

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RETENTION OF A CERTIFIED LABORATORY

Quality Assurance Testing Laboratory Services

Systemwide

in

Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Berks, Butler, Carbon, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lawrence, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Montgomery, Somerset, Washington, Westmoreland, and York Counties

Reference No. 3-195

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will retain a certified independent laboratory for an open end contract to supplement our in-house Quality Assurance (QA) staff for laboratory assurance testing of construction materials incorporated into our construction projects. The laboratory will be required to participate in a national reference laboratory inspection program such as the AASHTO Accreditation Program. They will be required to perform laboratory tests on various construction materials in accordance with ASTM, AASHTO, PennDOT 408 Specifications, PennDOT Testing Manuals, and the PA Turnpike's Material Action Plan, in a timely manner. Construction projects may be financed with multiple funding sources and applicable federal requirements will apply, when appropriate.

The agreement will be for a maximum cost of \$850,000.00 or for a thirty-six (36) month period.

The selected firm will be required to provide sufficient office personnel, lab managers, engineers, lab technicians and clerical staff to support the laboratory functions. They may be required to test and analyze materials incorporated into construction projects. These materials include aggregates, soils, Portland cement concrete, hot mix asphalts, bearing pads, reinforcement bars and couplings, pipes, geotextiles and other construction related products. The types of projects that testing will be conducted on under this contract may include, but are not limited to, new roadways and structures, roadway reconstruction, bituminous overlays, bridge reconstruction and rehabilitations, service plaza parking lot expansions and toll plaza construction. Projects may include construction of earthwork, drainage, structures, concrete and bituminous paving, guide rail, roadway lighting, sign structures, toll plaza buildings and similar construction. In addition the selected firm may be required to keep records, establish frequency of tests, document and report on test results, identify deficiencies in compliance with the contract documents, attend construction meetings and perform other duties as required.

Please note that the Selected Consultant, or its subconsultants, may not be a prime contractor, subcontractor or a consultant; or have any financial interest in any construction contract or inspection / management agreement with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission.

Questions and inquiries concerning this Project should be directed to Mr. Matthew J. Wagner at (717) 939-9551, ext. 5210 by email at mwagner@paturnpike.com. Contractual questions should be directed to Mr. Donald S. Klingensmith at (717) 939-9551, ext. 5850; or by e-mail at dklingen@paturnpike.com.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Firms interested in providing the above work and services are invited to submit a Statement of Interest with the required information. The Statements of Interest must include the following:

1. One page transmittal letter clearly identifying the project reference number, brief description of the project from the advertisement, the firm's federal identification number, the firm's legal name, contact person or project manager, address of corporate office and project office. (If the firm has multiple offices, the location of the office performing the work must be identified).
2. A three (3)-page statement of interest on the advertised project. Each firm should demonstrate their ability to perform the specific requirements indicated for this project and provide explanation of the technical approach, stressing the Team's ability to coordinate several construction contracts that were designed by different design consultants.
3. An organization chart for the Project, identifying key personnel and any subconsultants and their roles. Any deviation from the subconsultant's listed in the statement of interest will require written approval from the Commission.
4. Tabulation or listing of workload for the prime consultant and all subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects. Do not graphically represent the firm's workload.
5. A Consultant Qualification Package similar to the one submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the current year or one that is best suited for this project. A copy of the Consultant Qualification Package printed directly from PennDOT's ECMS website is acceptable.

The Consultant Qualification Package should contain at a minimum the following information for the prime consultant and all subconsultants and attached to the back of the statement of interest (subs to follow primes):

- ECMS General Information and Project Experience Forms or Standard Form (SF) 254 - Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire in its entirety, either not more than one (1) year old as of the date of the advertisement.
- Resumes of key personnel expected to be involved in the project. (Limit to two (2) 8 1/2 x 11 pages, per person). Only resumes of key personnel should be included.

- Copy of the firm's registration to do business in the Commonwealth as provided by the Department of State for firms with out-of-state headquarters or corporations not incorporated in Pennsylvania.

A firm that responds to a project as a prime may not be included as a designated subconsultant to another firm that responds to the same project advertisement. Multiple responses under any of the forgoing situations will cause the rejection of all responses of the firm or firms involved. This does not preclude a firm from being set forth as a designated subconsultant to more than one prime consultant responding to the project advertisement.

Small firms, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms, and other firms who have not previously performed work for the Commission are encouraged to submit a statement of interest.

Firms interested in performing the above services are invited to submit a statement of interest and required information to Mr. Donald S. Klingensmith, Engineering Contract Manager, at the **PA Turnpike Commission Administration Building located at 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057 (Street address). Our mailing Address is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676.** Please note that the use of **U.S. Mail delivery does not guarantee delivery to this address by the time listed below for submission. Firms mailing Statements of Interest should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their Statement of Interest.**

The statement of interest and required information must be received by 12:00 PM (noon), Local Time, **Friday, August 15, 2008.** Any statements of interest received after this date and time will be time-stamped and returned.

Based on an evaluation of acceptable statements of interest received in response to these solicitations, one (1) firm will be selected for this contract. The order of preference will be established for the purpose of negotiating an agreement with the highest ranked firm established by the Technical Review Committee and approved by the Commission. Technical Proposals will not be requested prior to the establishment of the final ranking.

The Commission may revise a published advertisement. If the Commission revises a published advertisement less than ten days before the Statement of Interest due date, the due date will be extended to maintain the minimum ten-day advertisement duration, if the revision alters the project scope or selection criteria. Firms are responsible to monitor the advertisements to assure the Statement of Interest complies with any changes in the published advertisement.

The Commission reserves the right to reject all statements of interest, to cancel solicitation requested under this notice, and/or to re-advertise solicitation for the work and services.

Mitchell Rubin
Chairperson