



CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT (CRM)

REQUEST for LETTERS of INTEREST (RFLOI)

CRM #: 320-050222CC

**Add Pedestrian Signals at Selected Sunset Avenue Intersections - (STIP
Project EB- 5711)**

TITLE: Add Pedestrian Signals at Selected Sunset Avenue Intersections

ISSUE DATE: February 25, 2022

SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: March 25, 2022

ISSUING AGENCY: City of Rocky Mount

Direct all inquiries to:

Chynice Chapman

Purchasing Manager

Email: Chynice.Chapman@rockymountnc.gov

Phone: 252-972-1228

SYNOPSIS

SUBCONSULTANTS ARE PERMITTED UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

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 and/or subconsultant firm(s) (*if Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLOI*) shall be pre-qualified by the Department to perform ALL the work codes listed below for the City of Rocky Mount. Work Codes required are:

- 207 - Signal Design
- 208 - Signal Equipment Design
- 00032 - Categorical Exclusion
- 00155 – Pavement Marking Plans
- 0097 – Guide Sign Design

WORK CODES for each primary and/or subconsultant firm(s) (if Subconsultants are allowed under this RFLOI) 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:

Redesign signal plans for five (5) intersections to include pedestrian signals.

LOIs SHALL be received **HAND-DELIVERED** or **BY MAIL** no later than **2:00PM, March 25, 2022.**

The address for mailings is:

**Purchasing Manager
PO Box 1180
Rocky Mount, NC 27802
Attn: Chynice Chapman**

**The address for hand-deliveries is:
331 S. Franklin Street
Rocky Mount, NC 27802**

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.

SCOPE OF WORK

The **City of Rocky Mount** is soliciting proposals for the services of a firm/team for the following contract scope of work:

Redesign signal plans to include pedestrian signals for the following intersections:

1. May Drive
2. Lee Street
3. Pine Street
4. Grace Street
5. Franklin Street

PROPOSED CONTRACT TIME: 4 months

PROPOSED CONTRACT PAYMENT TYPE: Lump Sum

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

All LOIs are limited to **Twelve (12)** 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.

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 Twelve (12) pages will not be considered.

FOUR (4) total copies of the LOI should be submitted.

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

SELECTION PROCESS

Following is a general description of the selection process:

- The LGA's Selection Committee will review all qualifying LOI submittals.

- For Limited Services Contracts (On-Call type contracts), the LGA's Selection Committee MAY, at the LGA's discretion, choose any number of firms to provide the services being solicited.
- For Project-Specific Contracts (non-On-Call type contracts), the LGA's Selection Committee MAY, at the LGA'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 sub firm shall not discriminate based on 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. **35%** = Experience with similar projects of the same scope and scale in the past five years.
2. **10%** = Staffing availability in proximity to the project location.
3. **30%** = Personnel available for this project that are certified to provide these services.
4. **25%** = Technical approach.
5. **0%** = 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 **Jordan Reedy, Principal Transportation Planner**, 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, City of Rocky Mount and 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:

[Prime Consultant Form RS-2](#)

[Subconsultant Form RS-2](#)

All submissions, correspondence, and questions concerning this RFLOI should be directed to **Chynice Chapman** at Chynice.Chapman@rockymountnc.gov

IF APPLICABLE, questions must be submitted electronically to the contact 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 person 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 person listed above no later than **March 4, 2022**. The last addendum will be issued no later than **March 18, 2022**.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY RIGHTS

The City of Rocky Mount does not discriminate in any of its projects and activities. The Consultant awarded the contract for work will be required to assure that no person shall be denied employment or fair treatment, or in any way discriminated against, based on race, sex, religion, age, national origin, or disability.

CITY OF ROCKY MOUNT RIGHTS

The City of Rocky Mount reserves the right to reject all or portions of any or all responses, to waive irregularities and technicalities, to re-advertise, or to proceed to provide the services otherwise, in the best interest of the City. The City may, at its sole discretion, modify or amend any and all provisions herein. The City will not pay for any information herein requested, nor is it liable for any costs incurred by the participating firm.

The City of Rocky Mount reserves the right to extend the Request for Letters of Interest submittal deadline, if needed. All changes and/or clarifications will be distributed to all firms indicating interest in the form of addendums. A list of firms and others who have been issued Request for Letters of Interest documents will be made available upon request.

HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESSES

Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUBs) consist of minority, women and disabled business firms that are at least fifty-one percent owned and operated by an individual(s) of the categories. Also included in this category are disabled business enterprises and non-profit work centers for the blind and severely disabled.

Non-certified HUB and MWBE vendors/contractors will be counted towards the city participation goals but not the State participation.

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND KEY DATES

RFLOI Release – **2/25/2022**

Deadline for Questions **3/4/2022**

Issue Final Addendum –**3/18/2022**

Deadline for LOI Submission – **3/25/2022**

Firm Selection and Notification ** - **4/1/2022**

Anticipated Notice to Proceed – **May 2, 2022**

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

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ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT TERMS

City of Rocky Mount Sample Contract Terms

Review Terms and Conditions:

<https://rockymountnc.gov/RockyMountNC/Documents/Finance/Vendor%20Registration/Vendor%20Instructions.pdf>

<https://rockymountnc.gov/RockyMountNC/Documents/Finance/Vendor%20Registration/terms-general.pdf>

<https://rockymountnc.gov/RockyMountNC/Documents/Finance/Vendor%20Registration/terms-federalugb.pdf>

<https://rockymountnc.gov/RockyMountNC/Documents/Finance/Vendor%20Registration/LocalPreferenceForm.pdf>

<https://rockymountnc.gov/RockyMountNC/Documents/Finance/Vendor%20Registration/affidavits2020.pdf>

New vendors must complete a vendor registration form using the link below. If you are a current vendor that has not completed the online vendor registration also complete the form. Once registration is complete email a copy of your W9 and E-Verify Affidavit to the contact person listed on the coversheet.

rockymountnc.gov/vendor