



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Sealed RFQ's will be received for:

**Architecture/Engineering Services for
Proposed Fire Station #3 for**

the City of Kingsville

Project No. RFQ 23-05

Request for Qualifications will be received until 2:00 PM. on

May 16, 2023

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 23-05
PROFESSIONAL ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING
SERVICES FOR PROPOSED FIRE STATION # 3 PROJECT**

INTRODUCTION

The City of Kingsville, Texas (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), invites the submittal of Statements of Qualification for Architecture / Engineering firms interested in providing architecture / engineering planning, design, and construction management services for a new Proposed Fire station #3 Project for the City of Kingsville.

OBJECTIVE

The City of Kingsville is interested in the construction of a New Fire Station #3 Project. The New Fire Station #3 will serve as the future home for the City's Fire Station Central. It is proposed for the building to consist of an open metal frame building with CMU and wood wall construction of approximately 13,000 square feet. Those firms who participate in this RFQ process will be hereinafter referred to as Responders. The successful firm will be hereinafter referred to as the Firm. Responders with significant experience in Architecture / Engineering New Construction projects with similar characteristics will be given prime consideration for this project.

SUBMITTAL

Four copies and one original responder's packet should be forwarded to the attention of Charlie Sosa, Purchasing Manager, 400 W. King Ave, Kingsville, TX 78363 by 2:00 p.m. May 16, 2023. Please mark package **"RFQ 23-05 Architecture/Engineering Services for Proposed Fire Station #3 Project"**. The City's RFQ should be signed and included in the responder's packet. The City reserves the right to evaluate the qualifications submitted, waive any irregularities therein, select candidates for the submittal of more detailed qualifications, accept any submittal or portion of a submittal and/or reject any or all responders submitting qualifications should it be deemed in the City's best interest.

SCOPE OF WORK EXPECTATIONS

It is anticipated that the following services, at a minimum, but not limited to, will be required:

- All engineering services shall be performed in compliance with all local, State, and Federal laws, regulations.
- Perform initial surveys, soil investigations, etc. as needed for design.
- Prepare Preliminary and final design plans and specifications.
- Building to meet the ADA regulations.
- Prepare bid and final contract documents and receive approvals as applicable.
- Coordinate bid process and contract award.
- Review and approve Change Orders.
- Administer construction oversight.
- Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final).
- Prepare record drawings and provide in digital format.
- Other special engineering services as required to complete the project.

Once the top ranked firm is determined, pricing will be negotiated. Prior to issuing Notice to Proceed, the Firm will need to sign a contract issued by the City. At any time should the top ranked responder be excused, or contract terminated, the City reserves the right to open discussions with the next ranked responder. This will continue until a firm is found that meets the needs of the City.

FORMAT REQUIREMENTS

RFQ's will be reviewed and scored by members of the City of Kingsville Management Team and committee members. The top 3 qualified firms may be asked to visit the City of Kingsville for an interview to discuss planning and/or challenges. The RFQ response outside cover and/or first page shall contain the responders firm name, all contact information, business address and stamp designating either original or copy.

At a minimum, responder's response must contain the following information:

Please specify actual tasks to be performed under each of these categories in your response.

- I. **Technical Expertise** - The City is seeking to contract with a competent architectural / engineering firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas. It is anticipated that the successful firm will have extensive knowledge and expertise in the following areas:
 - New construction of Fire Station, specification, design, plans, & architectural drawings;
 - Complete efficiency and in compliance as required by ADA Regulations;
 - Public works construction projects;
 - Federally funded construction projects;
 - Municipal projects located in this general region of the state; and
 - Project construction management experience.

- II. **Selection Process**-

This RFQ provides information necessary to prepare and submit a **Statement of Qualifications (SOQ)** for consideration and ranking by the City of Kingsville using the point system described below. The evaluation committee will rank the firms in order of the most qualified, based on demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the services and then make a determination as to whether or not an informal meeting will be required of the top-ranking firms. Upon authorization, the highest ranked firm will be asked to submit a fee proposal to begin contract negotiations for a fair and reasonable price. The fee for basic services will be either fixed price or a cost reimbursement with an agreed maximum. The use of the cost-plus-a percentage-of-cost and percentage of construction costs forms of

compensation are specifically prohibited. Attached for reference, as *Exhibit A*, is the EDA A/E Contract checklist, indicating the minimum requirements for the Professional Services Agreement that will result from this RFQ.

By submitting its SOQ in response to this RFQ, Respondent accepts the evaluation process as outlined in the SOQ Requirements and Evaluation section which follows.

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Max. Points</u>
General Qualifications and Availability	10
Proposed Staff	20
Project Experience	50
<u>Project Approach / Performance</u>	<u>20</u>
Total	100

v. **Statement of Qualifications Requirements -**

Respondents shall carefully read the information in the following evaluation criteria and submit a complete SOQ to all questions in this RFQ as formatted below:

Item 1: **General Qualifications and Availability 10 pts**

Provide the following information:

- Legal name of firm and Texas Registered Engineering Firm No.
- Location of office that will be conducting the work
- Contact persons
- Date of firm formation
- Legal business description (Individual, Partnership, Corporation, Joint Venture, etc.)
- Provide a summary of any litigation, claim(s), or contract disputes filed by or against the firm in the past five (5) years which is related to the services that the firm provides in the regular course of business.
- A copy of your current certificate of insurance for professional liability.
- A statement of conflicts (if any) the proposing entity or key employees may have regarding these services. The statement should include conflicts, as well as any working relationships that may be perceived by disinterested parties as a conflict. If no potential conflicts of interests are identified, please state so.
- System for Award Management. The Consultant/Firm must not be debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM) and must have an active registration with the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Include verification that your company is registered and that the company's principal is not listed (is not debarred) through the System for Award Management (**www.SAM.gov**). **Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.**

- Form CIQ, enclosed in *Exhibit B*. Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person's employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
 - Certification Regarding Lobbying, enclosed in *Exhibit C*. Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
 - Texas HB 1295, enclosed in Exhibit C. Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the City Commission will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. The required form can be found online at www.ethics.state.tx.us/file for your reference.
 - Required Contract Provisions. Applicable provisions enclosed in *Exhibit D* must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFQ.
- b. Provide a statement on the availability and commitment of the firm, its principal(s) and assigned professionals to undertake the project, reporting responsibilities and how the firm will interface with the City of Kingsville staff. Regular weekly, biweekly or monthly project meetings will be required, depending upon the project.
 - c. Provide a statement of interest for the project including a narrative describing the benefits that the City will realize in selecting the Respondent's firm or team, including the firm's specific expertise and unique qualifications, capabilities, specialized experience, best practices or other factors that distinguish the Respondent from other Respondents.

Item 2: Proposed Staff 20 pts

- a. Organizational chart for personnel (including any sub-consultants) who are to work on this project including licensure information.
- b. Names and roles of key personnel proposed to work on this project and their office locations.
- c. Include resumes for all key personnel and indicate any individuals who have had previous experience on similar projects.
- d. Provide staffing size by areas of expertise.
- e. Provide staff availability to perform services.

Item 3: **Project Experience 50 pts**

Set forth your experience and qualifications as they relate to the proposed project in terms of technical scope, tasks involved, deliverable products, and other elements of the work, as they relate to the evaluation criteria and all requirements of this RFQ including the following:

- a. Provide an overview and brief history of the firm.
- b. Provide verifiable examples of similar projects completed within the last ten (10) years by the firm, including:
 - Project name and location
 - Services provided
 - Date of completion or project status
 - Final construction costs
 - Client name and contact person
 - History of meeting project schedules and budget
 - Detail cost savings or cost increases.
 - Note the funding source and particular grant program is applicable.

Item 4: **Project Approach/Performance 20 pts**

- a. Explain how the team will assess and design the project(s).
- b. Provide an example of a typical project schedule.
- c. Provide a minimum of five (5) references or reference statements with contact information for verification.

Organization

Describe the Engineering Firm's organization in accordance with the format below:

General

- Firm Name: _____
- Address & Phone Number: _____

- Texas Board of Professional Engineers Firm Registration Number: _____
- Submittal is for: Parent Company Branch Office
- Year Firm Established: _____
- Former Firm Name(s): _____

• Type of Ownership: _____

• Name of Parent Company (if any): _____

• Name of Principals and Titles:

Principal Name: _____ Title: _____

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Principal Name: _____ Title: _____

• Office Locations, Number of Personnel in each Office and Types of Disciplines in each Office. Examples of Disciplines: Administrative, Draft persons, Computer Technicians, Civil Engineers, Construction Managers, Inspectors, Schedulers and other.

Office Location: _____ Employees: _____

Disciplines: _____

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE
For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

FORM CIQ

This questionnaire reflects changes made to the law by H.B. 23, 84th Leg., Regular Session.

This questionnaire is being filed in accordance with Chapter 176, Local Government Code, by a vendor who has a business relationship as defined by Section 176.001(1-a) with a local governmental entity and the vendor meets requirements under Section 176.006(a).

By law this questionnaire must be filed with the records administrator of the local governmental entity not later than the 7th business day after the date the vendor becomes aware of facts that require the statement to be filed. See Section 176.006(a-1), Local Government Code.

A vendor commits an offense if the vendor knowingly violates Section 176.006, Local Government Code. An offense under this section is a misdemeanor.

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1 Name of vendor who has a business relationship with local governmental entity.

2 Check this box if you are filing an update to a previously filed questionnaire. (The law requires that you file an updated completed questionnaire with the appropriate filing authority not later than the 7th business day after the date on which you became aware that the originally filed questionnaire was incomplete or inaccurate.)

3 Name of local government officer about whom the information is being disclosed.

 Name of Officer

4 Describe each employment or other business relationship with the local government officer, or a family member of the officer, as described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A). Also describe any family relationship with the local government officer. Complete subparts A and B for each employment or business relationship described. Attach additional pages to this Form CIQ as necessary.

A. Is the local government officer or a family member of the officer receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from the vendor?

Yes No

B. Is the vendor receiving or likely to receive taxable income, other than investment income, from or at the direction of the local government officer or a family member of the officer AND the taxable income is not received from the local governmental entity?

Yes No

5 Describe each employment or business relationship that the vendor named in Section 1 maintains with a corporation or other business entity with respect to which the local government officer serves as an officer or director, or holds an ownership interest of one percent or more.

6 Check this box if the vendor has given the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts as described in Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding gifts described in Section 176.003(a-1).

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 Signature of vendor doing business with the governmental entity

 Date

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For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;
or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

- (i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed; or
- (ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor.

Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

(B) that the vendor has given one or more gifts described by Subsection (a); or

(C) of a family relationship with a local government officer.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Applicants should also review the instructions for certification included in the regulations before completing this form. Signature on this form provides for compliance with certification requirements under 15 CFR Part 28, "New Restrictions on Lobbying." The certifications shall be treated as a material representation of fact upon which reliance will be placed when the Department of Commerce determines to award the covered transaction, grant, or cooperative agreement.

LOBBYING

As required by Section 1352, Title 31 of the U.S. Code, and implemented at 15 CFR Part 28, for persons entering into a grant, cooperative agreement or contract over \$100,000 or a loan or loan guarantee over \$150,000 as defined at 15 CFR Part 28, Sections 28.105 and 28.110, the applicant certifies that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the applicant will comply with the above applicable certification.

NAME OF APPLICANT	AWARD NUMBER AND/OR PROJECT NAME
PRINTED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE	
SIGNATURE	DATE

Statement for Loan Guarantees and Loan Insurance

The undersigned states, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

In any funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this commitment providing for the United States to insure or guarantee a loan, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

Submission of this statement is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required statement shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure occurring on or before October 23, 1996, and of not less than \$11,000 and not more than \$110,000 for each such failure occurring after October 23, 1996.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

<p>1. Type of Federal Action: a. contract _____ b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance</p>	<p>2. Status of Federal Action: a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award c. post-award</p>	<p>3. Report Type: a. initial filing _____ b. material change</p> <p>For material change only: Year _____ quarter _____ Date of last report _____</p>
<p>4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known:</p> <p><i>Congressional District, if known:</i></p>	<p>5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime:</p> <p><i>Congressional District, if known:</i></p>	
<p>6. Federal Department/Agency:</p>	<p>7. Federal Program Name/Description:</p> <p>CFDA Number, if applicable: _____</p>	
<p>8. Federal Action Number, if known:</p>	<p>9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____</p>	
<p>10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i></p>	<p>b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i></p>	
<p>11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.</p>		
<p>Federal Use Only</p>		<p>Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)</p>

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a followup report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

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1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 AFFIDAVIT I swear, or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the above disclosure is true and correct.

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity

AFFIX NOTARY STAMP / SEAL ABOVE

Sworn to and subscribed before me, by the said _____, this the _____ day of _____, 20 _____, to certify which, witness my hand and seal of office.

 Signature of officer administering oath Printed name of officer administering oath Title of officer administering oath

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY