

Advertisement for Request for Qualifications

Project Name: North Fork and William DeBruhl WTP Filter Rehabilitation CMAR

Project Number: 298-WTPFilterRehabCMARFY24

Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-64.31, Statements of Qualifications for Professional Services for a Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) will be received by the City of Asheville, 70 Court Plaza, Asheville NC 28801, until 4:00 pm EDT on Friday, May 10, 2024 for the following:

Description of Work:

The North Fork (Burnett Reservoir) and William DeBruhl (Bee Tree Reservoir) water treatment plants are direct filtration plants. The 31 MGD NFWTP has a total of six 722 sq ft filters. Four of these, Filter #1-#4, have been in service since 1978, and have Leopold underdrains. Two of these, Filters #5-#6, have been in service since 1993 and have Roberts underdrains. The 5 MGD DeBruhl WTP has two 348 sq ft filters that have been in service since 1987 with Leopold underdrains. Both plants use multimedia gravity filters composed of anthracite, sand, and gravel to filter the raw water of two pristine reservoirs. Both water treatment plants are essential to the City of Asheville's water system and collectively provide 82.7% of the rated production capacity.

In February 2023, the NFWTP experienced a catastrophic failure of the underdrain system on Filter #3. This failure resulted in the loss of Filter #3 and reduced the production capacity of the NFWTP from 31 MGD to 25.99 MGD. This loss and the potential for loss of other filters at either the NFWTP or DeBruhl WTP necessitates an effective filter rehabilitation and media replacement to ensure the continued ability to provide enough safe clean drinking water for the City of Asheville's water customers. NFWTP Filter #3 will be repaired through an ongoing emergency repair contract and will not be part of the scope of this RFQ.

The City of Asheville (City) intends to construct the North Fork and William DeBruhl WTP Filter Rehabilitation project (Project). The Project generally consists of the construction to rehabilitate the filters (underdrains and media), replace existing equipment/valves, install new instruments, and perform miscellaneous structural and architectural upgrades at the 31 MGD North Fork Water Treatment Plant (NFWTP) and the 5 MGD William DeBruhl Water Treatment Plant (DeBruhl WTP). The anticipated construction cost for the Project is in the range of \$10M to \$15M with a 15 month construction duration and desired Notice to Proceed (NTP) of October 1, 2024.

Qualifications Schedule:

Milestone Task	Milestone Date
Issue RFQ	Monday, April 8, 2024
Pre-submission Conference - Mandatory	10:00 AM EDT on Thursday, April 18, 2024
Deadline for Questions	4:00 PM EDT on Thursday April 25, 2024
Addendum Posting	5:00 PM EDT on Wednesday, May 1, 2024
SOQ Due	4:00 PM EDT on Friday, May 10, 2024
Finalize Short List	Friday, May 24, 2024
Interviews	TBD on Wednesday, June 5, 2024
Final Selection	Friday, June 14, 2024
Council Approval of Contract	TBD

Qualifications Documents:

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is posted on the City procurement website at www.ashevillenc.gov/bids. This is *the official source* of this solicitation. All updates to this solicitation shall come in the form of published addenda and shall be published to the same location.

Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications may be hand carried or mailed to:

Physical Address

Water Resources
City Hall/Mezzanine
70 Court Plaza
Asheville, NC 28801

Mailing Address

Water Resources
PO Box 7148
Asheville, NC 28802

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

Firms interested in the Project shall submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) which includes a one (1) page cover letter plus a maximum length of twenty (20) 8.5"x11.5" pages to address the SOQ criteria (excluding front and back covers, table of contents, resumes, OSHA records, and bond/insurance documentation, but including organization chart). Resumes for each key Team member shall be limited to a maximum length of two (2) pages per member and should be incorporated as an appendix at the end of the SOQ.

The submittal shall include a certificate of insurance, indicating liability coverage, and errors and omissions. Submittal items described in this paragraph shall be submitted in a separate binder and shall not count towards the maximum page length of the SOQ.

On the SOQ submittal package, please display: Firm name, name of proposed project manager, contact information, and name of Project and City. Firms wishing to be considered shall submit a set of eight (8) hard copies and an electronic copy via email or other means, excluding thumb drives, by 4:00PM EDT on Friday, May 10, 2024 . Please address to Mr. William A. Hart 111 at either:

The City of Asheville reserves the right to reject any or all Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualifications.

Information:

All questions concerning this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) should be submitted via email to:

William A Hart 111, Project Manager bhart@ashevillenc.gov
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Drug Free Workplace: The City of Asheville is a drug-free workplace employer. By submitting this bid, the prospective contractor certifies that if awarded the contract, they and their subcontractors shall comply with the following:

The City requires contractors/vendors entering into a contract with the City to provide a drug-free workplace in the performance of said contract. The contractor, upon execution of the contract, certifies that it will provide a drug-free workplace during the performance of the work on this contract. The contractor agrees to do the following:

Notify employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the workplace and specify the actions that will be taken for violations of such prohibitions. Responsive actions should be appropriate and sufficient to address and remediate any violations of this requirement.

Miscellaneous Requirements of the Submittals:

- Prospective Consultants are notified of a City policy that prohibits contracting with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville.
- Respondents to this RFQ shall be responsible for any and all expenses they incur in preparing their submittal.
- The selected firm must have the financial ability to undertake the work and assume the liability
- along with an adequate accounting system to identify costs chargeable to the project.
- Proposal Format: All Applicants must provide at a minimum the information requested in this RFQ. Any portion not included may result in the Applicant being deemed non-responsive and may be cause for elimination from the proposal evaluation process. Any portions of the submitted proposal that are to be treated by the City as proprietary and confidential information must be clearly marked as such, however, the entire proposal cannot be marked as such and will result in complete disclosure. Clarity and brevity are considered important in proposal preparation. For more information regarding the legal framework for public records in the State of North Carolina, please see Chapter 132 (Public Records) at http://www.ncga.state.nc.us/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/ByChapter/Chapter_132.html and Article 24 (Trade Secrets) at http://www.ncleg.net/EnactedLegislation/Statutes/HTML/BySection/Chapter_66/GS_66-152.html in the North Carolina General Statutes.

- The Owner will not be held responsible for a Respondent's submittal that is not addressed properly, is lost, or is late; unless it is determined the fault lies with the Owner.
- The selected Firm shall be subject to the following terms and conditions of the contract:
E-VERIFY EMPLOYER COMPLIANCE: The Selected Firm and their subcontractors with 25 or more employees as defined in Article 2 of Chapter 64 of the NC General Statutes must comply with E-Verify requirements to contract with governmental units. E-Verify is a Federal program operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security and other Federal agencies, or any successor or equivalent program used to verify the work authorization of newly hired employees pursuant to Federal law. E-verify can be accessed via this link:
<https://www.e-verify.gov/>

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Ownership of Work Products:

- All plans, maps, documents, reports, studies, and/or other data and materials prepared or obtained under this Agreement and Supplemental Agreements (hereafter "Work Product") shall be considered works made for hire and shall become the property of the City without restriction or limitation on their use. Such Work Product shall be made available upon request, to the City at any time during the term of this Agreement and Supplemental Agreements. Any use, reuse, modification, and/or alteration by the City of the Work Product for another use or another project without specific written verification or adaptation by the Consultant will be at the risk of the City and without liability or legal exposure of any kind to the Consultant.
- City Policy, adopted by City Council Resolution No. 93-139, prohibits the City from entering into contracts with persons or firms who are delinquent in the payment of ad valorem taxes owed to the City of Asheville. By submitting a SOQ, the Firm certifies that they are not delinquent on taxes owed to the City.
- HOLD HARMLESS CLAUSE: Applicant is hereby notified that the City will not be responsible for any proposal expenses associated with responding to this solicitation even in the event the solicitation is cancelled or the program scope is significantly altered during the solicitation process. Applicant shall also indemnify and save harmless Owner from and against any and all loss, cost, damages, expenses and liability caused by accident or other occurrence resulting from performance of any program management services hereunder to the Owner, City of Asheville or third parties. Applicants shall furnish necessary certificates of insurance

to the Owner in accordance with the contract prior to mobilization on site. Applicant must provide that Owner will be given thirty days written notice of any intent to terminate such insurance by either Applicant or the insuring company, during the term of the contract between the parties. Upon successful negotiations, final terms and conditions will be developed using a **AIA Document A133** Standard form of agreement between Owner and Construction Manager as Constructor as amended by the City.

**This agreement is currently being updated.*

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