

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Notice is hereby given that the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners is calling for and requesting qualifications for engineering services on the Ranchettes drainage improvement project. Services will relate to the design, engineering feasibility study, and permitting.

All proposals shall be considered in accordance with the Florida Competitive Consultant Negotiations Act. (F.S. 287.055)

All proposals must be in writing and delivered by hand or Fed Ex to the Santa Rosa County Procurement Department, 6495 Caroline Street, Suite G, Milton, Florida, 32570; and must be received by 10:00 a.m., October 13, 2015. All proposals shall be sealed and clearly labeled, “**RFQ- Ranchettes Drainage Engineering Services**”. Submittals shall include one (1) original, eleven (11) copies of the proposal, and one (1) CD/thumb-drive with the full proposal included, (each document must be in an individual PDF format file). The proposal will be publicly opened at this time. Only proposals received by the aforesaid time and date will be considered. Proposals received after the time set for opening will be rejected and returned to the submitter.

Specifications may be secured from Santa Rosa County Website (www.santarosa.fl.gov/bids) or at the Santa Rosa County Procurement Department at the above address. Telephone (850) 983-1870.

Questions concerning this request should be directed to the Santa Rosa County Engineer, Roger Blaylock or Assistant County Engineer, Michael Schmidt, at (850) 981-7100.

The Board of County Commissioners reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals in whole or in part, and to waive all informalities.

Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners encourages all segments of the business community to participate in its procurement opportunities, including small businesses, minority/women owned businesses, and disadvantaged business enterprises. The Board does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, sex, or age in the administration of contracts.

By order of the Board of County Commissioners of Santa Rosa County, Florida

Legal Notice

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Bill and Proof to Santa Rosa County Procurement Department, Attention: Orrin L. Smith, 6495 Caroline Street, Suite G, Milton, Florida 32570

Ranchettes Subdivision Drainage Engineering Services Minimum Specifications

Santa Rosa County is seeking the services of a qualified and licensed professional to provide engineering services associated with the Ranchettes drainage project. Engineering services includes surveying, geotechnical services, engineering design & analysis, environmental/permitting and development of construction plans, construction estimates and bid documents. The county will provide an ICPR Model previously prepared for this area. The successful firm may also be expected to assist the county or its representative in providing/analyzing data for the required FEMA cost-benefit analysis for the construction phase, providing project status to the county to aid in the preparation of quarterly reports to FEMA and assist the county with the preparation of the required Phase I deliverables to FEMA. Firms should demonstrate their knowledge of the HMGP program and experience with similar projects within their qualifications.

Location

The project area extends throughout the Ranchettes community, including the Northridge subdivision and the Ranchettes subdivision as well as through portions of the Whisper Bay subdivision. Specifically, the project area is located within Section 30 of Township 2 South and Range 28 West, and Section 25 of Township 2 South and Range 29 West within the limits of the City of Gulf Breeze. The proposed improvements are located north of Rosa del Villa Drive and North Whisper Oaks Drive, south of the Pensacola Bay, east of Nestling Drive and west of Harvard Drive, within the City of Gulf Breeze, Florida 32563 (latitude:30.387189, longitude:-87.098256).

Current Conditions

The Ranchettes Subdivision and adjacent areas have experienced repetitive, extensive roadway, yard and structural flooding including the inundation of septic tank drain fields resulting in septic tank failure. Approximately 44 private residences were affected by the April 2014 flooding. Several property owners have experienced structural flooding with previous rainfall events. There has been chronic yard and road flooding for several years as this area was constructed prior to the implementation of stormwater control regulations. The rights-of-way within the Ranchettes community do not have any stormwater conveyance systems (i.e., swales, culverts, curb and gutter, inlets or storm sewer pipes), as well as no stormwater management systems (i.e., stormwater ponds or drainage retention areas).

Proposed Improvements

Santa Rosa County envisions that the implementation of the proposed drainage improvements will minimize or eliminate future structural damage while protecting the residents from harms way during and following future flood events. Specifically, the proposed drainage improvements will encompass the acquisition of drainage easements, the land acquisition and construction of a stormwater pond in addition to the construction of conveyance swales, concrete ditches and the installation of strategically located storm sewer pipes. In addition, two (2) existing downstream outfall systems will be upgraded to

properly convey the flood waters to Pensacola Bay. These drainage improvements will facilitate a drainage avenue from the affected properties to a safe outfall into the Pensacola Bay. This project will be phased to allow an engineering study, construction plans preparation, permitting and bidding for Phase I and construction and construction management services under Phase II.

A drainage easement and a parcel acquisition will be required to implement the proposed improvements. Easement and land acquisition coordination to properly construct and maintain the proposed drainage improvements will be the responsibility of the chosen firm. Permits and coordination efforts with the USACE and NFWFMD will be required. If any work is proposed to be conducted in the water, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Endangered Species Act Section 7 Checklist will need to be completed in full by the consultant. If a USACE permit is required, a copy of the checklist shall be sent the USACE for coordination purposes with NOAA. The consultant shall coordinate with the U.S Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to assure the agency receives the complete checklist.

A Hydrologic and Hydraulic (H&H) Study as well as an engineer's probable cost estimate have already been prepared for this project. The consultant will be expected to review and update the H&H study and cost estimate as necessary based on detailed survey and final construction plans.

A public meeting will also be required to inform the affected local residents of the anticipated extent of the project improvements, maintenance of traffic and other public information.

Deadlines

In order to meet grant requirements, all work must be completed by May 23, 2016 including securing all-required permits and easements. Extensions may be considered but are not desirable.

FEMA Grant Requirement

The Ranchettes drainage project is a federally-funded project. As such, FEMA requires the selected contractor and sub-contractor(s) to certify that they are not debarred or suspended from participating in federally-funded projects. The selected firm will be required to provide said documentation after the selection process has been completed.