

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RETENTION OF AN ENGINEERING OR MATERIALS INSPECTION/TESTING FIRM

Open-End Construction Material Inspection Services

Mon/Fayette Expressway Project Uniontown to Brownsville Section

Fayette and Washington Counties

Reference No. E-053

REVISED

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will retain an engineering firm or materials inspection/testing firm for an open-end contract for construction materials inspection and testing services both at the project site and at related plant locations for sections of the Mon/Fayette Expressway Project from Uniontown to Brownsville under construction in Fayette and Washington Counties. A testing laboratory capable of performing concrete, bituminous, aggregate and soils tests in a timely manner must be available throughout the life of the contract. The types of projects that materials inspection and testing will be conducted under this contract may include, but are not limited to, roadway reconstruction, bituminous overlays, bridge construction and rehabilitations, service plaza parking lot expansions and toll plaza construction.

The agreement will be for a maximum cost of \$850,000.00 or for a thirty-six (36) month period.

The firm will be required to provide sufficient office personnel, managers, engineers, technicians and clerical staff to support the field functions and an individual experienced with materials inspection who also has experience in setting up and implementing computer programs relating to bituminous, concrete and aggregate testing. In addition, the firm selected may be required to attend construction meetings with the Commission.

The selected firm may be required to test materials at asphalt and concrete plants, perform soils and aggregate testing or perform testing associated with the manufacture of selected construction materials. Duties may also include the witnessing of onsite testing by the contractor. In addition, the selected firm may be required to keep records, document the construction work, attend monthly job conferences, determine from the project records the final quantities of certain contract items and perform other duties as may be required.

Please note that the Selected Consultant, or its subconsultants, or any of its sister companies, cannot bid on any portion of the construction of the projects that they will be providing material inspection services.

The Commission will consider the following factors during the evaluation of the Statements of Interest for this project:

- a. Specialized experience and technical competence of prime consultant and subconsultants.

- b. Past record of performance with respect to cost control, work quality ability to meet schedules and previous experience on similar projects. The consultant should identify similar projects that have been completed by that firm as the prime, the magnitude of the project, and the client.
- c. The specific experience and number of individuals who constitute the firm.
- d. Workload of the prime consultant and subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects.
- e. Other factors, if any, specific to the project.

Address these items and any necessary further details in a brief yet comprehensive manner in the Statement of Interest.

The Turnpike Commission is committed to the inclusion of disadvantaged, minority, and woman firms (DBE/MBE/WBE) in contracting opportunities. The minimum participation level for DBE/MBE/WBEs in this contract will be 10%. Responding firms shall clearly identify DBE/MBE/WBE firms expected to participate in this contract in their Statement of Interest. If the selected firm does not meet the minimum requirement for DBE/MBE/WBE participation, they will be required to demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve the required level. Proposed DBE/MBE/WBE firms must be certified at the time the selected Team executes a contract with the Commission.

Proposed DBE/MBE/WBE firms must be certified by the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (www.paucp.com), the PA Department of General Services (www.dgs.state.pa.us – click on link to Bureau of Minority and Women Business Opportunities, look on right panel for MBE/WBE Database), National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC) www.nmsdc.org, Women Business Enterprise National Council www.wbenc.org, or the U.S. Small Business Administration at the time of the submission of the proposal. If further information is desired concerning DBE/MBE/WBE participation, direct inquiries to Ms. Clare L. Jones, Business Enterprise and Compliance Technician, at (717) 939-9551 Ext. 4251, or by email at cjones@paturnpike.com.

Questions and inquiries concerning this Project should be directed to Mr. Terry D. Dreher at (724) 755-5171, or by email at tdreher@paturnpike.com. Contractual questions should be directed to Mr. Donald S. Klingensmith at (717) 939-9551, ext. 5850; or by e-mail at dklingen@paturnpike.com.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Firms interested in providing the above work and services are invited to submit a Statement of Interest with the required information. The Statements of Interest must include the following:

1. One page transmittal letter clearly identifying the project reference number, brief description of the project from the advertisement, the firm's federal identification number, the firm's legal name, contact person or project manager, address of corporate office and project office. (If the firm has multiple offices, the location of the office performing the work must be identified).
2. A three (3)-page statement of interest on the advertised project. Each firm should demonstrate their ability to perform the specific requirements indicated for this project and provide explanation of the technical approach, stressing the Team's ability to coordinate several construction contracts that were designed by different design consultants.

3. An organization chart for the Project, identifying key personnel and any subconsultants and their roles. Any deviation from the subconsultant's listed in the statement of interest will require written approval from the Commission.
4. Tabulation or listing of workload for the prime consultant and all subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects. Do not graphically represent the firm's workload.
5. A Consultant Qualification Package similar to the one submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the current year or one that is best suited for this project. A copy of the Consultant Qualification Package printed directly from PennDOT's ECMS website is acceptable.

The Consultant Qualification Package should contain at a minimum the following information for the prime consultant and all subconsultants and attached to the back of the statement of interest (subs to follow primes):

- ECMS General Information and Project Experience Forms or Standard Form (SF) 254 or 330 Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire in its entirety, either not more than one (1) year old as of the date of the advertisement.
- Resumes of key personnel expected to be involved in the project. (Limit to two (2) 8 1/2 x 11 pages, per person). Only resumes of key personnel should be included.
- Copy of the firm's registration to do business in the Commonwealth as provided by the Department of State for firms with out-of-state headquarters or corporations not incorporated in Pennsylvania.

A firm that responds to a project as a prime may not be included as a designated subconsultant to another firm that responds to the same project advertisement. Multiple responses under any of the forgoing situations will cause the rejection of all responses of the firm or firms involved. This does not preclude a firm from being set forth as a designated subconsultant to more than one prime consultant responding to the project advertisement.

Small firms, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, and other firms who have not previously performed work for the Commission are encouraged to submit a Statement of Interest.

Firms interested in performing the above services are invited to submit a Statement of Interest and required information to Mr. Donald S. Klingensmith, Engineering Contract Manager, at the **PA Turnpike Commission Administration Building located at 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057 (Street Address). Our mailing Address is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676.** Please note that the use of **U.S. Mail delivery does not guarantee delivery to this address by the time listed below for submission. Firms mailing Statements of Interest should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their Statement of Interest.**

The Statement of Interest and required information must be received by 12:00 PM (noon), Local Time, **Thursday, March 26, 2009.** Any Statements of Interest received after this date and time will be time-stamped and returned.

Final selection of the consultant will be made from a minimum of three (3) firms that will be shortlisted for this project from the Statements of Interest received. Technical Proposals will be requested from the shortlisted firms prior to the establishment of the final ranking. An order of preference will be established for the purpose of negotiating an agreement with the highest ranked firm established by the Technical Review Committee and approved by the Commission

The Commission may revise a published advertisement. If the Commission revises a published advertisement less than ten days before the Statement of Interest due date, the due date will be extended to maintain the minimum ten-day advertisement duration, if the revision alters the project scope or selection criteria. Firms are responsible to monitor the advertisements to assure the Statement of Interest complies with any changes in the published advertisement.

The Commission reserves the right to reject all statements of interest, to cancel solicitation requested under this notice, and/or to re-advertise solicitation for the work and services.

Mitchell Rubin
Chairperson