

**URBAN SYSTEMS
ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES
DECEMBER 18, 2009**

**STATE PROJECT NO. 059-01-0029
F.A.P. NO. 5209(508)
LA 21 @ BREWSTER ROAD INTERSECTION IMPROVEMENTS
ST. TAMMANY PARISH**

Under Authority granted by Title 48 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) hereby issues a Request for Qualification Statements (RFQ) on Standard Form 24-102 (SF 24-102), “Professional Engineering and Related Services”, revised January 2003, from Consulting Firms (Consultant) to provide engineering and related services. **All requirements of Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board must be met at the time of submittal.** One Prime-Consultant/Sub-Consultant(s) (Consultant/Team) will be selected for this Contract.

DOTD Coordinator – Mr. Larry Sharp

All inquiries concerning this advertisement should be sent in writing to Edward.Wedge@LA.gov.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This is an Urban Systems project. The Consultant/Team will be required to provide construction contract administration and construction engineering inspection services typically performed by the DOTD Project Engineer and his staff, including but not limited to, grading, subsurface drainage, base course, asphaltic concrete, traffic signalization, pavement markings, permanent signing, and related work. The Contract will be between the Consultant and the DOTD. It will be monitored by the DOTD and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).

SCOPE OF SERVICES

STAGE 5: CONSTRUCTION

Part III: Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I)

The selected Consultant/Team will provide construction contract administration and construction engineering and inspection services required for the improvements to the intersection of LA 21 and Brewster Road. Both roadways are to be widened to add turn lanes. Minor widening at the intersection of Brewster Road and Sterling Boulevard is included in the project. Construction plans will provide the exact construction scope and limits. These services will be performed in accordance with DOTD’s Standards and

Procedures (see References). Copies of these documents will be made available through DOTD upon request. The DOTD will assign a project engineer from its District 62 Office to serve as a construction coordinator for the DOTD during project construction. The following services to be performed will be under the direct supervision of the DOTD:

1. Coordinate with DOTD District personnel to schedule and attend the Pre-construction Meeting. Consultant will be required to conduct the meeting.
2. Maintain all construction field records; make daily entries in the project diary to indicate the Consultant's personnel and Contractor's personnel present on the job site, the Contractor's personnel and equipment being utilized on the project, the work being accepted, the acceptability of traffic control, and the charging of contract time.
3. Coordinate with the Project Engineer for all relocations/adjustments of utility facilities for the construction of work site.
4. Provide all necessary personnel and equipment to perform the required field-testing for quality assurance in accordance with the latest DOTD Sampling and Testing Manual.
5. Submit all sampled materials to be tested by DOTD District 62 Testing Laboratory, in accordance with the stipulated Sampling Manual.
6. Inspect the contractor's construction operations (daily) to ensure that all work is performed in accordance with the specified plans and specifications.
7. Keep clear and concise records of the contractual operations, prepare monthly pay estimates, and make monthly progress reports in conformance with DOTD requirements. Inspection of construction will not include shop and mill inspections and their approval.
8. Prepare final estimate packages, including Form 2059 – "Summary of Test Results" in conformance with DOTD requirements.
9. Review all form work drawings and submit to DOTD for further handling, review, and distribution as directed in the Project Specifications.
10. All construction activities shall be coordinated between the Consultant, the Owner, the FHWA and an assigned representative of the DOTD. All work standards, methods of reporting, and documentation of pay quantities will be in accordance with the policies and procedures of the DOTD. All partial and final construction estimates, and other information must be submitted on forms approved by the DOTD.
11. The Consultant will perform all documentation, as prescribed by the Department, on the Department's construction software, Site Manager. The Consultant will provide hardware, i.e., computers, printers, internet connections, etc. deemed necessary to efficiently conduct the inspection services.
12. The Consultant may be required to conduct non-reimbursable training sessions for his personnel to receive instructions into the use of Site Manager (approximately four hours). DOTD will provide a qualified instructor for his training.

13. The Consultant will be available for conferences, visits to jobsites, and/or inspections by DOTD authorized representatives.
14. The Consultant will be required to submit "As-Built" plans with the final estimate. "As-Built" plans are to reflect all changes made from the original plans. All changes to the plans are to be made using a 746-1/2 Tuscan red pencil.
15. When it is stipulated by the Project Specifications, that approval by DOTD is required for material, equipment, and/or construction procedures, DOTD policies for obtaining such approval will be followed.
16. All construction inspection personnel utilized by the Consultant must meet and retain the same qualification and certification requirements as required of DOTD construction personnel.
17. The Contractor will perform construction layout, and the Consultant will perform, or hire a licensed surveyor to perform, any necessary spot checks for verification. All surveying must be in accordance with the requirement of LAPELS.
18. Any proposed changes in plans or in the nature of the work will be pre-approved in writing by the DOTD, prior to the performance of stipulated work.
19. Plan changes throughout the life of the project will also have to be written by the Consultant and approved through the Department's process.
20. The Consultant will monitor and document all construction claims, and provide recommendations on disposition of claims.
21. The Consultant will manage the RFI (Request for Information) process as defined on the DOTD internet site, <http://www.dotd.la.gov/construction/rfi/>.
22. The Consultant does hereby agree to electronically file the "American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 Employment Report" on FHWA form 1589. The Consultant shall submit form 1589 on a monthly basis by the fifth day of the month to the DOTD's Project Manager, utilizing the MS-Excel version found at <http://www.dotd.la.gov/arra>. Instructions to assist in the utilization of FHWA form 1589 are located on DOTD's ARRA Website.

SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED BY THE DOTD

The DOTD will furnish, without charge, the following services and data:

1. Laboratory testing of materials. DOTD District 62 Testing Laboratory will perform laboratory tests in conjunction with specialty testing performed at the DOTD Central Laboratory in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, using samples procured, and submitted by the Consultant and/or staff.
2. DOTD will provide access to project plans and contract proposal.
3. DOTD Structural/Marine Fabrication Engineer may perform all shop and fabrication inspection.

REFERENCES

All services documents will meet the standard requirements as to format and content of the DOTD; and will be prepared in accordance with the latest applicable editions, supplements and revisions of the following:

1. AASHTO Standards, ASTM Standards or DOTD Test Procedures
2. DOTD Location and Survey Manual
3. DOTD Roadway Design Procedures and Details
4. DOTD Hydraulics Manual
5. DOTD Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges
6. Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Millennium Edition)
7. DOTD Traffic Signal Design Manual
8. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
9. National Electric Safety Code
10. National Electric Code (NFPA 70)
11. DOTD Environmental Impact Procedures (Vols. I-III)
12. Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets
13. Construction Contract Administration Manual
14. Materials Sampling Manual
15. DOTD Bridge Design Manual
16. Consultant Contract Services Manual
17. Geotechnical Engineering Services Document
18. Bridge Inspectors Reference Manual
19. DOTD Stage 1 Manual of Standard Practice
20. Testing Procedures Manual
21. Engineering Directives and Standards Manual (EDSM)

COMPENSATION

Compensation to the Consultant for services rendered in connection with this Contract shall be based on the DOTD established billable rates below, with an estimated maximum limitation of **\$450,000**. Prior to execution of the contract, a more accurate man-hour estimate and maximum limitation will be established based on the construction contract time.

The following rates may be adjusted on a yearly basis based on the latest DOTD escalation rate; however the maximum compensation will not increase.

Principal	\$196
Engineer	\$126
Senior Technician	\$77
Technician	\$77
Inspector	\$55
Clerical	\$46

All travel related expenses will be compensated under direct expenses, and will be in accordance with Louisiana Office of State Travel regulations found at: <http://www.doa.louisiana.gov/osp/travel/travelpolicy/travelguide.pdf>. Vehicle rental rates will require prior approval from the DOTD Project Manager.

CONTRACT TIME

The services to be performed under this contract will commence promptly upon receipt of the written NTP from the DOTD Consultant Contracts Services, and will be in effect for the duration of the construction period. The delivery schedule for all project deliverables will be established by the Project Engineer.

MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements must be met by the Prime-Consultant at the time of submittal:

1. At least one Principal of the Prime-Consultant must be a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Louisiana.
2. The Prime-Consultant must employ on a full-time basis, one Professional Civil Engineer, registered in the State of Louisiana, with at least five years experience in Road Construction, and a corresponding support staff.
3. In addition to the above requirements, the Prime-Consultant must employ on a full-time basis, or through the use of a Sub-Consultant(s), a minimum of two DOTD Certified Inspector(s), one a minimum of five years experience in Road Construction. Inspectors may only inspect activities in which they hold an active DOTD certification. The major activities listed below require certified inspectors:
 - a. Asphalt Concrete Plant Inspection and Testing
 - b. Asphalt Paving
 - c. Embankment and Base Course
 - d. Electrical Inspector Certification: NECA-IBEW Journeyman Electrician for equivalent training, experience and certification with work experience in government/industrial/commercial construction. Residential Construction and Inspection experience is not acceptable for this project.

NOTE: All field inspectors must have completed the Work Zone Traffic Control Technician and Flagger course. All field senior technicians and engineers must have completed the Traffic Control Supervisor course.

Certifications of Compliance must be submitted with and made part of the Consultants Standard Form 24-102 for all Personnel Requirements listed herein.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The general criteria to be used by DOTD (when applicable) in evaluating responses for the selection of a Consultant to perform these services are:

1. Consultant's firm experience on similar projects, weighting factor of 3;
2. Consultant's personnel experience on similar projects, weighting factor of 4;
3. Consultant's firm size as related to the estimated project cost, weighting factor of 3;
4. Consultant's past performance on similar DOTD projects, weighting factor of 6;**
5. Consultant's current work load with DOTD, weighting factor of 5;*
6. Location where the work will be performed, weighting factor of 6.

* Upon award of any contract, the dollar amount awarded will be immediately added to the firm's current workload for future selections.

**The Construction Engineering Services (CS) performance rating will be used for this project.

The complexity level for this contract is: simple.

Consultants will be evaluated as indicated in Items 1- 6. The evaluation will be by means of a point-based rating system. Each of the above criteria will receive a rating on a scale of 0-4. The rating will then be multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The firm's rating in each category will then be added to arrive at the Consultant's final rating.

If Sub-Consultants are used, each member of the Consultant/Team will be evaluated on their part of the contract, proportional to the amount of their work. The individual team member ratings will then be added to arrive at the Consultant/Team rating.

Communication Protocol

DOTD's Project Evaluation Team will be responsible for performing the above described evaluation, and will present a short-list of the three (if three are qualified) highest rated Consultants to the Secretary of the DOTD. The Secretary will make the final selection. **Below are the proposed Team members. DOTD may substitute for any reason provided the members meet the requirements of R.S. 48:291.**

1. Edward R. Wedge – Ex officio
2. Brent Waguespack – Project Manager
3. Danny Smith
4. Larry Sharp
5. Simone Ardoin
6. HQ Area Engineer

Rules of Contact (Title 48 Engineering and Related Services)

These rules are designed to promote a fair, unbiased, legally defensible selection process. The LA DOTD is the single source of information regarding the Contract selection. The

following rules of contact will apply during the Contract selection process and will commence on the date of advertisement and cease at the notice of selection as shown on the DOTD website. Contact includes face-to-face, telephone, facsimile, Electronic-mail (E-mail), or formal written communications. Any contact determined to be improper, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD, may result in the rejection of the submittal (SF 24-102):

- A. The Consultant shall correspond with the LA DOTD regarding this advertisement only through the LA DOTD Consultant Contracts Services Administrator;
- B. The Consultant, nor any other party on behalf of the Consultant, shall not contact any LA DOTD employees, including but not limited to, department heads; members of the evaluation teams; and any official who may participate in the decision to award the contract resulting from this advertisement except through the process identified above. Contact between Consultant organizations and LA DOTD employees is allowed during LA DOTD sponsored one-on-one meetings;
- C. Any communication determined to be improper, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD, may result in the rejection of submittal, at the sole discretion of the LA DOTD;
- D. Any official information regarding the project will be disseminated from the LA DOTD'S designated representative on the LA DOTD website. Any official correspondence will be in writing;
- E. The LA DOTD will not be responsible for any verbal exchange or any other information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified herein.

By submission of a response to this RFQ, the Consultant agrees to the communication protocol herein.

CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

The selected Consultant will be required to execute the contract within 10 days after receipt of the contract.

INSURANCE - During the term of this contract, the Consultant will carry professional liability insurance in the amount of \$1,000,000. The Prime Consultant may require the Sub-consultant(s) to carry professional liability insurance. This insurance will be written on a "claims-made" basis. Prior to executing the contract, the Consultant will provide a Certificate of Insurance to DOTD showing evidence of such professional liability insurance.

AUDIT - The selected Consultant/Team will allow the DOTD Audit Section to perform an annual overhead audit of their books, or provide an *independent* Certified Public Accountant (CPA) audited overhead rate. This rate must be developed using Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and guidelines provided by the DOTD Audit Section. In

addition, the Consultant/Team will submit semi-annual labor rate information, when requested by DOTD.

The selected Consultant/Team will maintain an approved Project Cost System and segregate direct from indirect cost in their General Ledger. Pre-award and post audits, as well as interim audits, may be required. For audit purposes, the selected Consultant/Team will maintain accounting records for a minimum of five years after final contract payment.

Any Consultant currently under contract with the DOTD and who has not met all the audit requirements documented in the manual and/or notices posted on the DOTD Consultant Contract Services Website (www.dotd.louisiana.gov) will not be considered for this project.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

One original (**stamped original**) and **five** copies of the SF 24-102 must be submitted to DOTD. **Copies of the Inspector's certification card (indicating the date of expiration), must be included in the SF 24-102.** All submittals must be in accordance with the requirements of this advertisement and the Consultant Contract Services Manual. Any Consultant/Team failing to submit any of the information required on the SF 24-102, or provide inaccurate information on the SF 24-102, will be considered non-responsive.

Any Sub-Consultants to be used, including Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE), in performance of this Contract must also submit a SF 24-102, which is completely filled out and contains all information pertinent to the work to be performed.

The Sub-Consultant's SF 24-102 must be firmly bound to the Consultant's SF 24-102. In Section 9, the Consultant's SF 24-102 must describe the **work elements** to be performed by the Sub-Consultant(s), and state the approximate **percentage** of each work element to be subcontracted to each Sub-Consultant.

Name(s) of the Consultant/Team listed on the SF 24-102, must precisely match the name(s) filed with the Louisiana Secretary of State, Corporation Division, and the Louisiana State Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

The SF 24-102 will be identified with State Project No. **059-01-0029** and will be submitted **prior to 3:00 p.m. CST on Monday, January 11, 2010**, by hand delivery or mail addressed to:

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REVISIONS TO THE RFQ

DOTD reserves the right to revise any part of the RFQ by issuing an addendum to the RFQ at any time. Issuance of this RFQ in no way constitutes a commitment by DOTD to award a contract. DOTD reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all Qualification Statements submitted and/or cancel this announcement if it is determined to be in DOTD's best interest. All materials submitted in response to this announcement become the property of DOTD and selection or rejection of a submittal does not affect this right. DOTD also reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in the RFQ.