

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in accordance with F.S. 287.055 the Consultant's Competitive Negotiation Act (CCNA), the Board of County Commissioners, Clay County, will be accepting sealed qualifications which will be received until 4:00 P.M., Monday, December 6, 2021 at the Clay County Administration Building, fourth floor, Purchasing Department, 477 Houston Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043 for the following:

RFQ No. 21/22-9, Continuing General Engineering Consulting Services For Planning And Design

Qualifications will be opened at 9:00 A.M., or as soon thereafter, on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 in the Clay County Administration Building, Conference Room "B", fourth floor, 477 Houston St, Green Cove Springs, Florida.

The opened Qualifications will be read aloud and preserved in the custody of the Purchasing Department for later examination for conformance to all bid requirements. The Finance and Audit Committee of the Board will present its recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners as soon thereafter as possible.

Qualifications will not be valid unless received by the RFQ deadline and in a sealed envelope marked "**RFQ No. 21/22-9, Continuing General Engineering Consulting Services For Planning And Design**". Envelopes are to be submitted in person or delivered by courier to the above address. No postal mail will be accepted.

After due consideration, Clay County intends to entertain a short list of firms. Staff will begin negotiations with the number one ranked Consultant derived from the Clay County Board of County Commissioners short listing. If the negotiation with the Consultant is successful, contract procedures will be initiated. If a successful negotiation cannot be reached, the County may seek a proposal from the number two, then number three ranked Consultant if deemed necessary by the County.

During the Request for Qualification Period, from publication of the Notice of a Request for Qualifications to the making of a Bid Decision, and during any related Protest Period, Bidders are prohibited from contacting, by any means, whether orally, telephonically, electronically or in writing, any member of the Board, any County Employee, including the County Manager, the County Attorney, or the Commission Auditor, any member of the designated Evaluation Committee or any agent of the County regarding the Request for Qualifications in any respect, with the exception of (i) inquiries may be submitted to the Purchasing Department or other County Employees or agents if specifically provided in the Request for Qualifications (ii) pre-Bid conferences provided for in the request package; and (iii) formal presentations by Bidders to the designated Evaluation Committee or to the Board or any committee thereof specifically contemplated in the Request for Qualifications. For information concerning procedures for responding to this Bid, contact the Purchasing Division, Donna Fish, Purchasing Department, (904) 278-3761 or by email: purchasing@claycountygov.com

The County reserves the right to waive formalities in any response, to reject any or all responses with or without cause, to waive technical and non-technical or non-material defects in the solicitation or submittal of any responses, including the lack of availability of adequate funds, regulatory agency requirements, to make award in part or completely, and/or to accept the response that, in its judgment, will be in the best interest of the County of Clay. Bid proposals in which the prices obviously are unbalanced will be rejected. Interested vendors are advised that the Clay County Board of County Commissioners has a local preference policy and Buy American policy. The complete policy for both can be viewed at: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/vendor-information>

FOLLOWING THE BID OPENING AND TABULATION, A “NOTICE OF INTENT TO AWARD BID” OR A “NOTICE OF REJECTION OF ALL BIDS” WILL BE POSTED ON THE INTERNET AT: <https://www.claycountygov.com/government/purchasing/bcc-bid-tabs-current-bids-intent-bids-rejection-bids> THIS WEB PAGE CAN ALSO BE ACCESSED FROM THE HOMEPAGE OF THE COUNTY’S WEBSITE AT: [HTTPS://WWW.CLAYCOUNTYGOV.COM/HOME](https://www.claycountygov.com/home) BY FOLLOWING THE “NOTICE OF INTENT BIDS” LINK UNDER THE “BUSINESS” ROLLOVER BUTTON ON THE COUNTY’S HOMEPAGE. NO OTHER NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.

PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS ARE NOTIFIED THAT THE FAILURE TO INCLUDE WITHIN THE SEALED BID ENVELOPE A PROPER BID BOND OR OTHER SECURITY APPROVED UNDER THE COUNTY’S PURCHASING POLICY, IF REQUIRED FOR THIS REQUEST, WILL RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE BID AND SHALL, AS WELL AS THE FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN NOTICE OF PROTEST AND TO FILE A WRITTEN PETITION INITIATING A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING WITHIN THE TIMES AND IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED IN CHAPTER 8, SECTION I OF THE COUNTY’S PURCHASING POLICY SHALL, CONSTITUTE A WAIVER OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST THE BID REQUEST, ANY ADDENDUM THERETO, OR THE BID DECISION, AS APPLICABLE, AND TO INITIATE A FORMAL PROTEST PROCEEDING UNDER THE PURCHASING POLICY. THE COUNTY’S PURCHASING POLICY CAN BE VIEWED AT THE COUNTY’S WEBSITE BY FOLLOWING THE APPROPRIATE LINKS FROM THE HOMEPAGE ADDRESS SET FORTH ABOVE.

IF A PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS IN DOUBT WHETHER THIS REQUEST REQUIRES A BID BOND, SUCH PROSPECTIVE BIDDER IS SOLELY RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING APPROPRIATE INQUIRY.

A PERSON OR AFFILIATE WHO HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST FOLLOWING A CONVICTION FOR A PUBLIC ENTITY CRIME MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT TO PROVIDE ANY GOODS OR SERVICES TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT SUBMIT A BID ON A CONTRACT WITH A PUBLIC ENTITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OR REPAIR OF A PUBLIC BUILDING OR PUBLIC WORK, MAY NOT SUBMIT BIDS ON LEASES OF REAL PROPERTY TO A PUBLIC ENTITY, MAY NOT BE AWARDED OR PERFORM WORK AS A CONTRACTOR, SUPPLIER, SUBCONTRACTOR, OR CONSULTANT UNDER A CONTRACT WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY, AND MAY NOT TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ANY PUBLIC ENTITY IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES, FOR CATEGORY TWO FOR A PERIOD OF 36 MONTHS FROM THE

DATE OF BEING PLACED ON THE CONVICTED VENDOR LIST

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BID ADVERTISEMENTS SCHEDULE

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