

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RETENTION OF TWO ENGINEERING OR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT FIRMS

Open-End Construction Inspection Services

Milepost 0.00 to Milepost 200.00

and

**James E. Ross Highway, Amos K. Hutchinson Bypass and Mon/Fayette
Expressway**

**Allegheny, Beaver, Bedford, Butler, Fayette, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon,
Lawrence, Somerset, and Westmoreland Counties**

Reference No. 1-158

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will retain two (2) Engineering or Construction Management firm to provide open-end construction inspection services for various projects located within the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Western Region (Milepost 0.00 – 247.00 and the James E. Ross Highway, Amos K. Hutchinson Bypass and Mon/Fayette Expressway).. The types of construction projects to be inspected under this agreement may include, but are not limited to, roadway repairs, bituminous overlays, bridge rehabilitations and replacements, facility modifications and other similar projects.

Each agreement will be for a maximum cost of \$950,000 each or for a twenty-four (24) month period, with inspection services assigned on an as-needed basis. The number of required inspectors is contingent upon the workload, and will vary as the projects are assigned and defined through a scope of work.

The main service to be provided under these agreements will be to supply construction inspectors, CDS operators or resident engineers on an as-needed basis, as a supplement to our existing PTC inspection staff. On limited occasions, the selected firms may be required to provide a full time on-site construction inspection staff, with sufficient office personnel, managers, engineers, technicians, and clerical staff to support the field functions. The selected firms may be required to attend prebid meetings, preconstruction conferences, write project correspondence, and review and approve contractor submissions. In addition, the selected firms may be required to keep records utilizing the PTC's Construction Documentation System (CDS) to document the construction progress, prepare current and final estimates for contractor payment, prepare change orders, conduct monthly job meetings, provide liaison with affected parties, conduct final inspections, determine final payment quantities, and performed other duties as required.

Please note that the Selected Consultants, or its subconsultants, or any of its sister companies, cannot bid on any portion of the construction of the projects that they will be providing construction inspection services.

Eighty percent (80%) of the inspection staff assigned to this Commission constructed project must meet at least one of the following Requirements:

1. Be certified by the National Institute for Certification in Engineering Technologies, (NICET) as a Transportation Engineering Technician - Construction Level 2 or higher.
2. Be registered as a professional engineer by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with one (1) year highway inspection experience acceptable to the Commission.
3. Be certified as an Engineer-in-Training by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania with two (2) years of highway inspection experience acceptable to the Commission.
4. Hold a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering or Civil Engineering Technology with two (2) years of highway inspection experience acceptable to the Commission.
5. Hold an Associate Degree in Civil Engineering Technology with three (3) years of highway inspection experience acceptable to the Commission.

The remaining twenty percent (20%) assigned to this project shall meet the following education and experience requirements:

Education - Graduation from High School or equivalent certification or formal training. Completion of a training program in construction inspection approved by the Commission may be substituted for High School graduation.

Experience - One (1) year of experience in construction inspection or workmanship which requires reading and interpreting construction plans and specifications, or one (1) year of experience in a variety of assignments involving the testing of materials used in highway or similar construction projects. A two (2) to four (4) year engineering college degree may be substituted for one (1) year of experience.

The Turnpike Commission is committed to the inclusion of disadvantaged, minority, and woman-owned firms in contracting opportunities. Responding firms shall clearly identify DBE/MBE/WBE firms, expected to participate in this contract, in their Statement of Interest. Proposed DBE/MBE/WBE firms must be certified by the Pennsylvania Department of General Services (www.dgs.state.pa.us) or the Pennsylvania Unified Certification Program (www.paucp.com) at the time of the submission of the Statement of Interest. While DBE/MBE/WBE participation is not a requirement for the RFP, inclusion of DBE/MBE/WBEs will be a factor in the evaluation determination. Small, disadvantaged, minority, and woman-owned firms, and other firms who have not previously performed work for the Commission are encouraged to submit a statement of interest.

The following factors are listed in order of importance and will be considered by the Commission during the evaluation of the firms submitting Statements of Interest for this project:

- a. Specialized construction inspection experience and technical competence of the prime consultant and subconsultants on roadway, bridge and interchange

construction inspection. The consultant should identify similar projects that have been completed by that firm as the prime, the magnitude of the project, and the client.

- b. The specific construction inspection experience and certifications of the individuals who may be assigned to this agreement.
- c. The past record of performance on similar open end agreements with respect to construction and inspection cost control, work quality, and ability to meet schedules.
- d. Provide a discussion regarding the effectiveness of your QA Program.
- e. Workload of the prime consultant and subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects.
- f. DBE/MBE/WBE certification if applicable or the inclusion of DBE/MBE/WBE certified firms on the project team.

Address these items and any necessary further details in a brief yet comprehensive manner in the statement of interest.

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

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Firms interested in providing the above work and services are invited to submit three (3) copies of a Statement of Interest with the required information. The Statement 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.
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 or (SF) 330 - 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.

Firms interested in performing the above services are invited to submit three (3) copies of a statement of interest and required information to Mr. Donald S. Klingensmith, P.E., Manager of Contracts Administration, at the PA Turnpike Commission Administration Building. Our ground address for overnight/next-day deliveries is 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057. Our mailing Address for U.S. Mail is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676. Please note that use of U.S. Mail, FedEx, UPS, or other delivery method 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 Statements of Interest.

The statement of interest and required information must be received by 12:00 PM (noon), Local Time, **Thursday, December 1, 2011**. 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, two (2) firms will be selected from this advertisement. Statements of interest will be reviewed, evaluated and rated by a Technical Evaluation Team

comprised of qualified personnel. The Technical Evaluation Team will present the evaluations to the Professional Services Procurement Committee (PSPC). The PSPC will establish an order of ranking for the purpose of negotiating agreements and will recommend the selection of the highest two ranked firms for approval by the Commission. Technical Proposals will not be requested before the selection.

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.

William K. Lieberman
Chairperson