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**NCDOT -- Transportation Mobility and Safety Division (TMSD)**

**REQUEST for LETTERS of INTEREST (RFLOI)**

**2018 TMSD Limited Services Contract**

TITLE: **2018 TMSD Limited Services Contract**

USING AGENCY: North Carolina Department of Transportation  
**Transportation Mobility and Safety Division**

ISSUE DATE: **FEBRUARY 01, 2018**

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: **MARCH 01, 2018**

ISSUING AGENCY: North Carolina Department of Transportation  
Technical Services Division  
Professional Services Management Unit

**SYNOPSIS**

**SUBCONSULTANTS ARE PERMITTED UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**

The primary and/or subconsultant firm(s) *(if Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLOI)* shall be pre-qualified to perform WORK UNDER THE APPROPRIATE DESIGNATIONS of the work AREAS listed below for the TMSD.

- Interested firms should indicate in their Letter of Interest which disciplines of work they wish to be considered.
- Provide a list of work/work codes that can be performed by the primary firm and work that is intended to be completed by a subconsultant.
- **IN THE AREAS OF (as needed);**
  - Intelligent Transportaion Systems and Signals;
  - Signing and Delineation;
  - Traffic Management (includes Work Zone Traffic Control, Muncipal School Transportation Assistance, and Congestion Mangement);
  - Traffic Safety;
  - Traffic Systems Operations;

- **Other Transportation Mobility and Safety Support Services Statewide including multi-discipline services related to mobility and safety.**

**WORK CODES for each primary and/or subconsultant firm(s) (*if Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLO*) SHALL be listed on the respective RS-2 FORMS (see section 'SUBMISSION ORGANIZATION AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS').**

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

**Support TMSD and its associated units (Intelligent Transportation Systems and Signals, Signing and Delineation, Traffic Management, Traffic Safety, Traffic Systems Operations) with planning, design, management, execution, and/or other functions associated with traffic engineering on an as-needed basis.**

**All services listed/mentioned above shall be done in accordance with the guidelines and standards for each unit as listed in TEPL.**

**The most current TMSD Work Codes are listed online at:  
<https://connect.ncdot.gov/business/Prequal/Documents/List%20of%20Discipline%20Requirements.pdf>**

**Consultants shall have and maintain an experience rate modifier of 1.30 or less.**

**Firms shall be prequalified for discipline codes associated with the work areas before being allowed to work in those areas.**

**Prime consultants cannot apply as sub-consultants and sub-consultants cannot apply as prime consultants.**

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.

## **SCOPE OF WORK**

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is soliciting proposals for the services of a firm/team for the following contract scope of work:

### **Traffic Management:**

This work will involve Congestion Management, Municipal and Schools Transportation Assistance, and Work Zone Traffic Control. Typical Congestion Management Items include capacity analysis of intersections, corridors, freeways, interchanges, and roundabouts; Interchange modification / justification reports; traffic impacts studies; traffic simulations and school traffic studies. Typical Work Zone Traffic Control work includes the design of Transportation Management Plans for projects with complexity levels varying from 1 to 4. Level 1 representing the highest level of complexity to Level 4 representing the least amount of complexity. A Transportation Management Plan will vary in content from one possessing a singular Temporary Traffic Control Plan to one containing a Temporary Traffic Control, Transportation Operations and Public Information Plan. Schools Transportation Assistance includes the traffic Analysis of on-campus and directly affected intersections regarding school transportation operations.

### **Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) and Signals:**

This work will involve Intelligent Transportation Systems, Signal Design, and Signals Management. Typical ITS work entails developing plans, functional specifications, and estimates for intelligent transportation systems. Typical Signal Design and Signal Management work includes local signal intersection and equipment design; developing communication plans and performing surveys of aerial utilities and making recommendations for adjustments; and developing signal system coordination timing plans and field implementation.

### **Traffic Systems Operations:**

This work will involve managing traffic and mobility projects, and supporting the State Traffic Operations Center. Typical work in traffic systems operations include scoping, developing, and operating traffic operations programs and services, and conducting incident management, operating ITS and traveler information.

### **Traffic Safety:**

This work will involve mobility and safety planning and field operations; and traffic safety systems. Typical work in traffic safety will include traffic data collection, safety analysis and investigations, safety statutory support, and safety data support. Familiarity and certification in TEAAS is required.

### **Signing and Delineation:**

This work will involve guide sign design and pavement marking design. Typical work includes guide sign design of conventional roads, expressways, and freeway; managing / supporting the Logo, TODS, and similiar specialty sign programs; and, developing pavement marking designs that include a multi-modal facility.

**Transportation Mobility and Safety:**

This work will involve providing overall support to the TMSD priorities that could typically involve coordinating and excecuting projects in support of combined DOT, private, and public organizations, managing TMSD intitatives, managing special projects across the Division, and/or providing general traffic engineering assistance. These projects will typically support Department-level or Legislative-level priorities on behalf of the TMSD.

**PROPOSED CONTRACT TIME: TWO (2) YEARS; with ONE (1) optional ONE (1) YEAR EXTENSION possible.**

**PROPOSED CONTRACT PAYMENT TYPE: LUMP SUM and/or COST-PLUS Task Orders.**

## **SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS**

All LOIs are limited to **FIFTEEN (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.

LOIs containing more than **FIFTEEN (15)** pages will not be considered.

**WORK CODES for each primary and/or subconsultant firm(s) (if Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLO) SHALL be listed on the respective RS-2 FORMS (see section 'SUBMISSION ORGANIZATION AND INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS').**

**ONLY ELECTRONIC LOIs WILL BE ACCEPTED.**

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

One copy of the LOI should be sent as a .pdf file, **through NCDOT's FTS System**, to: [psmu-411@ncdot.gov](mailto:psmu-411@ncdot.gov) . **The FTS system will send you an electronic receipt when your LOI is uploaded to NCDOT's FTS system.** Paper copies are not required. The subject line should contain the Firm's Name, and **"LOI for 2018 TMSD Limited Services Contract"**.

If an interested firm does not have an FTS account they should send a request through regular e-mail to [psmu-411@ncdot.gov](mailto:psmu-411@ncdot.gov) . A response will be sent via the FTS system that will provide a login username, password, and login procedures.

**LOIs SHALL be received electronically no later than 12:00 P.M., MARCH 01, 2018.**

**LOIs received after this deadline will not be considered.**

**Firms submitting LOIs are encouraged to carefully check them for conformance to the requirements stated above (and any other requirements in this Advertisement). If LOIs are submitted late, exceed the maximum number of pages, are sent by any means other than NCDOT's FTS system, or are sent to any address other than psmu-411@ncdot.gov they will be disqualified.**

**The Department reserves the right to reject all LOIs and not proceed with procurement.**

**The Department reserves the right to waive any technicality in LOIs, or notify the Firm(s) of such technicality and allow the Firm(s) up to two (2) business days to rectify the technicality.**

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

Following is a general description of the selection process:

- The NCDOT Selection Committee will review all qualifying LOI submittals.
- For Limited Services Contracts (On-Call type contracts), the NCDOT Selection Committee MAY, at the Department's discretion, choose any number of firms to provide the services being solicited.
- For Project-Specific Contracts (non On-Call type contracts), the Selection Committee MAY, at the Department's discretion, shortlist a minimum of three (3) firms to be interviewed. IF APPLICABLE, 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.

## **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.

The Firm, at the time the Letter of Interest is submitted, shall submit a listing of all known SPSF firms that will participate in the performance of the identified work. The participation shall be submitted on the Department's Subconsultant Form RS-2. RS-2 forms may be accessed on the Department's website at [NCDOT Connect Guidelines & Forms](#).

The SPSF must be qualified with the Department to perform the work for which they are listed.

Real-time information about firms doing business with the Department and firms that are SPSF certified through the Contractual Services Unit 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.

## **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 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.

Even though specific DBE/MBE/WBE goals are not required for this project, the Department of Transportation is committed to providing opportunity for small and disadvantaged businesses to perform on its contracts through established Department goals. The Firm, subconsultant and subfirm shall not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, age, disability or sex in the performance of this contract.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

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

In selecting a firm/team, the selection committee will take into consideration qualification information including such factors as:

1. **45%** = The evaluation of performance and responsiveness on any previous contracts with the North Carolina Department of Transportation.
2. **40%** = The firm's experience and staff to perform the type of work required.
3. **15%** = The firm's availability and quality of facilities and equipment to complete the work required.
4. **N/A%** = N/A.
5. **N/A%** = N/A.

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 **Mr. Robert J. Stroup, PE -- State Professional Services Engineer** 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**
  - Prime Consultant Form RS-2 Rev 1/14/08; and
- **ANY/ALL Subconsultant firms** (*If Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLOI*) to be, or anticipated to be, utilized by your firm.
  - Subconsultant Form RS-2 Rev 1/15/08.
  - In the event the firm has no subconsultant, it is required that this be indicated on the Subconsultant Form RS-2 by entering the word "None" or the number "ZERO" and signing the form.

**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 **Mr. Terry E. Farr, PE** at [tefarr@ncdot.gov](mailto:tefarr@ncdot.gov). However, the LOI itself must be submitted to '[psmu-411@ncdot.gov](mailto:psmu-411@ncdot.gov)' via NCDOT's FTS System.



**NOTE: To adhere to the Timeframe, a Notice to Proceed is expected to be issued shortly after (a) firm(s)/team(s) is/are selected. All firm(s)/team(s) submitting a LETTER OF INTEREST should make sure that their rates and overheads are current and have been audited by NCDOT.**

## **SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES**

RFLOI Release – **FEBRUARY 01, 2018**

Deadline for Questions -

Issue Final Addendum -

Deadline for LOI Submission – **MARCH 01, 2018**

Shortlist Announced \* -

Interviews - the week of

Firm Selection and Notification \*\* - **TBD.**

Anticipated Notice to Proceed – **TBD.**

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

\*\* Notification will **ONLY** be sent to selected firms.