

**Greater Texoma Utility Authority
Request for Qualifications for Bond Counsel Services**

The Greater Texoma Utility Authority is seeking qualifications for bond counsel services for projects funded through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

Scope of Work:

Bond Counsel services will include: 1) Preparation of preliminary and final financing documents for the project; 2) Delivery of customary opinions; 3) Assistance to the Authority and the Authority's financial consultant in preparation of the TWDB Loan application; 4) Submission of Transcript of Proceedings to, and obtaining bond approval of, Texas Attorney General; 5) Closing coordination with TWDB. Contract term will be for a period of three (3) years.

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ):

Furnish a SOQ to include the following information:

1) Experience with preparation of preliminary and final financing documents; 2) Experience with TWDB funded projects; 3) Experience with obtaining Texas Attorney General approval; 3) Project team and project team resumes.

Submission Requirements:

If your firm is interested in being considered for this assignment, submit your SOQ to Drew Satterwhite, P.E., General Manager, Greater Texoma Utility Authority, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison TX 75020 (US Mail and delivery) (903-786-4433) no later than 3:00 pm April 6, 2020. One (1) copy of the SOQ must be submitted. Each proposal should be limited to no more than 10 pages including the cover letter.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria

Greater Texoma Utility Authority will evaluate the SOQs to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract. RFQs are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act).

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) firms. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.

Greater Texoma Utility Authority is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.