TW 23/24-084



May 14, 2024

Sonoma County Water Agency Supplement to Request for Statements of Qualifications

Revised Deadline for Submission 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 22, 2024

RE: SUPPLEMENT NO. 01 TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

This Supplement forms a part of and modifies the Request for Statements of Qualifications dated April 16, 2024.

Modified text is indicated as follows: <u>Double-underline</u> designates text to be inserted; strikeout designates text to be deleted.

1. <u>INTRODUCTION</u>

1.1. No changes.

2. <u>BACKGROUND</u>

2.1. No changes.

3. PREVAILING WAGES

3.1. No changes.

4. LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER PREFERENCE

4.1. No changes.

5. **LIVING WAGE**

5.1. No changes.

6. **SUBMITTAL OF SOQS**

6.1. Modify Paragraph 6.3 as follows:

Submit electronic copy of SOQ to Sonoma Water at Submissions@scwa.ca.gov by 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 15-22, 2024. Please reference TW 23/24-084 in the subject line of the email. A confirmation email will be generated in response to each submission to this email address. If a confirmation email is not received, please check spam and junk mail folders.

7. **EVALUATION**

7.1. No changes.

8. **CONTACTS**

8.1. No changes.

9. **OUESTION(S)/ANSWER(S)**

- 9.1. Sonoma Water responses to questions are for the purposes of interpretation and clarification of the Request for Statements of Qualifications and shall not be construed as changing, superseding, or contradicting any express term in the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Questions received are listed below.
 - a. Question: Under part 2.4 regarding the types of services to be provided, we are strictly power and control systems engineers and do not provide the services indicated in sub-parts 2.4 f through j. We typically do not provide full system arc flash hazard assessments per part 2.4c, but we do design in arc flash mitigation measures in our switchboard/switchgear designs/specs. We are also not experts in overhead medium pole line design as mentioned in part 2.5a. Does this disqualify us, or severely reduce our chances for inclusion on the list of qualified consultants?
 - Answer: Providing all services listed is not required.
 - b. Question: For medium voltage work and specifically protection/relaying schemes, we often engage a sub-consultant who is an expert in this field. Must we include information about this subconsultant in the SOQ now?
 - Answer: Subconsultant information may be included but is not required.
 - c. Question: Under part 3 regard Prevailing Wages. We are not registered with the DIR with respect to projects subject to prevailing wage obligations and

compliance. Part 3.2 says it is not a requirement for the SOQ, but that it would disqualify us from any work subject to prevailing wages. The question is how many of the projects for the Sonoma Water Agency would fall into the prevailing wage category? Will this severely restrict the number of projects we might qualify for?

Answer: This Request for Statements of Qualifications process is to evaluate qualifications to create a list of qualified consultants. Specific work parameters will be discussed with firms selected from the list for future agreements, if any. See Paragraph 1.1 in the Request for Statements of Qualifications.

d. Question: What would be the typical project size, and approximately how many per year, might we be bidding on were we to be included on the list of qualified engineers?

Answer: This Request for Statements of Qualifications process is to evaluate qualifications to create a list of qualified consultants. Specific work parameters will be discussed with firms selected from the list for future agreements, if any. See Paragraph 1.1 in the Request for Statements of Qualifications.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

DECLARATION OF LOCAL BUSINESS FOR SERVICES

No changes.

Attachment 2

COUNTY OF SONOMA SUPPLIER PORTAL REGISTRATION GUIDE

No changes.