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NWARPC REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

March 10, 2024

Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is seeking letters of interest from qualified firms interested in completing work for the *Enhancing Equitable Transit Connections in Northwest Arkansas project* as funded by the Federal Transit Administration Areas of Persistent Poverty Program. The work will consist of engineering, design, and environmental activities in support of strategic bus stop improvements throughout the Northwest Arkansas region. This work will occur in partnership with the region's two fixed-route transit providers: Ozark Regional Transit Authority (ORT) and Razorback Transit.

SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Interested firms must furnish:

- 1. A cover letter with the firm's response including primary contact information.
- 2. Information regarding the firm's experience in similar work.
- 3. The firm's completed Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form (SF) 330 Parts I and II (48 CFR §53.236-2(b)). (SF 330 is available on the Department's website.) https://www.ardot.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SF330_12_31_2020.pdf
- 4. A current copy of the firm's equal employment opportunity policy required per Arkansas Code Annotated (Ark. Code Ann.) §19-11-104.
- The firm's current copy (within 12 months) of the Department and Finance and Administration (DFA) Illegal Immigrant Contractor Disclosure Form (Ark. Code Ann. §19-11-105). <u>https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/user/welcome</u>

One (1) digital copy in PDF format must be received no later than <u>3:00 p.m. CDT, April 1, 2024</u>. Submittals may be sent via email to <u>treavis@nwarpc.org</u> or provided on a thumb drive to the address listed below. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

Submittals should be emailed to treavis@nwarpc.org or addressed to:

Tim Reavis, Multimodal Transportation Planner

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission

1311 Clayton, Springdale, AR 72762 email: treavis@nwarpc.org

For questions, please contact Tim Reavis at 479-751-7125x110 or treavis@nwarpc.org.

After a review of all Letters of Interest received, selected firms will be furnished with a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work. NWARPC procurement process will be followed. NWARPC intends to select 1 firm for this work.

PROTEST PROCEDURE: Protestors may file a protest on any phase of solicitation or award, including but not limited to specification or award. Protests are to be submitted in writing and received by the NWARPC's Executive Director, at 1311 Clayton St., Springdale, AR, 72762 within seven (7) working days after the aggrieved person knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. Protests based upon restrictive specifications or alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation, which are apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, should be filed no later than three (3) working days prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of proposals. More information can be found in the NWARPC Procurement Procedures at <u>www.nwarpc.org/datacatalog/nwarpc-procurement-procedures/</u>.

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