

Legal Notice
Request for Qualifications for
Professional Engineering, Environmental, and Right of Way Services for the Cook
Road / I-5 Interchange Vicinity Improvements - Project No. ES63000-11

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Skagit County Public Works Department invites the submittal of written statements of qualifications from Consultants interested in providing Professional Engineering, Environmental, Right of Way services, and other related work for the design of the Cook Road / I-5 Interchange Vicinity Improvements, Project No. ES63000-11.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This project includes adding a travel lane to the Cook Road / I-5 Interchange (Exit 232) and signaling both the northbound and southbound I-5 on and off ramps to reduce collisions and alleviate congestion. The additional travel lane will begin on the northbound I-5 off ramp to the Cook Road Intersection, then continue easterly onto Cook Road through the Old Highway 99 N. intersection, across the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) railroad, and past the Green Road intersection where the additional travel lane will terminate and transition back into the existing eastbound lane of Cook Road.

The work to be performed by the selected consultant will include, but is not limited to; preparation of the PS&E including design of the project, preparation of project plans and specifications in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements, an estimate of construction costs, right of way acquisition and certification, environmental permitting, surveying, geotechnical design, cultural resource investigation, as well as an Intersection Control Evaluation (ICE) in conformance with WSDOT requirements. This assignment may be a multiphase agreement including pre-bid support and construction services such as: submittal reviews, RFIs, change orders, inspections, contract close out, and other construction-related tasks. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2025. A Road Corridor Study was completed by Parametrix in 2017, which is available on the Skagit Council of Governments website: <https://www.scog.net/transportation-reports-and-studies/cook-road-corridor-study/>

DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOAL

Consultants are alerted that this is a federally funded project. A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) mandatory goal of eighteen (18%) percent has been established for this project. Certification is required.

SUBMITTAL

Cover letter shall include the following information: Firm name, phone number, and email address; Name of Principal-in-Charge, Project Manager, and Key Personnel. The

Submittal package shall be limited to one page cover letter and a maximum of nine (9) pages of qualifications (single-sided, letter size, excluding the cover page) stating qualifications.

Submittals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1) Key personnel; 2) Firms experience with WSDOT PS&E, Federal Highway Administration Standards and Requirements, and Skagit County Standards, Specifications, and Requirements; 3) Experience as a design consultant on road projects valued between \$5 to \$10 million; 4) Experience coordinating with BNSF and WSDOT; 5) Approach to project; 6) Ability to meet schedule; 7) Past performance/references. Selection will be made on qualifications submitted. The three (3) highest ranking firms will be called for interviews. The highest-ranking firm from the interview round will be invited into contract negotiations with the County.

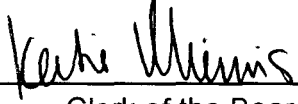
Please email a PDF copy of your Statement of Qualification with the subject line reading **“Cook Rd / I-5 Interchange Vicinity Improvements ES63000-11”** to Joel Shroyer, Project Manager, at joels@co.skagit.wa.us by Thursday, February 16, 2023 no later than 4:00 PM PST. No submittals will be accepted after that date and time. Any questions regarding this project shall be directed to Joel Shroyer at (360) 416-1473, or by email at joels@co.skagit.wa.us.

Persons with disabilities may request this information be prepared and supplied by alternate forms by calling Joel Shroyer at (360) 416-1473, or by email at joels@co.skagit.wa.us.

Skagit County, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

For questions regarding Skagit County's Title VI Program, you may contact the Public Works Department's Title VI Coordinator, Grace Kane, P.E., at (360) 416-1400.

The Board of Skagit County Commissioners reserves the right to reject any or all submittals.



Clerk of the Board

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