

Request for Qualifications for Engineering

Greater Texoma Utility Authority, on behalf of the City of Sherman, is seeking qualifications for engineering services for the design of water system improvements which includes water lines as necessary to convey surface water to an area on the south side of Sherman.

Scope of Work:

- 1) Design plans and specifications of new 20" water system improvements, including all necessary lines and appurtenances to convey surface water under US 75 and to south Sherman. This may require some re-allocation of existing groundwater lines;
- 2) Assistance with the preparation of all required Texas Water Development Board documents;
- 3) Preparation of bid packages to include estimates of probable construction costs and assistance with project bidding;
- 4) Coordination with TWDB; and
- 5) Coordination with Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ): Furnish SOQ to include the following information:

- 1) Experience with design of water systems, including water lines;
- 2) Project team and project team resumes;
- 3) Experience with TWDB funded projects;
- 4) Experience with construction phase engineering services for water systems;
- 5) Experience in the design/construction services in the North Texas area;
- 6) List of references with contact information.

Submission Requirements: If your firm is interested in being considered for this assignment, submit your SOQ to General Manager, Greater Texoma Utility Authority, 5100 Airport Drive, Denison TX 75020 (US Mail and delivery) (903-786-4433) no later than 3:00PM January 22, 2020. Ten (10) copies of the SOQ must be submitted. Each statement should be limited to no more than 10 pages including the cover letter.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria

The City of Sherman will evaluate the proposals to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule

The consultant for engineering services is expected to negotiate an agreement for services that is acceptable to the City of Sherman. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the City of Sherman may formally end negotiations and begin negotiating with the next highest qualified person or firm.

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).

Equal Opportunity in Employment – 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.

TWDB/EPA's Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) Requirements:

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. Form more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.

	<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>
Construction	19.44%	9.17%
Equipment	16.28%	11.45%
Services	20.41%	13.66%
Supplies	25.34%	8.82%