



CITY/COUNTY UTILITY COMMISSION  
FORSYTH COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST/STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SERVICES

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Administration

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THE CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM DESIRES TO ENGAGE A PRIVATE  
ENGINEERING FIRM FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECT:

**COATING OF TWO EXISTING CLEAR WELLS AND REPAIR OF A  
CHEMICAL LOADING DOCK AT THOMAS WATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**PROJECT BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF WORK DESIRED:**

This project provides for the coating of two existing clear wells and the repair of a chemical loading dock at the Thomas Water Treatment Plant. Each clear well has a capacity of 1.5 MG. The diameter of each is 160 feet, and the average measure of the side walls from the ground to the top is approximately 1.67 feet. Each clear well has an exposed area of approximately 20,950 square feet. The chemical containment area is located outside the area where the chemical off-loading from bulk tankers takes place. The chemical resistant coating is delaminating and in need of repairs. The selected engineering firm will provide all designs and documents necessary for construction and bidding. The selected firm will also likely provide construction administration on this project.

**MINORITY/WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (M/WBE) PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:**

A **10%** goal for participation by minority/women owned businesses has been established for this request for letters of interest. A proposer may meet this goal through the participation of M/WBE sub-consultants and/or through his/her own performance on the project if the proposer is a minority/woman owned firm. If it is the normal practice of the proposer to perform all elements of this type of service with its own workforce and without the use of sub-consultants, the proposer must affirm that if they do employ any sub-consultants during the contract, that they will be subject to the M/WBE goals original established for this request for letters of interest. **“Affidavit A”, attached at the end of this document, must be submitted with your letter of interest if your firm will employ any sub-consultants on this project. “Affidavit B” – Intent to Perform Contract with Own Workforce, also attached at the end of this document, must be submitted with this proposal only if the proposer intends to perform 100% of the work required for the contract without the use of sub-consultants. If a properly executed affidavit is not submitted, your proposal will not be considered.**

**SELECTION CRITERIA:** Please do **not** submit fee information with your submittal. The City selects firms to provide professional services based on demonstrated competence and qualification. Once a firm is selected, the City will enter into contract negotiations with that firm; and, as part of that negotiation, will determine a fair and reasonable fee for the services to be provided. The City reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the selected firm(s) and proceed to negotiate with other firm(s) should contract/fee negotiations fail. Once a firm is selected, a detailed scope of services (broken down by specific milestone events/deliverables), and associated fee proposal, and implementation schedule will be refined, agreed to and once signed, will be identified and attached to the City’s standard professional services agreement form.

Any firm wishing to be considered must be properly registered with the Office of the Secretary of State. The Engineers performing the work and in responsible charge of the work must be registered in the State



**City Council:** Mayor Allen Joiner; Vivian H. Burke, Mayor Pro Tempore, Northeast Ward; Denise D. Adams, North Ward; Dan Besse, Southwest Ward; Robert C. Clark, West Ward; Molly Leight, South Ward; Jeff MacIntosh, Northwest Ward; Derwin L. Montgomery, East Ward; James Taylor, Jr., Southeast Ward; City Manager: Lee D. Garrity

**Forsyth County Commissioners:** David R. Plyler, Chairman; Don Martin, Vice Chair; Ted Kaplan; Richard V. Linville; Walter Marshall; Gloria D. Whisenhunt; Everette Witherspoon; County Manager: Dudley Watts, Jr.

**City/County Utility Commission:** David Neill, Chairman; Randall S. Tuttle, Vice-chair; Wesley Curtis, Jr.; Harold E. Day; Tom Griffin; Harold R. Holmes; Charles D. Jewell, II; Paul S. McGill; Chris Parker; Al H. Seymour; J. Hill Stockton

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. 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 per claim. The firm(s) must have an adequate accounting system to identify costs chargeable to the project.

All qualified firms who submit responsive Letters of Interest will be considered. The evaluation of these firms will be based on the firm's overall experience, past performance, knowledge, and familiarity with type of work required, the experience of proposed staff to perform specific work required, including any sub consultants, the firms distance from the project site, and if the firm meets the MWBE goals, self performs all work or submits documentation showing that it has made a Good Faith Effort to meet the established goals.

Priority consideration will be given to firms that maintain an office in North Carolina and staffed with an adequate number of employees deemed by the City to be capable of performing a majority of the work required.

The City of Winston-Salem in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

#### **FORMAT FOR SUBMISSION OF A LETTER OF INTEREST**

All Letters of Interest should be limited to eighteen (18) pages (unless additional pages are needed to document good faith efforts related to the MWBE goal), including the cover sheet. Letters of Interest containing more than 18 pages will not be considered (unless additional pages are required to document good faith efforts). In order to reduce printing costs and to facilitate recycling, we request that only electronic Letters of Interest in PDF format be submitted prior to the deadline. The PDF copy should be e-mailed to: [marioe@cityofws.org](mailto:marioe@cityofws.org).

#### **Section I - Cover/Introductory Letter**

The introductory letter should be addressed to Mario Edouard, Civil Engineer. The letter should be no more than two (2) pages and should contain the following information:

- Expression of firm's interest in executing the work;
- Statement that the firm will perform a minimum of 35% of the work;
- Statement of any possible conflicts of interest; and
- Summation of information contained within the letter of interest, including an email address and telephone number for the firm's contact person along with the business street address.

#### **Section II - Evaluation Factors**

This section is limited to five (5) pages and should contain information regarding evaluation and other factors listed in the advertisement such as:

- Identify project personnel/subconsultants qualifications and experience;
- State the number of years the firm has been in business;
- Understanding of project (site and structure conditions, traffic and safety concerns, etc.);
- Unique qualifications of key team members;

- Proposed schedule for completion; and
- Identify type and location of similar work performed within the last seven (7) years

### **Section III - Supportive Information**

This section is limited to eight (8) pages and should contain the following information:

- Capacity Chart/Graph (available work force);
- Organizational chart indicating personnel to be assigned by discipline;
- Resumes of key personnel;
- Names, classifications, and location(s) of the firm's North Carolina personnel and resources to be assigned to the work; and
- Other relevant information

### **Section IV – MWBE Affidavit of Minority Participation/Good Faith Efforts:**

This section is limited to three (3) pages, unless additional pages are required to show good faith efforts and should contain the following information:

- Fully-executed Affidavit
- Any additional backup information showing good faith efforts

Private firms are invited to submit letters of interest for providing the requested engineering services to the City by **2:00 P.M. on Friday, December 1, 2017**. Letters of interest submitted after this deadline will not be considered. The submittal, in PDF format, should be submitted to Mario Edouard, Civil Engineer, to the following email address: [marioe@cityofws.org](mailto:marioe@cityofws.org).

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

All questions concerning this request for Letters of Interest or the scope of this work should be directed to Mario Edouard: [marioe@cityofws.org](mailto:marioe@cityofws.org). If you feel the information provided is inadequate to submit a Letter of Interest, please contact Mario Edouard @ 336-727-8474 or by e-mail.

The firm selected will be notified by telephone. Notification will be given to those firms not selected by e-mail.

**AFFIDAVIT A**

**MINORITY PARTICIPATION/GOOD FAITH EFFORTS**

Project: \_\_\_\_\_

A 10% goal for participation by minority/women owned businesses has been established on this proposal. A proposer may meet this goal through the participation of M/WBE sub-consultants and/or through his own performance on the project if the proposer is a minority/woman owned firm. Please list below all M/WBE firms to be used on this proposal.

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Proposer)

I hereby do certify that this documentation is a true and accurate representation of my MWBE participation and my good faith efforts. (Attach additional sheets if required).

Minority Firm Name City-State	Phone Number	Minority Category*	Type of Work	Percent of Project Work
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
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\* Minority Categories: Black, African American (B), Hispanic (H), Asian American (AA), American Indian (AI), Female (WF), Socially and Economically Disadvantaged (SE), and Disabled (D).

If the established 10% goal for participation by minority/women owned businesses is not achieved, the proposer must provide, with the proposal, the following documentation to the Owner of his Good Faith Efforts to meet the goals set forth in these provisions.

Examples of documentation include, but are not limited to, the following evidence.

✓	Description	Points	Awarded Points
_____	(a) Did your firm advertise in general circulation, professional association, or minority focus media concerning subcontracting opportunities? <b>NOTE: A consultant must advertise in all three mediums to receive full value for this item).</b>	15	_____
_____	(b) Did your firm provide written notice to a reasonable number of specific M/WBE firms that their interest in the contract is being solicited, at least 10 days before proposals are due to allow M/WBE firms time to participate? Please provide a copy of the solicitations sent to at least 3 minority firms from the source list provided by the owner for each subcontract to be let under this contract (if 3 or more firms are shown on the source list). Each solicitation shall include a specific description of the work to be subcontracted, location	15	_____

where the RFP can be reviewed, and name of representative of the lead consultant.

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**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (continued)**

✓	Description	Points	Awarded Points
_____	(c) Did you follow up initial solicitation of interest by contacting M/WBE firms to determine with certainty whether the M/WBE firms are interested? Please include telephone log of follow up calls you made to confirm interest.	10	_____
_____	(d) How did your company identify and select portions of the work to be performed by M/WBE firms in order to increase the likelihood of M/WBE participation? Please provide a copy of documentation where this information was included.	15	_____
_____	(e) What services were used from the City of Winston-Salem's M/WBE office; available minority community organizations; minority contractors' groups; local, state, and federal minority business assistance offices; and other organizations that provide assistance in the recruitment and placement of M/WBE firms? Please <b>provide a copy</b> of this documentation. <b>Note: A proposer must utilize at least two agencies to receive full value.</b>	10	_____
_____	(f) Did your company negotiate a joint venture or partnership arrangement with minority firms to increase opportunities for minority participation when possible? Please provide copy of any documentation (could be included in Solicitation Letter) advising M/WBE firms what type assistance was available or outlining any other steps taken to fulfill this requirement.	10	_____
_____	(g) Did your company provide quick pay agreements and policies to enable minority contractors and suppliers to meet cash flow demands? What procedures were initiated to fulfill this requirement and how were the M/WBE firms informed of this assistance? <b>Note: A proposer can receive up to 5 points for offering; 10 points for implementation.</b>	15	_____
<b>Total Points</b>		<b>90</b>	_____

**NOTE:** A proposer must accumulate at least **55 points** to demonstrate a “**Good Faith Effort**” was made. Partial points may be awarded when the complete requirement of an item is not met.

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**GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (continued)**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_ subscribed and sworn before  
me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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**AFFIDAVIT B**

**INTENT TO PERFORM CONTRACT WITH OWN WORK FORCE**

County of \_\_\_\_\_

Affidavit of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Firm)

I hereby certify it is our intent to perform 100% of the work required for the contract:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Project)

In making this certification, the Proposer states:

- That the proposer does not customarily subcontract elements of this type project,
- Normally performs, has the capability to perform, and will perform all elements of the work on this project with his/her own current work force; and,
- Agrees to provide any additional information or documentation requested by the City of Winston-Salem in support of the above statement.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has read this certification and is authorized to bind the Proposer to the commitments herein contained.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

State of North Carolina, County of \_\_\_\_\_ subscribes and sworn before me

this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

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**In the event the Proposer does not self-perform 100% of the work, the contract will be subject to the M/WBE goals originally established for this project, as well as, good faith efforts and documentation requirements of this program.**