



SKAGIT COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Questions and Answers for Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services for Non-Federally Funded Capital Projects on an As-Needed Basis

1. **Question** - Can you clarify that if we have more than one expertise (of the four listed on page one of the RFQ), we need to submit separate submittals for each one?

Answer- Our solicitation states, “Firms do not need to submit multiple times, please identify in your cover letter, which disciplines you would like to be considered for.”

2. **Question-** Does roadway and stormwater design expertise fall under the General Engineering expertise or the Transportation and Traffic Engineering expertise categories?

Answer- Per the MRSC categories, Stormwater Research and Management does not fall under the umbrella of General Engineering Services. Traffic/Transportation Engineering includes; Travel Demand Forecasting, Traffic Impact Assessments, Illumination System Designs, etc.

3. **Question** - Natural resources and critical areas and permitting are typically a service that accompanies these other services but is not listed. Does Skagit Co. have an on-call contract or other means for procuring natural resources and permitting services?

Answer- Skagit County Public Works plans to utilize the MRSC Roster to solicit for as needed consultants for a variety of disciplines, including environmental permitting, over the coming months. Emails will be sent to all consultants on the roster lists for the applicable disciplines. In addition to email solicitations to consultants on the MRSC Roster lists, all solicitations will be posted on the County Request for Bids site. <https://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Rfp/>

4. **Question-** Is the RFQ mainly transportation focused, or if there will be any stormwater, culvert replacement or environmental work anticipated?

Answer- We will be advertising three on-call “bundles” as described below;

- **Bundle 1** (Currently on the streets) – General Engineering (inclusive of Civil/Structural), Cultural Resources, Geotechnical/Geology, & Traffic/Transportation. For Civil/Structural and Traffic/Transportation, we have immediate needs.
- **Bundle 2** (Anticipated Ad Date mid-October 2024) – Development Plans & Standards Review, Environmental Permitting, Stormwater Research and Management, Hydrology/Hydraulic Modeling
- **Bundle 3** (Anticipated Ad Date late November 2024) – Construction Materials Testing Services, Right-of-Way Services, Survey & Topographic Mapping, Title & Escrow Services

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5. Question- What is the anticipated budget for these contracts?

Answer-The potential budget is always an unknown for us as we use it for emergent or emergency design task orders typically on the \$10K to \$75K order of magnitude.

6. Question- Will you be accepting land surveying services as well or just strictly engineering services?

Answer- This will be the first of three discipline “bundles” to the MRSC roster. Survey and Topographic mapping services will be posted to MRSC as part of the third bundle tentatively scheduled for early November. Please refer to the answer to question #4.

7. Question- Are we allowed to submit four individual proposals for the four disciplines? Or does the County want one proposal that covers all four areas? Can we submit on fewer than four of the disciplines – one, two or three?

Answer - We expect one submittal from each interested firm and each firm is welcomed to state their interest in as many, or few, disciplines as they are qualified to perform. We are not looking for subconsultants to round out a complete consultant team for future projects. Our future task orders are very discipline-specific but were the County in need of a multi-discipline team, the County would assemble it from the Consultants under contract through our roster.

8. Question- Do we get any extra pages if submitting for more than one or just the cover letter and six-page document?

Answer - Please do not include additional pages for more multiple disciplines. Please keep the SOQ limited to the one-page cover letter and six-page document.

- 9. Question** - For the General Engineering (Civil and Structural), what firm(s) currently hold these contracts?

Answer - The Civil/Structural As-Needed Contracts with Skagit County are currently held by TranTech Engineering and H.W. Lochner.