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PIN 5575.80, INNER HARBOR AND WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FACILITY, ERIE COUNTY

Description: The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation (ECHDC), a subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC), is seeking to retain professional engineering and architectural consultant firms and/or teams to provide construction documents, complete right-of-way acquisitions, and perform construction services for a locally-administered, federally-funded project in Erie County under New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) PIN 5575.80. ECHDC, in cooperation with the City of Buffalo, is entering into a federal-aid agreement with the NYSDOT to provide final design, right-of-way acquisition, and construction services for the Facility in accordance with NYSDOT Design Phases V & VI (as outlined in the NYSDOT *Project Development Manual* [PDM] and NYSDOT *Procedures for Locally Administered Federal Aid Projects* [PLAFAP]). To support completed and planned transportation improvements and related development within the Erie Canal Harbor district, as well as to accommodate and improve access by visitors, employees and residents to the Inner Harbor and waterfront, the City of Buffalo is progressing the federal environmental review and analysis of the Inner Harbor Transportation Infrastructure Facility. The City of Buffalo is currently managing Phases I-IV (under PIN 5756.69) and is expected to receive Design Approval in November 2009. The Facility has been incorporated into ECHDC's "Canal Side" development as the "Commercial Slip Parking Garage". The Project site is owned by the Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority (BMHA) and is bounded by Marine Drive, Commercial Street, Erie Street and the I-190/Skyway Ramp. The Project will be designed as a 1200-space, above-grade parking structure with entrance/exits along Perry Boulevard and Marine Drive ("east loop"). The estimated total project cost is \$18.0 million. The following technical activities will be undertaken within the base scope of services for this Project: 1) Finalize site layout/garage design; 2) Confirm no loss of permanent parking to BMHA residents; 3) Finalize location and arrangements for temporary off-site parking for BMHA residents; 4) Perform R.O.W. Acquisition tasks; 5) Finalize parking access revenue control for surface parking lot and garage; 6) Finalize operations and maintenance schedules; 7) Provide Advance Detail Plans; 8) Provide Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&E) documents; and 9) Provide Bid and Award support services. The selected firm and/or team should be proficient and have demonstrated prior project experience in: 1) Urban parking structures, structural engineering, civil/site engineering, and urban, mixed-use, and/or historic architecture; 2) Parking access revenue control, maintenance and operations schedules, and long-term planning for federally-funded facilities; 3) Right-of-Way mapping, appraisals, negotiations, and acquisition in accordance with State and federal procedures; 4) NYSDOT Procedures (e.g., *PDM*, *PLAFAP*, *Environmental Procedures Manual*); and 5) Other pertinent rules/regulations of State, federal and local agencies (e.g., FHWA, Buffalo Urban Renewal Agency, Buffalo Municipal Housing Authority, and Buffalo Sewer Authority). Firms and/or teams are required to submit one (1) signed original and four (4) copies of the firm's Technical Proposal. The submission shall be limited to no more than 50, double-sided pages that shall be spiral bound. Three-ring binders will not be accepted. In addition to the hardcopies outlined above, one (1) electronic copy of the firm's Technical Proposal shall be submitted in PDF format on a CD. Firms and/or teams are also required to submit one (1) original of the firm's Cost Proposal, including appropriate back-up (i.e., manhour estimate, direct labor rates, approved overhead rates, and direct non-salary charges) and technical assumptions. Selection of a firm or team considered to be the "most highly qualified" shall be made in accordance with a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process. The selection of the most highly qualified firms will be based on the following evaluation criteria and weights (100 total points) as follows: 1) Experience/qualifications of the proposed firm/team and staff to undertake the specific requirements of the Project – 30 points; 2) Approach of the firm or team on technical aspects of this effort, including their approach to incorporating the project site Design Guidelines into the garage aesthetics, affordability and timely completion of construction (i.e., recommendation of precast or cast-in-place), parking access revenue control, utility relocations, and community involvement for a controversial project – 30 points; 3) Experience of the firm or team with federal aid and locally

administered federal aid design projects – 10 points; 4) Experience of the firm or team with non-standard right-of-way acquisition transactions, including leasing, purchase of air rights, and/or other options – 10 points; 5) Experience of the firm or team with construction administration/inspection services including proposed staff for this Project – 10 points; 6) Logistics and familiarity with the Project Area – 10 Points. ECHDC's non-discrimination and affirmative action goals will apply to this initiative. 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. The selected consultant team shall also be required to use its best efforts to achieve DBE participation of not less than 18% of the total dollar value of the contract. The 18% DBE goal is NOT in addition to the 25% MBE/WBE goal, but can be achieved concurrently. All respondents to this procurement will be required to comply with ESDC's Terms and Conditions (Schedule A) and Insurance Requirements. 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 of and Agreement pursuant to the State Finance Law. Copies of that policy and the forms are available at <http://www.empire.state.ny.us/rfp> by going to the link on that page "vendors download required forms here", or from the contact person listed below. Any questions or comments regarding this solicitation or a copy of the Request for Proposals may be directed to Steven Ranalli via e-mail at srnalli@empire.state.ny.us Contact with any other person at ECHDC or ESDC or the State regarding this solicitation is prohibited by law. Designated firms must submit proof of authority to practice engineering/surveying in NYS (as appropriate) immediately upon designation.

Proposal Due: 10/13/2009 5:00 PM

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