultants” dated August 2008. (This Pamphlet can be found online at www.ct.gov/dot under the publications link.)

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.

Please be advised that the Department currently utilizes Site Manager software for construction management reporting. Firms should also be familiar with the Department’s construction policies as outlined in our Construction Manual. (This Manual can also be found online at www.ct.gov/dot/construction under the publications link.)

If your firm desires to be considered for this assignment, your submittal should consist of a one page letter of interest and ConnDOT Form CSO 255, along with a maximum of five (5) resumes, one of which must be that of the proposed engineer-in-charge, as well as assurance that he/she will be available for work when required and one should also be submitted for the Office Engineer. **Four (4) copies of the submittal are required and they must be either postmarked by, or, if hand delivered, received by 3:00 p.m. on May 26, 2009.** Included in the submittal must be a brief narrative summarizing your current construction inspection workload and a narrative description of proposed staff, qualifications, discipline experience and expertise in (1) construction engineering and inspection of electrified railroad related facilities; (2) site work inspection; (3) fire suppression system inspection; (4) traction control system inspection; and (5) familiarity with ConnDOT’s construction inspection standards and procedures. Responding firms must also provide copies of the required licenses and certifications for the proposed inspectors, resident engineer, and office engineer showing that they are in current standing.

All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform at least seventy-five (75) percent of the work with employees of the firm. Sub consultant assignments will be permitted for portions of the work up to twenty-five (25) percent of the agreement value.

You are advised that a disadvantaged business sub-consultant goal applies to this project. The goal will be no less than nine (9) percent of the agreement value. Within the letter of interest submittal, you must

include the designated certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) sub consultant(s) which you plan to use. The DBE sub consultant(s) must be currently certified by the Department. Sub consultants may be used to comply with DBE requirements or perform specialized work. Joint venturing assignments will not be allowed. The selected firm will be required to document their good faith effort to provide opportunities for DBE firms to participate.

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firm 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 firm will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm licensed to do business in the State of Connecticut. A minimum of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) Professional Liability Insurance coverage, with a maximum deductible of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), will be required. Proof of coverage must be submitted on Department Forms CON-32 (revised 11/07) and DOC-001 (revised 3/08) prior to the start of the negotiations process. The selected Firm shall also carry Railroad Protective Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance.

Please be advised, that as of August 1, 2007, the Office of Policy and Management has updated its contracting affidavits and certifications, as well as the timeline of when these documents are required to be completed, signed and returned. For the purposes of Form 1 (Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification), the planning date is defined as the date when the Commissioner granted approval to hire a consultant. For this project, the planning date is April 21, 2009. This is the date the selected firm must use when completing Form 1 at the time the agreement/contract is executed in accordance with the Connecticut General Statute (CGS) Section 4-252 and Executive Order No. 7C, paragraph 10. Please be advised that Form 5 (Consulting Agreement Affidavit), in its revised format (Rev. 10-31-07), must be completed and **one copy** should be submitted with your letter-of-interest package. Please do not staple or bind the affidavit in your submittal package. Forms 1 and 5 apply to all consulting agreements/contracts which have a total value to the State of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in a calendar or fiscal year. Any consultant that does not make the certifications required under subsection (c) of CGS 4-252 or refuses to submit the affidavit required under subsection (b) of CGS 4a-81 shall be disqualified and the Department shall award the agreement/contract to the next highest ranked consultant or seek new submittals in accordance with subsection (d) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (d) of CGS 4a-81. Further information on these requirements can be obtained online at <http://www.ct.gov/opm> via the Ethics Affidavits link.

For all State contracts as defined in P.A. 07-1 having a value in a calendar year of \$50,000 or more, or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of \$100,000 or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's notice advising state contractors of state campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the notice. The SEEC Form 11 is attached hereto and hereby made a part of this solicitation.

Circumstances may require rescheduling or cancellation of projects and, should such action be necessary, ConnDOT would be under no obligation to provide supplementary work for the firm selected for this assignment.

The Department reserves the right to add additional projects of a similar nature for a separate selection should additional projects become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

Please be advised that firms must also be prequalified in the particular 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. Simone Cristofori of the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3017.