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REQUEST for LETTERS of INTEREST (RFLOI)

CONTRACT TYPE – PE / DESIGN

TITLE: NC 24 MULTI-USE PATH (BN-0022)
ISSUE DATE: 3/20/2025 REVISED: 3/25/2025
SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: 4/30/2025
ISSUING AGENCY: TOWN OF CAPE CARTERET, NC

SYNOPSIS

This contract shall be partially reimbursed with Federal-aid funding through the North Carolina Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the Department). The solicitation, selection, and negotiation of a contract shall be conducted in accordance with all Department requirements and guidelines.

The primary firm shall be pre-qualified by the Department to perform any combination of the Discipline Codes listed below for the Town of Cape Carteret.

Discipline Codes required are:

- 316 – Multi-Use Trail Design, Survey & Layout
- 199 – Route Location Surveys
- 032 – Categorical Exclusions / Minimum Criteria Determination Checklist
- 168 – ROW Project Management (May be required)
- 192 – Right of Way Appraisals (May be required)
- 193 – Right of Way Negotiators (May be required)
- 024 – Bridges – Spans Under 200'

WORK CODES for each primary and/or subconsultant firm(s) shall be listed on the respective RS-2 FORMS.

This RFLOI is to solicit responses (LETTERS of INTEREST, or LOIs) from qualified firms to provide professional consulting services to:

Provide comprehensive survey, design, environmental documentation, permitting, and bid solicitation services for a dedicated, 10 ft. wide asphalt multi-use path along the south side of NC 24 between Yaupon Drive and Bayshore Drive, a distance of approximately 1 mile. The project is expected to be located entirely within the NC 24 right of way, and will include a partial crossing of Deer Creek. The project also includes the installation of new pedestrian crossings at three intersections along NC 24 in the Town limits.

Electronic LOIs should be submitted in .pdf format using software such as Adobe, CutePDF, PDF Writer, DocuDesk deskPDF, etc.

LOIs SHALL be received ELECTRONICALLY no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, April 30, 2025.

The addresses for electronic deliveries are:

frush@capecarteret.org and

hleffingwell@capecarteret.org and

rhutchinson@capecarteret.org .

LOIs received after this deadline will not be considered.

Except as provided below any firm wishing to be considered must be properly registered with the Office of the Secretary of State and with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. Any firm proposing to use corporate subsidiaries or subcontractors must include a statement that these companies are properly registered with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors and/or the NC Board for Licensing of Geologists. The Engineers performing the work and in responsible charge of the work must be registered Professional Engineers in the State of North Carolina and must have a good ethical and professional standing. It will be the responsibility of the selected private firm to verify the registration of any corporate subsidiary or subcontractor prior to submitting a Letter of Interest. Firms which are not providing engineering services need not be registered with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. Some of the services being solicited may not require a license. It is the responsibility of each firm to adhere to all laws of the State of North Carolina.

The firm must have the financial ability to undertake the work and assume the liability. The selected firm(s) will be required to furnish proof of Professional Liability insurance coverage in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000.00. The firm(s) must have an adequate accounting system to identify costs chargeable to the project.

PE / DESIGN

SCOPE OF WORK

The Town of Cape Carteret is soliciting proposals for the services of a firm/team for the following contract scope of work:

Provide comprehensive survey, design, environmental documentation, permitting, and bid solicitation services for a dedicated, 10 ft. wide asphalt multi-use path along the south side of NC 24 between Yaupon Drive and Bayshore Drive, a distance of approximately 1 mile. The project is expected to be located entirely within the NC 24 right of way, and will include a partial crossing of Deer Creek. The project also includes the installation of new pedestrian crossings at three intersections along NC 24 in the Town limits.

PROPOSED CONTRACT TIME: Completion of 100% Approved Final Plans, including all bid documentation required for solicitation, no later than December 31, 2025.

PROPOSED CONTRACT PAYMENT TYPE: LUMP SUM

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

All LOIs are limited to a maximum of 15 pages (RS-2 forms are not included in the page count) inclusive of the cover sheet, and shall be typed on 8-1/2" x 11" sheets, single-spaced, one-sided.

Electronic submission is REQUIRED. If hard copies are also provided (optional), then fold out pages are not allowed. In order to reduce costs and to facilitate recycling; binders, dividers, tabs, etc. are prohibited. One staple in the upper left-hand corner is preferred.

LOIs containing more than 15 pages will not be considered.

Firms submitting LOIs are encouraged to carefully check them for conformance to the requirements stated above. If LOIs do not meet ALL of these requirements they will be disqualified. No exception will be granted.

SELECTION PROCESS

Following is a general description of the selection process:

- The Town Manager and other designated Town staff will review all qualifying LOI submittals.
- The Town Manager MAY, at the Town's discretion, shortlist a minimum of three (3) firms to be interviewed. Dates of shortlisting and dates for interviews are shown in the section SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES at the end of this RFLOI.
- In order to be considered for selection, consultants must submit a complete response to this RFLOI prior to the specified deadlines. Failure to submit all information in a timely manner will result in disqualification.

TITLE VI NONDISCRIMINATION NOTIFICATION

The Town of Cape Carteret, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all RESPONDENTS that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit LETTERS of INTEREST (LOIs) in response to this ADVERTISEMENT and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

SMALL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FIRM (SPSF) PARTICIPATION

The Department encourages the use of Small Professional Services Firms (SPSF). Small businesses determined to be eligible for participation in the SPSF program are those meeting size standards defined by Small Business Administration (SBA) regulations, 13 CFR Part 121 in Sector 54 under the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). The SPSF program is a race, ethnicity, and gender neutral program designed to increase the availability of contracting opportunities for small businesses on federal, state or locally funded contracts. SPSF participation is not contingent upon the funding source.

PREQUALIFICATION

The Department maintains on file the qualifications and key personnel for each approved discipline, as well as any required samples of work. Each year on the anniversary date of the company, the firm shall renew their prequalified disciplines. If your firm has not renewed its application as required by your anniversary date or if your firm is not currently prequalified, please submit an application to the Department **prior to or at the same time as the submittal of your LOI**. An application may be accessed on the Department's website at [Prequalifying Private Consulting Firms](#) -- Learn how to become Prequalified as a Private Consulting Firm with NCDOT. Having this data on file with the Department eliminates the need to resubmit this data with each

letter of interest.

Professional Services Contracts are race and gender neutral and do not contain goals. However, the Respondent is encouraged to give every opportunity to allow Disadvantaged, Minority-Owned and Women-Owned Business Enterprises (DBE/MBE/WBE) utilization on all LOIs, contracts and supplemental agreements. The Firm shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability or sex in the performance of this contract.

DIRECTORY OF FIRMS AND DEPARTMENT ENDORSEMENT

Real-time information about firms doing business with the Department, and information regarding their prequalifications and certifications, is available in the Directory of Transportation Firms. The Directory can be accessed on the Department's website at [Directory of Firms](#) -- Complete listing of certified and prequalified firms.

The listing of an individual firm in the Department's directory shall not be construed as an endorsement of the firm.

SELECTION CRITERIA

All prequalified firms who submit responsive letters of interest will be considered.

In selecting a firm/team, the Town Manager and designated Town staff will take into consideration qualification information including such factors as:

1. **CRITERIA 1 50%** = Experience in the coastal NC region, including familiarity with applicable regulations and NCDOT requirements in coastal NC.
2. **CRITERIA 2 25%** = Ability to complete entire contract scope of work by the December 31, 2025 deadline.
3. **CRITERIA 3 25%** = Education, knowledge, and experience levels of personnel assigned to this contract.

After reviewing qualifications, if firms are equal on the evaluation review, then those qualified firms with proposed SPSF participation will be given priority consideration.

SUBMISSION ORGANIZATION AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

The LOI should be addressed to **Town Manager Frank Rush, Town Clerk Heather Leffingwell,, and Public Works Director Ryan Hutchinson** and must include the name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address of the prime consultant's contact person for this RFLOI.

The LOI must also include the information outlined below:

Chapter 1 - Introduction

The Introduction should demonstrate the consultant's overall qualifications to fulfill the requirements of the scope of work and should contain the following elements of information:

- Expression of firm's interest in the work;
- Statement of whether firm is on register;
- Date of most recent private engineering firm qualification;
- Statement regarding firm's(') possible conflict of interest for the work; and
- Summation of information contained in the letter of interest.

Chapter 2 - Team Qualifications

This chapter should elaborate on the general information presented in the introduction, to establish the credentials and experience of the consultant to undertake this type of effort. The following must be included:

1. Identify recent, similar projects the firm, acting as the prime contractor, has conducted which demonstrates its ability to conduct and manage the project. Provide a synopsis of each project and include the date completed, and contact person.
2. If subconsultants are involved, provide corresponding information describing their qualifications as requested in bullet number 1 above.

Chapter 3 - Team Experience

This chapter must provide the names, classifications, and location of the firm's North Carolina employees and resources to be assigned to the advertised work; and the professional credentials and experience of the persons assigned to the project, along with any unique qualifications of key personnel. Although standard personnel resumes may be included, identify pertinent team experience to be applied to this project. Specifically, the Department is interested in the experience, expertise, and total quality of the consultant's proposed team. If principals of the firm will not be actively involved in the study/contract/project, do not list them. The submittal shall clearly indicate the Consultant's Project Manager, other key Team Members and his/her qualifications for the proposed work. Also, include the team's organization chart for the Project / Plan. A Capacity Chart / Graph (available work force) should also be included. Any other pertinent information should also be listed in this section.

Note: If a project team or subconsultant encounters personnel changes, or any

other changes of significance dealing with the company, NCDOT should be notified immediately.

Chapter 4 - Technical Approach

The consultant shall provide information on its understanding of, and approach to accomplish, this project, including their envisioned scope for the work and any innovative ideas/approaches, and a schedule to achieve the dates outlined in this RFLOI (if any project-specific dates are outlined below).

APPENDICES-

CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION Form RS-2

Completed Form RS-2 forms SHALL be submitted with the firm's letter of interest. This section is limited to the number of pages required to provide the requested information.

Submit Form RS-2 forms for the following:

- **Prime Consultant firm**
- **Subconsultant firm**

Complete and sign each Form RS-2 (instructions are listed on the form).

The required forms are available on the Department's website at:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/consultants/Pages/Guidelines-Forms.aspx>

[Prime Consultant Form RS-2](#)

[Subconsultant Form RS-2](#)

All submissions, correspondence, and questions concerning this RFLOI should be directed to **Town Manager Frank Rush, Town Clerk Heather Leffingwell, and Public Works Director Ryan Hutchinson** at frush@capecarteret.org / hleffingwell@capecarteret.org / rhutchinson@capecarteret.org and/or 252-393-8483.

Questions may be submitted electronically only, to the contacts above. Responses will be issued in the form of an addendum available to all interested parties. Interested parties should also send a request, by email only, to the persons listed above to be placed on a public correspondence list to ensure future updates regarding the RFLOI or other project information can be conveyed. Questions must be submitted to the persons listed above no later than **Wednesday, April 16, 2025**. The last addendum will be issued no later than **Wednesday, April 23, 2025**.

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES

RFLOI Release – **March 20, 2025**

Deadline for Questions – **April 16, 2025**

Issue Final Addendum – **April 23, 2025**

Deadline for LOI Submission – **April 30, 2025**

Interviews * – the week of **May 19, 2025**

Firm Selection and Notification ** – **June 10, 2025**

Anticipated Notice to Proceed – **July 9, 2025**

* Notification will **ONLY** be sent to shortlisted firms.

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