

# **Baldwin County Commission**

## **Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering/Environmental Services for the Styx River Road Bridge Replacement**

### **Overview:**

The Baldwin County Commission, acting by and through the Highway Department, seeks qualifications from qualified engineering consultant firms for the design of the Styx River Road Bridge Replacement Project.

Styx River Road Bridge Replacement Project's principal purpose is to replace the deteriorating drainage structure over Juniper Creek.

The consultant chosen will assist in survey, environmental assessment, geotechnical analysis, environmental permitting, design, utility relocation coordination, plan production, detour planning, and bidding assistance required to complete the project.

### **Requirements:**

The successful firm chosen will have experience with environmental studies, Bridge design, hydraulic and hydrologic analysis, data collection and analysis, preliminary engineering, preliminary cost analysis and other tasks associated with similar type projects. The chosen firm must have Professional Engineer (P.E.) licensure, and proper business licensure, both in the State of Alabama, at the time of submittal.

### **Scope of Services:**

The scope of services to be performed by the consultant firm shall include but not be limited to the following:

- Perform all work under the direction of the Baldwin County Highway Department.
- Attend any necessary meetings and make presentations at the request of the County.
- Provide a topographic survey to use in drainage analysis, design, right-of-way mapping, and plan preparation.
- Provide complete environmental findings and documentation for all permitting required for the project.
- Perform wetland delineations and impact information for County review and, subsequently, permit approval.
- Provide utility coordination of existing and proposed relocations during the design process.
- Provide a complete geotechnical analysis of existing and proposed requirements.
- Assist with bidding of the project.
- Provide detailed and timely schedules throughout the approved contract time-period.
- Provide advice, counsel, and make recommendations on miscellaneous projects and information that could have an impact on the proposed project.
- Provide any additional information the County may need in relation to the project.
- Provide one contact person to coordinate project information.

**Period of Performance:**

The firm selected shall be able to complete the following services outlined below within the time periods shown:

1. Project design, permitting, and assistance with bidding (+/- 18 months after notice to proceed)

**Submittal of Qualifications:**

Qualifications submitted in response to this RFQ must provide detailed information to show evidence of qualifications, experience, and expertise. Seven (7) hard copies of the RFQ are required. No emailed or faxed materials will be accepted. Please limit proposals to ten (10) pages, not including (1) a two-page maximum Letter of Transmittal, (2) Table of Contents and (3) up to fifteen (15) pages for Appendices. Cover page should company point of contact information. The cover pages and RFQ Response Form do not count towards the page numbers.

Questions regarding this information shall be directed to Wanda Gautney, Baldwin County Purchasing Director at [wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov](mailto:wgautney@baldwincountyal.gov) Questions must be received no later than December 4, 2024, at 2:00 pm CDT.

**Qualifications should be sent to the address below on or before 2:00 pm CDT December 11, 2024.**

Baldwin County Purchasing Department  
Mrs. Wanda Gautney  
Purchasing Director

**Mailing Address:**

312 Courthouse Square  
Bay Minette, AL. 36507

**Physical Address:**

257 Hand Avenue  
Bay Minette, AL 36507

**Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria:**

A committee consisting of Baldwin County Commission staff members will evaluate and rank the most qualified firms' written qualifications based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications for performance of the services required.

The County Selection Committee will select the most qualified firm from the submitted qualifications. Upon selection of a consulting firm, a scope of work meeting will be conducted and a proposal for work will be required. The County reserves all rights in the selection of the firm of its choosing regarding this RFQ.

The County Commission will approve the most highly qualified firm and a contract with that firm to be negotiated by the Highway Department with a budgeted firm-fixed price amount. Contracts will be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the County Commission. Upon completion of the contract and fee negotiations, the County Commission executes the contract. The contract award will be subject to the timely completion of contract negotiations between the County and the selected Respondent.

The County reserves the right to reject all Statements, negotiate further with any entity submitting Statements, seek additional Statements, or waive any irregularities or informalities in the RFQ process.

Qualifications should contain information sufficient to enable the Selection Committee to properly evaluate the competence and qualifications of the consultant for achieving the project objectives. Qualifications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Understanding of project objectives
- Qualifications of the personnel to be used on the project including project availability
- Proposed project approach
- Previous experience of the firm on similar projects (include firm's role in the projects)
- Location of where work will actually be accomplished
- Estimated time to perform the work including a timeline with major tasks/benchmarks

Qualifications will be scored as follows:

Criteria	Possible Points
Understanding of Project Objectives	10
Qualifications of Personnel and Availability	20
Proposed Project Approach	30
Previous Experience	25
Location of Work	5
Estimated Timeline	10
Total	100

### **Project Funding**

This Engineering project is funded with Baldwin County funds from the FY25 annual budget.

### **Warranties:**

By responding to this RFQ, firms/individuals submitting proposals warrant and represent the following:

1. The firm/individual does not have a judgment lien against the property for a debt to the United States.

### **Equal Opportunity Business Development:**

Non-Discrimination. The Baldwin County Commission does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, age, gender, pregnancy, national origin, genetic information, veteran status, or disability in its hiring or employment practices nor in admission to, access to, or operations of its programs, services, or activities.

### **Indemnification:**

The firm shall indemnify, defend and hold County and its affiliates, employees, agents, and representatives (collectively "County") harmless from and against any and all claims, demands, liabilities, damages, losses, judgments, costs, and expenses including, without limitations, attorneys' fees, for any and all personal injury (including death) and property damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, incurred by, asserted against, or imposed upon County, as a result of or in any manner related to provision of services hereunder resulting from any negligent act or omission by the Engineer. The Engineer shall provide the County with proof of general liability coverage including the County as an additional insured. This indemnification shall survive the expiration of this agreement.

### **Insurance:**

The Engineer agrees to carrier at their own cost and expense for the length of the contract and with insurers satisfactory to the Baldwin County Commission, maintain in effect the following insurance coverage from an insurance company or companies authorized to do business in Alabama.

Comprehensive General Liability Policy  
Comprehensive Liability Insurance covering all owned and non-owned Automobiles  
Worker's Compensation Insurance as required by law.

### **Bidder Qualifications**

All vendors, contractors and the grantee are required to comply with the Alabama Immigration Law under Sections 31-13-9 (a) and (b) of the Code of Alabama. Forms and documents will be included with award documents. Information and forms can be found on the Baldwin County Commission's Purchasing website under E-Verify at [www.baldwincountyal.gov](http://www.baldwincountyal.gov)

All bidders must provide proof of proper certification of authority, and any required registration, to transact business in this State, in order to perform work for the Baldwin County Commission. Bidder's Registration Number shall be provided on the Bid Response Form. The phone number for the Alabama Secretary of State is (334) 242-5324, Corporate Division.

### **Termination of Services**

The COUNTY may terminate this Contract, with or without cause or reason by giving written notice of such to the other party. Upon receipt of such notices, PROVIDER shall discontinue its work to the extent specified in the notice. In the event of termination, the COUNTY shall pay PROVIDER for all services satisfactorily rendered, and for any expenses deemed by COUNTY to be a reimbursable expense incurred pursuant to this Contract and prior to the date of termination.