

ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY (ALCOSAN)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
for
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
for
REGIONAL CONVEYANCE VALVE REPLACEMENT CONTRACTS
PROJECT S-470
September 21, 2022

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (“ALCOSAN”) is soliciting Letters of Interest and Statements of Qualification (collectively, “Submittals”) from firms interested in qualifying to provide Professional Engineering Services for the Regional Conveyance Valve Replacement Contracts.

The selected firm will provide all services necessary to prepare valve replacement contracts. There are numerous sluice gates, mechanical valves, flap gates and stop logs that require replacement in the Regional Conveyance System. Currently, approximately 8 flap gates are required as new or replacement gates. Approximately 30 sluice gates and 20 mechanical valves require replacement as well as five stop logs.

The professional services include performing an inspection, investigating operation of the valves, submitting an evaluation of the valves investigated, and preparing contract documents for valve repair and replacement. The consultant shall also price the inclusion of CM and Resident Inspection Services.

This document is intended to assist firms in preparing their Submittals for this project. All Submittals that fail to conform to requirements set forth herein will not be considered by ALCOSAN.

An informational meeting will be held September 28, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. in the ALCOSAN Operations and Maintenance Building, Room 106 at 3300 Preble Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233 to clarify the goals and purpose of this Request for Qualifications. The information meeting is not mandatory; however, interested parties are strongly encouraged to attend.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING THE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Questions and requests for clarification regarding this Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) must be directed, in writing via email, to:

Suzanne Thomas
Procurement Officer
Allegheny County Sanitary Authority
Email: Suzanne.thomas@alcosan.org

Proposers should not contact other ALCOSAN employees regarding this procurement; it may result in the company’s proposal being rejected. Responses to all general questions and requests

for clarification will be posted on ALCOSAN’s website. ALCOSAN will provide, in writing, any clarifications, changes and/or other information deemed to be necessary as addenda to this RFQ. ALCOSAN cannot guarantee responses to any questions received seven (7) days before the Submittal Date.

3.0 OBJECTIVE

ALCOSAN proposes to retain a highly qualified firm to provide the services described herein. Firms and team members with significant experience in projects with similar characteristics will be given prime consideration for this project. Those firms that participate in this Request for Qualification (RFQ) process will be referred to as “Proposers.” “Proposer” and its Subconsultants shall be referred to collectively as the “Team.” The successful team shall be referred to as the Consultant.

4.0 SCOPE OF SERVICES

Project Name: Regional Conveyance Valve Replacement Contracts
 No.: Project S-470
 Existing Location: 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
 Schedule: Eighteen Months from Notice to Proceed -
 (Does not include Services During Construction)

The scope of services includes, but is not limited to:

- Review record drawings, as-built drawings;
- Perform a physical inventory and assessment of valves;
- Conduct Confined Space Entry to assess the valves
- Prepare all required documentation to obtain regulatory approvals and permits that may be necessary;
- Provide three complete bid packages, including stamped engineered construction plans and specifications that can be competitively bid;
- Develop an Operations and Maintenance Manual for all inventoried equipment identified in the assessment.
- Conduct Construction Management and Resident Inspection for three Contracts

The following is an outline of the anticipated project schedule based on the information available at this time. The project schedule is subject to change. The official schedule will be included in the contract for professional services.

Anticipated Project Schedule

Notice To Proceed	February 2023
Final Design	Q1 2024
Construction Advertisement	Q2 2024
Construction Notice to Proceed	Q3 2024

5.0 EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTALS/SELECTION PROCESS

The Consultant will be selected based upon the following process:

Shortlist: Once the deadline for the RFQ has lapsed, ALCOSAN’s Procurement Project Team shall review, discuss, and independently rank all Submittals. The Procurement Project Team will evaluate Submittals based upon the following criteria:

- Firm’s history and resource capability to perform required services
- Evaluation of assigned personnel
- Related experience
- Ability to meet schedule and project budget
- Familiarity with local area geography and facilities
- Local office within Allegheny County
- Ability to relate to project requirements
- MBE/WBE/SDV Participation

Based upon the evaluations of the Submittals, the Procurement Committee will develop a shortlist of firms which will be presented to the ALCOSAN Professional Services Committee for approval. Only information provided in this Submittal regarding this RFQ will count toward the firm’s score.

Request for Proposals: Shortlisted firms will be emailed a Request for Proposal (“RFP”). Following proposal submission, Proposers will be interviewed by ALCOSAN’s Project Procurement Team. The Project Procurement Team will evaluate Proposer’s performance in the interview when evaluating the proposals.

After completion of the interviews, all proposals will be individually evaluated utilizing criteria clearly set forth in the RFP.

6.0 QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTALS

An electronic copy must be received by the Procurement Officer no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2022. It is Consultant’s responsibility to ensure the documents have arrived on time. Submittals should be addressed as follows:

**Statement Of Qualifications For
Regional Conveyance Valve Replacement Contracts**
Project S-470
Suzanne Thomas
Procurement Officer
Allegheny County Sanitary Authority
Email: Suzanne.thomas@alcosan.org

Late and/or noncompliant Submittals will not be accepted for any reason. Submittals that do not include requested information and/or do not follow the requested format will be considered non-

responsive. Non-responsive Submittals will not be evaluated. To enable ALCOSAN to efficiently evaluate the Submittals, Proposers must strictly follow the required format in preparing their Submittals.

Each section (as set forth below) shall be separated by a tabbed divider. Elaborate covers, binding, dividers, and the like are not required. Electronic copies shall be submitted as a PDF document or other appropriate electronic document format.

Each Submittal shall be organized in the following order:

- A. Letter of Commitment** Provide a cover letter and company profile introducing the firm. This letter shall commit the firm to the terms of this RFQ and shall be signed by a person authorized to bind the company.
- B. Outside Cover and/or First Page:** Shall contain the name of the RFQ, the name of the Proposer, a point-of-contact, contact information (telephone and email) and the submittal date.
- C. Table of Contents**
- D. Team's Experience/References (Tabbed Section 1):** The Proposer shall select five (5) similar projects using Part I, Section F, SF 330, to highlight, as best representing the Team's project experience. For each project, the Proposer shall prepare a brief, two-page, summary of the project including the following information:
 - Project Name and Location
 - Date(s) of Project
 - Project Owner
 - Contact Name/Address/Telephone Number/Email Address
 - Description of the Project, identifying and highlighting the Proposer's involvement;
 - Firm Name and Role
 - Key Personnel involved in the Project, including Subconsultants
 - Year Completed
 - Total Fees
- E. Team's Experience (Tabbed Section 2):** The Proposer will submit a completed Form SF 330 Part I. Part II is not required under this procurement.

The Proposer shall attach an Organizational Chart (Part I, Section D) of the proposed Team, not to exceed one (1) page. The organizational chart should have enough detail for ALCOSAN to understand roles and responsibilities of each person and company.

The Proposer may provide no more than ten (10) resumes of key personnel for Part I, Section E, with each resume not exceeding two (2) pages. The resumes should be project based and not a chronological listing of employment.

The Proposer shall provide a matrix of the Projects identified in Section 1 and the team members, including subconsultants, participation on each project.

F. MBE/WBE/SDVOSB Participation Goals (Tabbed Section 3):

ALCOSAN encourages businesses owned and operated by minorities, disadvantaged, women, and service-disabled veteran business enterprises to submit Submittals or to participate as subconsultants or suppliers. The Proposer shall be required to utilize minority, disadvantaged, women and service-disabled veteran business enterprises to the fullest extent possible. The MBE/WBE participation goals are 10-25% of the total value of the Consultant's proposed services. The SDVOSB participation goals are 3% of this same total value. A copy of ALCOSAN's Supplier Diversity Business Policy Statement is available on the ALCOSAN website.

MBE/WBE/SDV firms shall present their certification on this submittal. ALCOSAN does not accept self-certification, including a certification from another agency that accepts self-certification. All SDVOSB firms must be certified by the Veterans Administration (VA) as a service-disabled veteran-owned small business.

At this stage of submitting qualifications, ALCOSAN is looking for more than a general commitment to the goals of the policy. ALCOSAN understands that the ability to use subconsultants will vary and depend greatly on the size and type of project. The Proposer shall describe its commitment to the policy, highlighting MBE/WBE/SDV participation rates on the Proposer's past projects. The Proposer should identify potential team members, if any, proposed under this project and integrate the firms into the project.

Failure to provide a clear MBE/WBE/SDVOSB team structure where the team members are integrated into the program will impact a submittal's evaluation.

G. Right to Know (Tabbed Section 4): ALCOSAN is a municipal authority and is therefore subject to requests through the Pennsylvania Right-To-Know Law (RTKL). Submittals may become part of a RTKL request during and after the subsequent contract.

All Proposers shall clearly identify only that portion of the proposal, which is considered company proprietary information and, therefore, exempt under the RTKL. A legend at the beginning of the proposal and/or on every page will not be considered sufficient. If there is no information contained in the submittal that may be exempt from the RTKL, Proposers shall make a statement to that fact in the Submittal.

H. Conflict of Interest (Tabbed Section 5): Prior to submitting, Proposers and their team members should review current and past projects which may pose a potential or real conflict of interest. If there is a potential and the Proposer would still like to submit, the Proposer shall identify the issue and mitigation efforts. Having different employees from the same company work on conflicting projects is not considered an appropriate mitigation factor as the conflict is with the company and not the individuals.

*** End of RFQ ***