

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

INSPECTION & MATERIALS SAMPLING & TESTING

Main St GS NBL & SBL Key No. 20547 (Lead Key)

UPRR Inkom Opass Key No. 20186

W Inkom IC NBL & SBL Key No. 21872

I-15 Inkom, ID

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GENERAL INFORMATION

PROPOSAL

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is seeking qualified and experienced respondents from interested firms to submit a proposal to provide Inspection & Materials Sampling & Testing services for the following projects on Interstate 15 located in and around Inkom, Idaho:

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GENERAL TERMS

This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit ITD to enter into an agreement or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal or in subsequent negotiations.

REVISIONS TO RFP

All addenda to this solicitation will be posted on the Consultant Services web page. No notice will be given by mail.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY ITD

The issuance of this RFP does not constitute an assurance by ITD that any contract will actually be entered into by ITD, and expressly reserves the right to:

- Waive any immaterial defect or informality in any response or response procedure
- Reject any and all proposals
- Reissue the Request for Proposals
- Invite additional respondents to the proposal
- Request additional information and data from any or all respondents
- Extend the date for submission of responses
- Supplement, amend, or otherwise modify the RFP, and cancel this request with or without the substitution of another RFP
- Disqualify any respondent who fails to provide information or data requested herein or who provides inaccurate or misleading information or data
- Disqualify any respondent on the basis of any real or apparent conflict of interest

By responding to this proposal, each respondent agrees that any finding by ITD of any fact in dispute as to this proposal or the responses thereto shall be final and conclusive, except as provided herein.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By the submission of a proposal, the Consultant agrees to ensure that, at the time of contracting, the Consultant will have no interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Consultant's obligations under the Agreement. The Consultant shall further covenant that, in the performance of the contract, the Consultant shall not employ any person, or subcontract with any entity, having any such known interest.

EEO REQUIREMENTS

Respondent, by submission of a proposal, agrees to not discriminate against any worker, employee, application subcontractor or any member of the public because of race, color, gender, age, national origin, or disability, or otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. Respondent further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and Local equal employment opportunity requirements and the requirements of the ITD EEO Special Provisions, accessible at the following web site:
<http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>.

All firms working for the Department area required to register on the Bidder's List with the Office of Civil Rights. If your firm has not registered, go to the following website for instructions:
<https://itd.dbesystem.com/>. Please make sure your subconsultants are also registered. For further information regarding this requirement, call the ITD EEO Office at (208) 334-8884.

DBE PARTICIPATION:

In an effort to achieve ITD's DBE Annual Participation Goal (APG) of 10% utilization, ITD respectfully requests and encourages responder to consider utilizing subcontractors and suppliers listed on our DBE Directory located at: <https://itd.dbesystem.com>. For more information regarding ITD's DBE Program, call the ITD DBE coordinator at (208) 334-8567.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Prior to negotiating an agreement, the selected consultant and their subconsultants will be required to submit certified hourly rates and their last years' financial information and overhead schedule in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs) and the ITD Overhead Rate Policy. The Overhead Rate Policy can be viewed at the following web site:
<http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>.

PROPRIETARY MATERIAL

ITD assumes no liability for disclosure of proprietary material submitted by respondents. Proposal submittals shall be considered public documents under applicable state law except to the extent portions of the submittals are otherwise protected under applicable law.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

All proposals must contain a signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters form for the prime and each subconsultant.

The certification form is located on the Consultant Services web page at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/?target=consultant-agreements>.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

An Evaluation Committee will evaluate and determine the individual and comparative merits of each of the proposals received. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that it complies with this RFP and provides the information requested. If the Consultant fails to provide any information requested in this RFP, such failure may result in either a lowered evaluation score of the proposal or disqualification of the proposal.

It is the intent of the department to take approximately fifteen days, commencing on the submission date shown below, to evaluate the submitted proposals. The department intends to notify the successful and unsuccessful Consultants as soon as practicable after the evaluations have been completed, and after approval has been given on the Evaluation Committee's recommendations.

As part of the selection process, the top-ranked firms may be required, at their expense, to give a presentation and/or answer interview questions.

If your firm is selected and approved, negotiations will begin. If negotiations break down with a selected Consultant, they will be formally ended and negotiations will begin with the next ranked Consultant.

CONTRACT TYPE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The contract for this work will be a professional services agreement. It is anticipated that the method of payment will be Specific Rates of Compensation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions concerning the procedures of this request for proposal shall be directed to Andrea Aliev at ITD via email at Andrea.Aliev@itd.idaho.gov.

All project specific questions shall be directed by e-mail to Scott Redding at Scott.Redding@itd.idaho.gov. No questions will be accepted by telephone. All questions will be responded to by e-mail, within two days of receipt of the question(s).

Interested firms are encouraged to submit a contact e-mail address to Mr. Redding with a request to be included on an electronic mailing list. Firms on the mailing list will receive copies of the response to all project questions submitted. No firms will be identified in the responses. No project specific questions will be accepted after August 19, 2024.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must conform to the following instructions. Any non-conforming proposal will be rejected.

Proposals must be received by ITD by 4:00 p.m. MDT on August 26, 2024. Proposals must be submitted via e-mail with the project name and the consultant's name clearly indicated in the subject line. Late proposals will not be considered.

E-Mail Address for proposal submittal is: consultantadminunit@itd.idaho.gov

FORMAT:

- Required File Format: pdf
- Maximum length of the submittal shall be five (5) pages.
- Cover pages are discouraged. If they are included, they will be counted in the proposal page total.
- The introductory letter is limited to one (1) page.
- Except as otherwise noted, pages shall be 8 ½ x 11 inches, with minimum of ½" margins and a minimum font size of 11.

- The following items do not count in the proposal page total.
 - Introductory letter
 - Certification Regarding Debarment
 - 5-year Federal-aid Project Log

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

Andrea Aliev
Contracts Officer
Consultant Services
Idaho Transportation Department
P.O. Box 7129
Boise, Idaho 83707-1129

The introductory letter should introduce the Consultant, identify the Project Manager, and list a contact telephone number, and contain a statement confirming the commitment of the key personnel identified in the submittal to meet ITD's quality and schedule expectations. The Consultant shall include his/her acceptance of the terms and provisions of the Sample Agreement located at <http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>, and indicate willingness to execute said agreement.

PROPOSAL

It is essential that the consultant provide an adequate staff of experienced personnel or subconsultants capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this contract. The specific individuals or subconsultants listed in the proposal, including Project Manager and Lead Inspector, shall be assigned to the key positions and shall not be removed or replaced without the prior written approval of ITD. Replacement personnel submitted for approval must have at least equal qualifications, experience and expertise as those listed in the proposal.

The following criteria will be considered in the evaluation and selection, and apply only to the Consultant, except where specifically requested for the Consultant and each Subconsultant. The weights listed will be applied to the scoring for each criteria.

CRITERIA 1 - PROJECT MANAGER

(Weight 4) *(Complete for Lead Consultant Project Manager Only)*

- Identify the Project Manager who will be responsible for the quality, timeliness and delivery of the consultant's work, and for ensuring that adequate personnel and other resources are available for this project.
- Provide a brief summary of education, experience, and qualifications pertaining to the management of this project. Experience in working on state and local Federal-aid roadway construction projects should be included if available. List all experience on the 5-year Federal-aid Project Log included in this solicitation.
- List current IQP qualifications pertinent to this project.
- Provide Idaho registration (registration is required at the time of submittal) as a professional engineer.
- List all projects that the Project Manager is currently managing and the percent of time spent by him/her on each of those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects. Identify availability.

CRITERIA 2 - LEAD INSPECTOR ONSITE

(Weight 4) *(Complete for the Lead Inspector only)*

- Identify the Lead Inspector to be assigned to the project and describe the duties and qualifications (WAQTC & IQP) on this project. The Lead Inspector must be **on-site** for no less than 70% of the time worked by the Contractor.
- List the experience and role that this individual has had on state and local Federal-aid roadway construction projects. List that experience on the 5-year Federal-aid Project Log included in this solicitation. Include the estimated percentage of time spent on each completed Federal-aid construction project.
- Include Idaho professional registration (if applicable).
- List all projects that the Lead Inspector is currently working on and the percent of time spent by him/her on each of those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects. Identify availability.

CRITERIA 3 – KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT

(Weight 3) *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- Identify the key personnel to be assigned to the project. Describe each person's role, duties and qualifications (WAQTC & IQP) on this project. Include their office and lab location.
- Key Personnel should have direct applicable experience in working on state and local Federal-aid construction projects within the last five (5) years. List that experience on the 5-year Federal-aid Project Log included in this solicitation.
- Include Idaho professional registration (if applicable) for each person identified.
- List all projects that the key personnel are currently assigned to and the percent of time spent by him/her on each of those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects. Identify availability.

CRITERIA 4 – COMMUNICATION

(Weight 2) *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

Describe your procedures for maintaining adequate and timely communications to project staff, ITD and interested stakeholders.

**CRITERIA 5 - PROJECT CONTROL & CLOSE-OUT
(Weight 3)**

- Describe the Consultant's procedures for scope change control, schedule and cost control and quality control. This should include a description of the Consultant's control measures regarding the Sub consultant's project related work and the ability to close-out the project in a timely and cost effective manner.
- List construction projects that have been closed out to Federal-aid standards in the last five (5) years.

**CRITERIA 6 – SOFTWARE EXPERIENCE
(Weight 4)**

Describe the Consultant's experience with Site Manager, AASHTOWare Project and ProjectWise. Include what projects you have used them on as well as the roles and responsibilities you have had with this software. Be specific about who on your proposed team has experience and what experience they have.

SCOPE OF WORK

The Department will be reconstructing a section of Interstate 15 located in and around Inkom, Idaho. The project is expected to begin construction between September 2024 and October of 2024 and will continue throughout the 2025 and 2026 construction seasons, with a completion date in November 2026.

This project will consist of bridge construction, multiple MSE walls, asphalt, concrete, embankment, and other aspects of interstate construction. The bridge structures include one single span concrete girder bridge, one single span steel girder bridge, and one three span steel girder bridge. All three bridges will utilize piling at the abutments, and the three-span bridge will also have four 10 foot diameter drilled shafts and integral pier caps with post tensioning at the piers.

The Department is seeking additional staff services for the sampling and testing and project documentation for project closeout. Construction Engineering and most inspection will be performed by the District. Limited supplemental inspection services may be required on an as-needed bases.

Materials Sampling and Testing – the Consultant will provide materials sampling and testing services as required by the Department on all the required ITD forms. All testing and sampling equipment will be provided by the Consultant. Consultant will provide the Department with experienced sampling and testing personnel. No field laboratories or offices will be provided by the Department. The Consultant will also be responsible for the inspection, sampling, and testing of the manufacture of precast elements and steel girders for the bridges.

Quality Assurance and Verification Sampling & Testing – Sampling and testing will be performed according to ITD Quality Assurance requirements including verification sampling. Sampling of component materials and completed work items will be performed to verify that the materials and workmanship incorporated in the project are in substantial conformity with the plans, specifications, and contract special provisions. The project will be in compliance with the 2023 Idaho Transportation Department Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, 2023 Idaho Transportation Department Standard Specifications for Highway Construction; 2020 Quality Assurance (QA) Manual (10/19), 2024 Buy America Insert (04/09/24), 2023 Quality Assurance Special Provision for State Acceptance (12/07/2023), and 2024 Special Provision for 405 Superpave Hot Mix Asphalt (11/29/2023).

Project Accounting – All three projects will be conducted under one Consultant agreement. Work on each of the three Key Numbers will need to be invoiced separately, indicating which project the invoice is for. Each billing will have 3 separate invoices (one for each key number), all utilizing the same agreement number.

Project Documentation – At project close-out, all records will be finalized, and quantity calculations verified by the Consultant. The Department will have intermittent Material Summary Reports reviews that the consultant will be required to prepare documentation for and participate in.

Key Understandings - It is anticipated that each Consultant personnel assigned to the project will be furnished with a vehicle and cellular phone with high quality photo and video capabilities by the Consultant, and all work will be under the supervision of the Department or an assigned representative.

- The collection and transportation of testing samples from the project to the Consultant's lab is expected.
- Travel to the Contractor's Hot Mix Asphalt Plant for material testing is expected.

Proper handling, documentation, and storage of dispute samples will be performed by the consultant.

- A representative from the Consultant will serve as a lead tester and be present at Preconstruction, weekly, and Pre-paving meetings.