

Category: ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES

GRAIN ELEVATOR & BRIDGES LIGHTING PROJECT, BUFFALO RIVER, BUFFALO, NEW YORK

Description: The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, a subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), is seeking proposals to retain a Design Team to design and implement the Grain Elevators and Bridges Lighting Project (the "Project") along the Buffalo River in the City of Buffalo, New York. This Project represents one part of a larger vision for the redevelopment of Western New York's Waterfront, which includes the Inner Harbor, Outer Harbor, and the Buffalo River. ECHDC feels it is important to create visually interesting and appealing components along the Buffalo River and Waterfront that will attract visitors, but will also make the citizens of Buffalo proud of the rich history and the redevelopment of their Waterfront. ECHDC invites Design Teams to submit qualifications that prove their ability to work within the rich historic context and envision significant utilization of the Buffalo River while incorporating ECHDC's vision to revitalize Western New York's Waterfront and restore economic growth to Buffalo based on the region's legacy of pride, urban significance, and natural beauty. The selected Design Team will be required to provide lighting design and engineering services necessary to illuminate and activate up to 16 Grain Elevators and 2 Bridges for an amount that will be agreed upon, and completed no later than the respective completion dates that will be specified. The Design Teams should include, but are not limited to capabilities in the following areas; Lighting Design Services; Engineering (MEP/Site/Utilities/Structural); Cost Estimating; Codes; SEQRA Review; Sustainability; obtaining permits and/or easements and associated efforts to meet requirements of all authorities and property owners having jurisdiction; and Construction Administration. Due to number of Grain Elevators and Bridges, and the physical size of the project, it will be up to the Design Team to present a phased Implementation Plan that will be both economical and create a significant impact from the beginning and throughout the phases. The Implementation Plan must include estimated cost of construction, operation and maintenance, and a schedule. The collection of Grain Elevators and Bridges are both publicly and privately owned. The owners have no obligation to participate in the project. It will be the responsibility of the Design Team to effectively communicate with all owners, agencies, and involved stakeholders, as well as provide legal services for all agreements between the property owners, ECHDC, and the Designer. The Design Team will also be responsible for obtaining all necessary permits and/or easements, and completing any necessary environmental reviews for the project, including SEQRA. The Designer will be required to provide all of the management, personnel, design services, labor, materials and equipment necessary to complete the project. This Contract will be awarded based on Qualifications and the cost proposal to complete Implementation Plan Alternatives. This Contract will be amended to complete the Implementation Plan based on the Preferred Alternative recommended by the Buffalo River Committee, and selected by ECHDC and the Owners of the elevators. Design Teams are invited to submit one (1) signed original, six (6) copies of the proposal and one (1) electronic copy of CD in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposals. The proposals shall be limited to no more than 50 double-sided pages (min. 12 pt. font) that shall be spiral bound. Three-ring binders will not be accepted. Selection of the proposals considered to be the "most highly qualified" shall be made in accordance with the requirements of the Request for Proposals. Any questions or comments regarding this solicitation may be directed to Kaitlin McGee Chmura via e-mail at kchmura@esd.ny.gov. Contact with any other person at ECHDC or ESDC or the State regarding this solicitation is prohibited by law. All respondents to this procurement will be required to comply with ESDC's Terms and Conditions (Schedule A) and Insurance Requirements. The selected consultant team shall be required to use its best efforts to achieve M/WBE participation of not less than 25% (20%-MBE, 5%-WBE) of the total dollar value of the contract. Respondents will also be required to comply with State Tax Law Section 5-a and State Finance Law Section 139j-k, which are included in the Schedule A. ESDC's Policy regarding Permissible Contracts under State Finance Law Sections 139-j and 139-k will also apply. Respondents must complete and submit Offerer Disclosure of Prior Non-Responsibility and the Offerer's Affirmation of Understanding and Agreement pursuant to the State Finance Law. Copies of that policy and the forms are available at <http://www.esd.ny.gov/CorporateInformation/RFPs.html> or from the contact person listed below. New York State Procurement Law requires that state agencies award contracts only to responsible vendors. Vendors are invited to file the required Vendor Responsibility Questionnaire online via the New York State VendRep System or may choose to complete and submit a paper questionnaire. To enroll in and use the New York State VendRep System, see the VendRep System Instructions available at www.osc.state.ny.us/vendrep or go directly to the VendRep system online at <https://portal.osc.state.ny.us>.

Proposal Due: **February 17, 2012 2:00 PM EST**

Contract Term: March 2012 – October 2012

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