

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ARANSAS COUNTY is seeking a professional services contract from project consultants to conduct a study to determine the seasonal abundance and accurately quantify nekton (fish, shrimp, and crab) species in/near Cedar Bayou and in nearby Mesquite Bay in Aransas County, Texas, before and after the inlet is dredged and re-opened and assess the nekton productivity as a food resource for economically and ecologically important species pre- and post-opening. This assessment should include a rigorous replicated statistical design that allows for determining the difference pre-and post-opening. **Submittals for these services will be accepted until 4:00 pm on January 21, 2013**, at Aransas County, Attn: Judge Burt Mills, at 301 N. Live Oak, Rockport, TX 78382. **Additional submission requirements are available at the County Judge's Office at the above address or can be viewed online at www.aransascounty.gov.**

Professional Services Contract
Request for Qualifications
Aransas County, Texas

Notice of Intent to Contract

Aransas County intends to enter into professional services contracts with prime providers to provide the following services.

Project Description and Work to be Performed:

The work to be performed shall consist of a study to determine the seasonal abundance and accurately quantify densities of juvenile nekton (fish, shrimp, and crab) species in/near Cedar Bayou and in nearby Mesquite Bay in Aransas County, TX before and after the inlet is dredged and re-opened and assess the nekton productivity as a food resource for economically and ecologically important species pre- and post-opening. This assessment should include a rigorous replicated statistical design that allows for determining the difference pre- and post-opening.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is for the study to be conducted both before the inlet is dredged and re-opened (pre-construction) and after the inlet is dredged (post-construction).

The work includes development of the study methods and approach, execution of the study, and preparation of reports. A report will be prepared for the pre-construction study results and a final report will be prepared after completion of the post-construction study. Reports will include a description of study method, results, discussion, and conclusions. The pre-construction portion of the study will be required to start in spring 2013 in accordance with the Corps of Engineers Permit.

Selection Requirements

The proposed team must

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the impacts of tidal inlets on nekton abundance
2. Demonstrate experience in conducting studies with similar goals and objectives with appropriate quantitative gear for assessing small nekton abundance
3. Ability and availability to perform the work

Historically Underutilized Business (HUB):

There is no HUB goal for participation in the work to be performed under this contract.

Selection Criteria:

Aransas County will evaluate the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) using the following criteria:

1. Project understanding and approach.
2. The project manager's and task leaders knowledge of and experience with similar projects with previous work nekton connectivity via tidal inlets
3. Capacity to perform the work.

Selection Procedure:

Aransas County shall review all material submitted, and if required schedule interviews with prospective providers in order to select the most qualified before entering into contract negotiations. The County will negotiate final contract terms and price with the most qualified firm; should negotiations fail, the County shall negotiate with the next most qualified firm until an agreement is reached.

Submittal Requirements:

The Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) is limited to 15 (15) 8 ½ x 11 inch pages, Arial Font, font size 12, (except the organization chart may be in a smaller font), single sided. SOQs should be stapled using one staple in the upper-left hand corner. SOQs should not include a cover. SOQs that do not meet these requirements will be eliminated from further consideration.

The SOQ must include the following:

1. An Organization chart containing the names, addresses, telephone and fax numbers of the prime provider and any subprovider's key personnel proposed for the team and their contract responsibilities by work category. The organization chart can be prepared with a font size of less than 12 point.
2. The name of the prime provider's Project Manager and key personnel who will work on the contract.
3. Information showing the team's project understanding; the project manager's experience with similar projects; similar project-related

experience of the task leaders responsible for the major work categories; and other pertinent information addressed in this notice.

4. Submit eight (8) original copies of the SOQ.
5. Name and contact information (mailing address, e-mail address, telephone number) for at least three references for the prime providers' project manager for similar related projects. The references must be persons who are most familiar with the proposed project manager's work.

Pre-submittal Meeting:

No pre-submittal meeting will be held.

Deadline:

SOQs will be accepted by mail or hand delivery addressed to:

Aransas County
Attn: Judge Burt Mills
301 North Live Oak
Rockport, TX 78382

The provider is responsible for verifying that Aransas County Contact person has received the SOQ.

SOQs must be received no later than 4 PM on January 21, 2013.

Aransas County Contact:

Judge Burt Mills
301 North Live Oak
Rockport, TX 78382
Office (361) 790-0100
Fax: (361) 727-2043
Email: lgarcia@aransascounty.org

Questions regarding this notice of intent may be submitted in writing (by mail, email, or fax) to the Aransas County Contact. The deadline for submitting questions regarding this notice of intent is 4 PM on January 11, 2013.

Significant and relevant questions and the official responses will be mailed to all providers on January 15, 2013.