



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

2019 GOVERNMENTAL ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES

Solicitation No.: PS-00075-FF

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RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS

1. Can consultants include insurance exceptions, or are the insurance requirements set in stone?

Answer: Exceptions to insurance requirements may be submitted for consideration with Respondent's proposal. Requests to modify terms and conditions of the contract after the submittal deadline will not be considered. As a general practice, SAWS insurance requirements for each project are provided by our Risk Management department ahead of the issuance of the solicitation.

2. Please see the following questions for the above-referenced solicitation:
 - Will an 11x17 graphics sheet count as 1 page towards the overall page count?
 - Exhibit B Good Faith Effort Plan and Attachment II Respondent Questionnaire reference the year 2018 for the project name – will these forms be updated to reflect “2019” in the project name?

Answer: Page 10, section 6 of IV. Submitting a Response, allows the use of 11”x17” for drawing where warranted. If respondent decides to use one (1) 11”x17” it would be appropriate for the organizational chart and this page will count towards the page limit.

Answer: Yes, see Modifications to RFQ number 1 below.

3. In our response, do we need to submit a CIQ Form for every subconsultant on the team, and if so does it need an original signature?

Answer: The CIQ Form must be completed by the Respondent only, not any of the subconsultants.

CLARIFICATIONS TO RFQ

The changes contained in the Modifications to RFQ section below are to correct the project name to correctly reflect “2019 Governmental Engineering Design Services”.

MODIFICATIONS TO RFQ

1. Remove Respondent Questionnaire, and replace with the attached Respondent Questionnaire. Respondents will utilize this form as part of their submittal.

2. Remove Exhibit “B” Good Faith Effort Plan form, and replace with the attached Exhibit “B” Good Faith Effort Plan form. Respondents will utilize this form as part of their submittal.

END OF ADDENDUM

This Addendum, with attachments, is ten (10) pages in its entirety.

Attachments:

- Respondent Questionnaire
- Exhibit “B” Good Faith Effort Plan



Attachment II RESPONDENT QUESTIONNAIRE

PROJECT NAME: 2019 Governmental Engineering Design Services

Instructions: The Respondent Questionnaire is a required questionnaire. Complete the questionnaire by inserting the requested information. Do not modify or delete the questions.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. **Respondent Information:** Provide the following information regarding the Respondent.

(NOTE: Co-Respondents are two or more entities proposing as a team or joint venture with each signing the contract, if awarded. Sub-contractors are not Co-Respondents and should not be identified here. If this proposal includes Co-Respondents, provide the required information in this Item #1 for each Co-Respondent by copying and inserting an additional block(s) before Item #2.)

Respondent Name: _____

(NOTE: Give exact legal name as it will appear on the contract, if awarded.)

Principal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Social Security Number or Federal Employer Identification Number: _____

2. **Operational Contact Information:** List the one person who SAWS may contact concerning your proposal or setting dates for meetings.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Email: _____

3. **Legal Contact Information:** If a contract were to be awarded, list where all notices under the Contract shall be sent to. This is in addition to the Operational Contact.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone No. _____ Fax No: _____

Email: _____

4. Identify the principal contact person authorized to commit the Respondent to a contractual agreement.

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5. Does Respondent anticipate any mergers, transfer of organization ownership, management reorganization, or departure of key personnel within the next twelve (12) months?

Yes No

6. Is Respondent authorized and/or licensed to do business in Texas?

Yes No If "Yes", list authorizations/licenses.

7. **Affirmative Action** - Respondent agrees to adhere to the EEO requirements contained in the RFQ section V, sub-section B.,1.

Yes No If "No", state reason.

8. **Debarment/Suspension Information:** Has the Respondent or any of its principals been debarred or suspended from contracting with any public entity?

Yes No If "Yes", identify the public entity and the name and current phone number of a representative of the public entity familiar with the debarment or suspension, and state the reason for or circumstances surrounding the debarment or suspension, including but not limited to the period of time for such debarment or suspension.

9. **Bankruptcy Information:** Has the Respondent ever been declared bankrupt or filed for protection from creditors under state or federal proceedings?

Yes No If "Yes", state the date, court, jurisdiction, cause number, amount of liabilities and amount of assets.

10. Provide any other names under which Respondent has operated within the last 10 years.

11. **Litigation Disclosure:** Respond to each of the questions below by checking the appropriate box. Failure to fully and truthfully disclose the information required in the Litigation Disclosure questions may result in the disqualification of your proposal from consideration or termination of the contract, once awarded.

a. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this project ever been indicted or convicted of a felony or misdemeanor greater than a Class C in the last five (5) years?

Yes No

b. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this project been terminated (for cause or otherwise) from any work being performed for the San Antonio Water System or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity?

Yes No

c. Have you or any member of your Firm or Team to be assigned to this project been involved in any claim or litigation with the San Antonio Water System or any other Federal, State or Local Government, or Private Entity during the last ten (10) years?

Yes No

If you have answered "Yes" to any of the above questions, please indicate the name(s) of the person(s), the nature, and the status and/or outcome of the information, indictment, conviction, termination, claim or litigation, as applicable. Any such information should be provided on a separate page, attached to this form and submitted with your proposal.

12. Compliance Agreement:

Nondisclosure. No information obtained by Respondent from SAWS shall be disclosed by Respondent to any third party. In the event Respondent is subject to the Texas Public Information Act, upon receipt of a request for any information obtained by Respondent, Respondent shall provide notice to SAWS of the request along with a copy of the request, and give SAWS the opportunity to respond to the request prior to its release by Respondent.

No Lobbying and Compliance with Law. During the selection process for the project named in this RFQ, Respondent agrees to comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including but not limited to restrictions against direct or indirect lobbying of public officials. Respondent agrees not to make or permit to be made any improper payments, or to perform any unlawful acts.

This agreement shall be construed to be enforceable to the maximum extent permitted by law.

Failure to complete this question or comply with its terms may subject this firm to elimination from the selection process at any time.

Does the Respondent agree to the above?

Yes No

13. Security Procedures: Respondent acknowledges having read the security procedures in Exhibit "D" and understands the requirements. Respondent is prepared to perform at their own expense background security checks on their employees, or the employees of their consultants or sub-consultants if requested by SAWS.

Yes No

14. No Boycotting Israel Verification: Respondent acknowledges having read the No Boycotting Israel Verification Exhibit "X" and understands the requirements. Respondent can and will make this verification if awarded a contract.

Yes No

15. Contract Terms and Conditions: Respondent acknowledges having read the contract attached to this RFQ. By responding to this RFQ, Respondent agrees to these terms and conditions.

No Exceptions Exceptions If "Exceptions", they must be submitted with the proposal. Respondents shall submit exceptions with proposed alternative language to SAWS as an attachment accompanying this questionnaire.

Exceptions will not be accepted after the proposal due date and time. At the sole discretion of SAWS, the type and nature of exceptions may be grounds for disqualification.

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16. **Addendums:** Each Respondent is required to acknowledge receipt of all addendums.

None Yes If "Yes", Identify.

The information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Furthermore, we understand that failure to complete the Respondent Questionnaire may subject this firm to elimination from the selection process.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title



EXHIBIT "B"

Good Faith Effort Plan for Professional Services SUB-CONSULTING for:

NOTE: Effective 1/1/17, SMWB points shall only be assessed for consultants and/or sub-consultants who are local and certified as SBEs (including MBEs and WBEs).

NAME OF PROJECT: 2019 Governmental Engineering Design Services

SECTION A - PRIME CONSULTANT INFORMATION

Legal Name of Firm, including "doing business as" if applicable:

Address of Office to Perform Project Work:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____ Is your firm Certified as an SMWVB? Yes: _____ No: _____

If "Yes", Certification Agency that granted SMWVB designation: _____

Type/s of Certification: SBE: _____ MBE: _____ VBE: _____ WBE: _____

Prime Consultant's Percentage of Participation: (Ex: 100% is the total value of the contract) _____%

1. List ALL SUB-CONSULTANTS/SUPPLIERS that will be utilized on this project/contract. (SMWB AND Non-SMWB)

	Legal Name of Sub-consultant/Supplier (including "doing business as", if applicable).	Address of Office Location to Perform Project Work or Provide Supplies:	Scope of Work/Supplies to be Performed/Provided by Firm:	Estimated Percentage of Participation on this Project:	Certification Type & Certification Agency:
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SECTION B. – SMWB COMMITMENTS

The SMWB goal on this project is 40%

1. The undersigned proposer has satisfied the requirements of the BID specification in the following manner (please check the appropriate space):

The proposer is committed to a minimum of 40 % SMWB utilization on this contract.

The proposer, (if unable to meet the SMWVB goal of 40%), is committed to a minimum of % SMWB utilization on this contract. (If contractor is unable to meet the goal, please fill out Section C and submit documentation demonstrating good faith efforts).

2. Name and phone number of person appointed to coordinate and administer the SMWB requirements on this project.

Name: _____
 Title: _____
 Phone Number: _____
 Email Address: _____

IF THE SMWB GOAL WAS MET, PROCEED TO AFFIRMATION AND SIGN THE GFEP. IF GOAL WAS NOT MET, PROCEED TO SECTION C.

SECTION C – GOOD FAITH EFFORTS (Fill out only if the SMWB goal was not achieved).

1. On a separate sheet of paper, list and attach to this Good Faith Effort Plan written, posted, or published notification to all firms you contacted with sub-consulting/supply opportunities for this project that will not be utilized for the contract by choice of the proposer, sub-consultant, or supplier. Notices to firms contacted by the proposer for specific scopes of work identified for sub-consulting/supply opportunities must be provided to sub-consultant/supplier **not less than five (5) business days prior to proposal due date**. This information is required for all firms that were contacted of sub-consulting/supply opportunities.

Copies of said notices must be provided to the SMWB Program Manager at the time the response is due. Such notices shall include information on the plans, specifications, and scope of work.

2. Did you attend the pre-submittal conference scheduled for this project? Yes No

3. List all SMWB listings or directories, contractor associations, and/or any other associations utilized to solicit SMWB sub-consultants/suppliers:

4. Discuss efforts made to identify elements of the work to be performed by SMWBs in order to increase the likelihood of achieving the goal:

5. Indicate advertisement mediums used for soliciting SMWBs. (Please attach a copy of the advertisement(s):

AFFIRMATION

I hereby affirm that the above information is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I further understand and agree that, this document shall be attached thereto and become a binding part of the contract.

Name and Title of Authorized Official:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

NOTE:

This Good Faith Effort Plan is reviewed by SAWS Contracting Department. For questions and/or clarifications, please contact Marisol V. Robles, SMWVB Program Manager, at 210-233-3420.

DEFINITIONS

Note: To be eligible for participation in the SAWS Small, Minority, Woman, and Veteran-owned Business Program, a firm must be local, and must be certified as a Small Business Enterprise (SBE). This includes firms certified as Minority and/or Woman-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs and WBEs). SAWS tracks Veteran-owned Business Enterprises (VBEs) for statistical purposes, but does not award points for VBE participation.

Local: A business located in the San Antonio Metropolitan Statistical Area (SAMSA) , which includes the counties of Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Guadalupe, Kendall, Kerr, McMullen, Medina, Uvalde and Wilson. A business's presence in the SAMSA that consists solely of a P.O. box, a mail drop, or a telephone message center does not count as being local.

Prime Consultant/Contractor: Any person, firm partnership, corporation, association or joint venture which has been awarded a San Antonio Water System contract.

Sub-consultants/contractor: Any named person, firm partnership, corporation, association or joint venture identified as providing work, labor, services, supplies, equipment, materials or any combination of the foregoing under contract with a prime consultant/contractor on a San Antonio

Small, Minority, and Woman-owned Business (SMWB): All business structures Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office, or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency that are 51% owned, operated, and controlled by a Small Business Enterprise, a Minority Business Enterprise, or a Woman-owned Business Enterprise.

Small Business Enterprise (SBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by someone who is legally residing in or a citizen of the United States, and the business structure meets the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) size standard for a small business within the appropriate industry category.

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated, and controlled by an ethnic minority group member(s) who is legally residing in or a citizen of the United States. For purposes of the SMWB program, the following are recognized as minority groups:

- a. **African American** – Persons having origins in any of the black racial groups of Africa.
- b. **Hispanic American** – Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Spanish or Central or South American origin.
- c. **Asian-Pacific American** – Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.
- d. **Asian-Indian American** – Persons whose origins are from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh or Sri Lanka.
- e. **American Indian/Native American** – Persons having no less than 1/16 percentage origin in any of the American Indian Tribes, as recognized by the U.S.

Women Business Enterprise (WBE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women who are legally residing in or citizens of the United States.

African American Business Enterprise (AABE): A business structure that is Certified by the Small Business Administration, Texas State Comptroller's Office or the South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency as being 51% owned, operated and controlled by African American minority group member(s) who are legally residing in or are citizens of the United States.

Joint Venture: A limited association of two or more persons to carry out a single business enterprise for profit, for which purpose they combine their property, money, efforts, skills and knowledge.

Veteran-Owned Business Enterprise (VBE): A business structure that is at least 51% owned, operated and controlled by an individual who served in the United States Armed Forces, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable. Please note: This certification type should not be confused with the Service Disabled Veteran designation available through the Small Business Administration.

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Web Submittal of Sub-consultant/Supplier Payment Reports:

The Contractor will be required to electronically report the actual payments to all sub-consultants and suppliers utilizing the Subcontractor Payment and Utilization Reporting (S.P.U.R.) System, beginning with the first SAWS payment for services under the contract, and with every payment thereafter (for the duration of the contract). Electronic submittal of monthly subcontractor payment information will be accessed through a link on SAWS' "Business Center" web page. This information will be utilized for subcontractor participation tracking purposes. Any unjustified failure to comply with the committed SMWB levels may be considered breach of contract.

The Contractor and all subcontractors will be provided a unique log-in credential and password to access the SAWS subcontractor payment reporting system. The link may also be accessed through the following internet address: <https://saws.smwbe.com/>