

**NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST**

Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is seeking letters of interest from qualified organizations to provide services associated with development of the Cave Springs Area Karst Resource Conservation Study. Concern exists that existing development, proposed transportation improvement projects, and future development of the Cave Springs Cave Recharge Area may affect local karst resources that support threatened and endangered species. As such, a study to assess the current status of local karst resources that support threatened and endangered species and the development of future conservation plans is needed. A description of this initiative is available on the Commission's www.nwarpc.org website.

The purpose of this request is to determine an organization or team that is best qualified to assist NWARPC with the study. All services and work associated with the project shall conform to the requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Arkansas State Highway & Transportation Department (AHTD).

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form SF-330, Parts I and II should be addressed to:

Jeff Hawkins, Director
NWA Regional Planning Commission
1311 Clayton Street
Springdale, AR 72762

Five (5) sets of paper responses, and a copy in pdf format on a compact disc (CD), must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (CDT), July 19, 2013. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

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