

2017 QBS Request for Statement of Interest (SOI) On-Call Phase III Environmental Services Section Number 17-00477-00-SM

The Kane County Division of Transportation is in need of professional services from a qualified engineering/environmental firm to provide On-Call Environmental Services for Phase III projects. The qualified firm should have ability and experience to design, consult and provide the staff and equipment necessary to conduct all field work required for maintenance and installation activities.

The attached *Project Description* provides a summary of major items that will be encountered during the course of the On-Call Environmental Services contract.

At this time the County anticipates starting this work in mid-2017. The initial contract will be for 2 years with an option of an additional year extension and a contract value of \$300,000 to complete the work.

The Statement of Interest shall be submitted electronically via KDOT QBS no later than 2:00 pm on March 24, 2017 and should be addressed to Ken Mielke, Project Manager.

If you plan to enter into a joint venture with another firm for this project please note this on your Statement of Interest, including the name of the firm you are entering into a joint venture with.

The Short-listed firms will be posted on our Consultant Selection Summary Table website at http://www.co.kane.il.us/dot/SOISummary.aspx.

Firms interested in providing services to Kane County are hereby notified of the Kane County's Ethics Ordinance No. 10-206, in particular, Section 10, page 15. Only the firm that is ultimately selected for these professional services will be required to provide the Ethic Ordinance information directly to the Kane County Division of Transportation as part of the consultant services agreement. The complete Ethics Ordinance No. 10-206 document is available online at the following link Kane County Ethics Ordinance.

A Statement of Interest (SOI) received after the above noted deadline will not be used as part of our consultant selection process.

Please refer to the following Project Description for more information on this project.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Some contractual work is by nature, recurring and repetitive, frequently annual. Environmental services is an example and the Kane County Division of Transportation (KDOT) can greatly benefit by having the same professional services firm complete this work for several years in succession. Usually, significant efficiencies can be realized once the firm has an understanding of the KDOT specific infrastructure and needs. This continuity also results in a significant time and manpower savings for both KDOT and the firms.

For the proposed contract, The CONSULTANT/CONTRACTOR will provide On-Call Phase III Environmental Services requested by the COUNTY's Construction Engineering staff. This may include all or some of the various items listed:

- Control burns
- Cutting of woody invasive species
- Herbicide applications
- Supplemental seeding and plantings
- Limestone bike trail restoration
- Selective clearing
- Other items as directed

These activities will intermittently take place at certain times of the season as the need or timeframe arises.

- It is the responsibility of the consultant/contractor to provide IDOT/MUTCD approved project traffic control as needed and/or directed by the KDOT Project Manager to perform the specific tasks.
- Maintenance challenges involve, as a minimum, scheduling the best time and methodology in order to reestablish or maintain certain environmentally sensitive areas including wetlands and native prairies. Additionally, the consultant/contractor shall contain and control excessive added costs, use BMP's to address unforeseen field conditions, adapt to site conditions, preserve existing trees and exercise caution while working around sensitive creeks and waterways.
- O Some tasks required to properly address the needs of this contract, have a varied and rather specific scope which will be best served by a carefully chosen staff of professionals. The consultant shall assemble and provide a well-seasoned and knowledgeable team that will pro-actively manage a project of differing environmental scope and sensitivities. This team will be required to meet the approval of the KDOT Project Manager.
- O Challenges also may include review and enforcement of ongoing and future mitigation plans, on site mitigation reviews during maintenance operations to insure compliance with US Army Corp of Engineers permits and EIS commitments. The consultant will be responsible for overseeing the establishment of any installed plantings as well as periodic inspections regarding plant health, growth and germination until the completion of the contract.

- O Coordination with and assistance in obtaining clearances and permits from regulatory agencies including IDOT, Kane County Department of Facilities, Townships, IEPA, ACOE, K/DSWCD, US NRCS, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Kane County Forest Preserve District, and other involved parties/agencies as required by proposed improvements
- Other miscellaneous environmental services as directed by the KDOT Project Manager.

Contact Information

Any questions regarding the requested services or QBS or Consulting Selection Process should be directed to Ken Mielke at 630-406-7172 or via email at mielkeken@co.kane.il.us.