



Willacy County Drainage District #1 (WCDD#1) requests the submission of qualification statements, which will lead to the possible award of a contract(s) to provide engineering services for projects involving various WCDD#1 drainage system improvements including design of drainage projects, design of flood mitigation projects, drainage studies, and master planning.

Project(s) could potentially be funded through grant or loan funding obtained from various federal or state agencies, such as the USDA, Bureau of Reclamation, Texas Water Development Board, or other alternative funding sources. There are a number of special provisions for this funding that engineers, by submitting a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), acknowledge understanding, including the following: A contract could be contingent upon release of funds from the USDA or other funding agencies. Any contract or contracts awarded under this RFQ are expected to potentially be funded in part by financial assistance from the USDA or another funding agency. 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).

The contract(s) that could be awarded through this RFQ is could potentially be 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) businesses.

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The engineer shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded as required under funding agreements specifics. Failure by the engineer to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

WCDD#1 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 RFQs.

The engineer is expected to negotiate an agreement for services that is acceptable to WCDD#1.

Submittal Deadline: Two copies of the qualifications statement must be filed with WCDD#1 by 10 AM CST on September 13th, 2023, office located at address 8304 US-77 BUS, Lyford, Texas.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria: WCDD#1 will evaluate the statements to determine which firm has the best qualifications. Applicants are preferred to have recently performed engineering services for the District to ensure familiarity with the entity's system. Applicants are preferred to have under full-time employment a minimum of fifteen licensed Texas professional engineers to ensure overall capacity to perform any potentially contracted work. Applicants are preferred to have a substantial local presence to ensure familiarity with the region.