

## **PUBLIC NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS REGARDING PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

The Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District (the "District") publicly announces its intention to retain professional architectural services in connection with the District's contemplated construction of widening the rear driveway and redesign and re-roof at the site of the District's property on 28055 Mango (Driveway) and 27490 Old 41 Rd (Re-roof) Bonita Springs in Lee County, Florida.

Letters of Interest addressed to Mr. Greg DeWitt, Fire Chief, will be received by the District at 27701 Bonita Grande Rd, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135, postmarked by **February 1, 2022**, or may be delivered to the District's business office at 27701 Bonita Grande Rd, Bonita Springs, Florida 34135, until **12:00 noon LOCAL TIME on February 4, 2022**. Any letter of interest received after the time and dates specified above **will not be accepted** and returned unopened to the sender.

Among other tasks, the interested party must be capable of assisting the District with any site planning, surveying, re-zoning, or permitting incident to the District's contemplated improvements. Land surveying to include the location of on-site jurisdictional wetlands, cross-sections from property line to property line, existing vegetation, existing above-ground structures, environmental services, to map major wetland and upland plant and wildlife communities on this parcel, and areas subjected to the wetland jurisdiction of the Southwest Florida Water Management District and or Army Corps of Engineers, and conduct site inspections for confirmation of the limits of wetland delineation. Also, the interested party shall be able to do wetland mitigation if required, engineering design, prepare site plan drawings to include on-site water distribution system, on-site wastewater collection system, on-site stormwater management systems, paving, and details of site features, and prepare a traffic impact statement. Permitting for Lee County Special Exception to allow a fire station within the AG zoning district, Lee County Development Order, Lee County Health Department, Florida Department of Environmental Protection water distribution extension (potable water), Southwest Florida Water Management District water use permit, Gulf Environmental Services Review, construction administration from beginning to close out of the project. The interested party's efforts shall also address matters including, but not limited to, the identification of an additional portion of the site for future development, vacation of certain easements, obtaining a wastewater permit, and preparation of development order drawings and related applications for site infrastructure.

The scope of work will not include any mechanical, electrical, or structural engineering for the project. Letters of Interest must include, at a minimum, the following items of information:

- (1) Statement of the interested party's (individual or entity) name and all business addresses used by the interested party;
- (2) Evidence of authorization to do business (e.g., evidence of all federal, state, and/or local licenses, certifications, registrations, approvals, etc.);
- (3) Comply with Florida Statute 448.95 requiring all Florida public employees, their contractors, and subcontractors to register with and use the Federal E-verify system to confirm the work authorization status of new employees hired on or after January 1,

2021, and provide a signed compliance agreement provided by the District.

- (4) A detailed description of the interested party's scope of practice and areas of competence;
- (5) List and description of the interested party's professional personnel, including a discussion of the abilities and experience of each professional;
- (6) Statement of Minority Business Enterprise Status (or Non-Minority Status) under the Florida Small and Minority Business Assistance Act of 1985;
- (7) Description and date(s) of all past, present, or future work awarded by the District, if any, including dollar amount(s) of the underlying project and compensation for professional services rendered in connection therewith;
- (8) Description of past experience and/or familiarity with work on projects of a similar nature, if any;
- (9) Statement of willingness to work within time and budget requirements of the District;
- (10) Description of the interested party's current and projected workloads and that of its professional personnel;
- (11) Five (5) references for engineering services within the last three years.

Before the contract for professional services is awarded, the District shall conduct such investigations as it deems necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the interested party to perform the size and type of work described herein, including the verification of all information contained in the interested party's Letter of Interest. The fees for engineering services are not expected to exceed the fee threshold for such services, which triggers the criteria in Section 287.055, Florida Statutes.

The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or other offers to furnish professional services and shall give notice of such rejection to all parties who have submitted a Letter of Interest. The District may, after that, republish a notice or modified notice, seeking the same professional services for the same project or purpose.

All firms are now placed on notice that the Board of Fire Commissioners, any employees from the Bonita Springs Fire Control and Rescue District, or members of the Competitive Negotiation Committee, do not wish to be lobbied individually or collectively about this project. Firms and their agents are not to contact members of the Board of Fire Commissioners or staff members for such purposes as holding meetings of introduction, dinners, etc. to influence the outcome of the selection process, if they intend to, or have submitted a proposal, or Letter of Interest, for this project.

The District does not discriminate based on age, race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or marital status.