

Pursuant to §41-16-72 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended, THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES (“DCNR”) is soliciting qualifications from engineering or testing firms licensed in the State of Alabama to provide civil engineering, testing, environmental, and other related technical services, on an as needed basis, for various projects of DCNR at various sites and locations in Alabama.

Selection by DCNR shall be based on factors which may include, among others, the following:

- a. Specialized expertise, capabilities, and technical competence, as demonstrated by the proposed approach and methodology to meet project requirements.
- b. Resources available to perform the work.
- c. Record of past performance, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control, and contract administration.
- d. Availability to and familiarity with the project locale.
- e. Proposed project management techniques.
- f. Ability and proven history in handling special project contracts.

In selecting the most qualified firm, ADCNR will be guided by the Manual of Procedures, 2020 Edition, prepared by the Alabama Division of Construction Management. Interested firms should respond with a letter of interest, statements of qualification utilizing GSA Standard Form 330 or any other form of document, an Alabama Vendor Disclosure Statement, firm brochures, and photographs of previous projects, experience, and other relevant information.

Submit at least 2 copies of the responses to the address below, as follows:

Firms should submit a letter of interest and qualifications **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28, 2021** to Mr. Terry N. Boyd, PE, PLS, Chief of Engineering Section, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, 64 North Union Street, Room 483, Montgomery, Alabama 36104, Telephone (334) 242-3836 or Terry.Boyd@dcnr.alabama.gov.

DCNR reserves the right to award a contract to one or more selected entities, as well as to reject all qualifications, negotiate further with any entity submitting qualifications, or seek additional qualifications. **Selection is estimated to occur on or before Friday, May 14, 2021.**

Non-Discrimination. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, sex, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

Immigration / E-verify: In compliance with the Beason-Hammon Alabama Taxpayer and Citizen Protection Act, as a condition for the award of any contract by the state to a business entity or employer that employs one or more employees, the business entity or employer shall provide documentation establishing that the business entity or employer is enrolled in the E-Verify program. The successful bidder will be required to acknowledge that he/she will not violate federal immigration law or knowingly employ, hire for employment, or continue to employ an unauthorized alien within the State of Alabama.

Open Trade. By submitting a bid, the Submitter represents that he/she and the business entity he/she represents is not currently engaged in the boycott of a person or entity based in or doing business with a jurisdiction with whom the State of Alabama can enjoy open trade, as defined in Act 2016-312.

Non-Commitment of Funds. Any contract related to this proposed project is subject to the availability of funds and/or the needs of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) and therefore the ADCNR, at its discretion, may or may not issue a final contract as a result of this RFQ. Further, even in the event an initial selection is made by the ADCNR, no selection is final until full execution of a written agreement detailing an agreed upon scope of work. If the ADCNR deems, at its sole discretion, that a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached in accordance with an initial selection; the ADCNR reserves the right to proceed with efforts to make another selection based upon qualifications submitted pursuant to this RFQ.

Open Records Act. All responses received will be subject to the Alabama Open Records Act, Ala. Code § 36-12-40, (1975), as amended, and may be subject to public disclosure upon request.

Force Majeure: In the case of a Force Majeure Event as defined herein, the Department reserves the right to immediately terminate the Agreement without prior notice to Contractor. Should this occur, neither Party shall be liable for or be considered in breach of this Agreement due to any failure to perform its obligations as a result of a cause beyond its control, including, without limitation: (i) acts of God; (ii) flood, fire or explosion; (iii) actions, embargoes, quarantines, or blockades in effect on or after the date of this Agreement; (iv) national, state, or regional emergency, whether ongoing or occurring on or after the date of this Agreement; (v) public health emergencies, outbreak, epidemic, or pandemic, whether ongoing or occurring on or after the date of this Agreement, including, without limitation, COVID-19; or (vi) any other event which is beyond the reasonable control of such party (each of the foregoing, a "Force Majeure Event").

Alabama Vendor Disclosure Statement: §41-16-82 of the Code of Alabama requires a disclosure statement to be completed and filed with all qualifications, proposals, bids, contracts, or grant proposals submitted to the State of Alabama in excess of \$5,000.00. The form is available at <https://www.alabamaag.gov/forms>.