

Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that the Rapides Area Planning Commission is requesting qualification statements for the following project:

Regional Transit Provider Feasibility Study & Implementation Plan

RAPC seeks to contract with an experienced regional transit planning consultant to provide guidance and assistance to our Transportation Director and planning staff to conduct an in-depth regional transit feasibility study to inform the development of transit services to fulfill daily commuting needs. RAPC will have multiple staff dedicated to this endeavor that have experience in transportation planning (existing conditions reports, public and stakeholder outreach, surveys, document preparation, etc.); however, we will need additional assistance determining a sustainable regional transit service model addressing regional mobility gaps and implementation plan development.

An outline of the total project scope of work and consultant scope of work are available on RAPC's website www.rapc.info. Contract services are expected to commence approximately 4-8 weeks from the date of this notice and will be completed within eight (8) months following the award of the contract. This is a non-negotiated contract in the amount of \$120,000. All interested firms are invited to submit their qualifications. This project and RAPC Notice to Proceed are predicated upon federal funding authorization, half of which are currently approved. The funding for the remainder of the project will be sought with a second DOTD agreement in late 2020 to early 2021.

Interested firms shall furnish sufficient technical and supervisory personnel to ensure expeditious completion of the work. Firms with demonstrated regional transit system planning, travel demand modeling, competence, and other qualifications pertinent to the above project are preferred. Socially and economically disadvantaged firms are encouraged to submit qualifications for undertaking the above-mentioned work.

Qualification statements are to be submitted on MPO Standard Submittal Form which is available on our website with this RFQ. Submit your statement of qualifications on a USB Flash Drive as a single PDF file along with one hard (paper) copy of the completed form. Experience, both firm and individual; past performance on similar projects; and current workload will be the significant evaluation factors which will be used in selecting a firm for the above study. Failure to submit all information required on the MPO Standard Submittal Form for the prime and each sub-consultant will constitute a non-response.

Letters of interest and qualification statements are to be identified by Project Title and submitted prior to the 12:00 noon Friday, September 25, 2020, deadline by hand or mail addressed as follows:

Rapides Area Planning Commission
Attn: Jonathan Bolen
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803 Johnston Street
Alexandria, LA 71301

All inquiries should be sent in writing to: jbolen@rapc.info. All questions submitted will be posted and answered on RAPC's website www.rapc.info.