

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms to perform underwater inspection of various bridges. Services will be provided on an as-needed basis for a period of two years but may be extended up to an additional three years.

The work generally consists of underwater inspection of bridges located throughout the state as per the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS). Water conditions will range from still water to moderate flows. At some locations, water depth will approach 110 feet. Still photos and underwater sonar imaging will be required where applicable.

The work must be supervised and all reports stamped and signed by a Registered Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Arkansas.

Interested firms must furnish the following items to the address below:

1. A cover letter with primary contact information and the firm's response
2. The firm's completed Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form (SF) 330 Parts I and II (http://www.arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/SF330-13a_11-30-17.pdf)
3. A current copy of the firm's equal employment opportunity policy
4. The firm's current copy (within 12 months) of the Department and Finance and Administration (DFA) Illegal Immigrant Contractor Disclosure Form. <https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/user/welcome/>

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Four (4) 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. (CST) on January 26, 2018. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

The consultant selection for this letter of interest will generally follow the Department's Consultant Selection Procedures December 2016, with the exception of the timeline. After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and be requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work. Final selection is anticipated following the Arkansas State Highway Commission meeting on March 14, 2018. Additional information may be found under the Consultant Services page on the Department's website.

This advertisement and any resulting contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas. Any proceeding relating to any cause of action of any nature arising from or relating to this advertisement or contract may be brought

only before the appropriate forum in Pulaski County, Arkansas. All information received by the Department regarding this advertisement is restrictive and will not be available before award of the project.

The Department complies with all civil rights provisions of federal statutes and related authorities that prohibit discrimination in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. Therefore, the Department does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, color, age, national origin, religion (not applicable as a protected group under the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Title VI Program), disability, Limited English Proficiency (LEP), or low-income status in the admission, access to and treatment in the Department's programs and activities, as well as the Department's hiring or employment practices. Complaints of alleged discrimination and inquiries regarding the Department's nondiscrimination policies may be directed to Joanna P. McFadden, Section Head - EEO/DBE (ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator), P. O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203, (501) 569-2298, (Voice/TTY 711), or the following email address: joanna.mcfadden@ARDOT.gov.

Free language assistance for Limited English Proficient individuals is available upon request.

This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.