

DUVAL COUNTY CONSERVATION AND RECLAMATION DISTRICT
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LEGAL NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Duval County Conservation and Reclamation District (DCCRD) will accept sealed Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for Professional Engineering Services for the Planning, Acquisition, Design and Construction phases of a new water system project that will consist of a new well, treatment system, and other necessary appurtenances to serve the Ramirez Consolidated School District in Duval County.

Statements of Qualifications will be accepted until 10:30 AM, Friday, October 6, 2017 at the Administration Office of the Duval County Conservation and Reclamation District located at 222 Main Street, Benavides 78341. SOQs received after this time will not be considered.

The DCCRD will not be responsible in the event the U.S. Postal Service or any other courier system fails to deliver the sealed qualification statement package to the DCCRD by the given deadline above. **Electronic transmission or facsimile of SOQ will not be acceptable.**

The DCCRD procurement procedures are in accordance with the Section 2254 of Texas Local Government Code and Texas Professional Services Procurement Act.

Equal opportunity in Employment- All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, religion, gender, age, marital or veteran status, physically challenging condition or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned professional engineering business enterprises are encouraged to respond, and/ or participate as sub-consultants with primary consultants.

Given that this is a discretionary and expedited professional services procurement, the DCCRD reserves the right to reject any or all responses and to waive irregularities contained therein and to accept any response deemed most advantageous to the DCCRD.

The Agreement between the selected Engineer and the DCCRD is contingent upon the release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any agreements awarded under this Invitation for Statement of Qualifications are expected to be funded from the approved TWDB funds. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this SOQ or any resulting agreement. SOQs are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to the State and Local Governments).

This Agreement includes goals for Minority and Women's Business Enterprises participation. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved the following Minority Business Enterprises (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) "fair share goals" for the TWDB State Revolving Fund Programs. EPA policy does NOT mandate that the fair share goals be achieved but does mandate that a documented good faith effort be made toward achieving the goals.

	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	34%	8%
SUPPLIES	18%	29%
EQUIPMENT	13%	13%
SERVICES	22%	26%

Prime contractors are required to comply with EPA's good faith effort policy when awarding sub-agreements for construction, supplies, equipment, and services. A complete version of the TWDB

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documents, "Guidance for Utilization of Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business in Procurement," is available at: www.twdb.texas.gov

The DCCRD is an affirmative action / equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

If any questions, please contact Mr. Ernesto Sanchez at (361) 256-3605.