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Austin Painter Project Engineer Town of Pulaski 42 First Street N.W. Pulaski, VA 24301 PO Box: 660

Work Phone: (540) 824 - 5601 Office Phone: (540) 994 - 8656 apainter@pulaskitown.org

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- Development of a Preliminary Engineering Report
- Assistance with procurement of project funding

- Sanitary sewer manhole and interceptor pipe evaluation per MACP and PACP guidelines
- Permitting
- Laboratory testing
- Surveying
- Development of rehabilitation / replacement bidding documents
- Bidding and construction phase services
- Funding program management assistance

# **Proposal Contents:**

The respondent's proposal for professional services must include the following:

- 1. Each proposal shall be transmitted along with a cover letter of not more than two pages.
- 2. Name, address and telephone of contact person.
- 3. Engineer's Virginia State Registration Number and classification.
- 4. Table of Contents
- 5. Statement of understanding of the scope of services presented in this RFP and the role of your firm in accomplishing the scope of services.
- 6. Clearly identify services being offered by your firm and any sub-consultants to be utilized.
- 7. Document previous work experience with any sub-consultants to be used.
- 8. A description of relevant projects in which the firm has participated during the past three (5) years with a description of the firm's responsibilities in the project, description of the relevant project details, and references who may be contacted.
- 9. Qualifications of members of the firm who will be performing work.
- 10. Executed copy of "Engineer's and Architect's Policy of Nondiscrimination", which is included in this RFP.
- 11. Executed copy of "Drug Free Workplace Maintenance by Contractor", which is included in this RFP.
- 12. All requested information must be presented. Failure to do so may result in the proposal being considered not responsive and, thus rejected.
- 13. Offerors who submit a response to the RFP may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal. This will provide an opportunity for the offeror to clarify or elaborate on their proposal.
- 14. Oral presentations are at the discretion of the Owner; therefore, proposals should be complete.

### **Proposal Evaluation:**

Evaluation of proposals will be based upon, information contained in the proposal. The following criteria will be utilized to rank respondents:

- 1. Understanding of project and key project factors (stakeholders, key issues, political drivers, project history, etc.)
- 2. Qualifications and experience of firm with similar types of projects and with similar types of clients.
- 3. Qualifications and experience of firm with Owner.
- 4. Experience with Local, State, and Federal regulatory requirements.

5. Firm ability to provide cost effective and efficient completion of project (personnel, firm proximity to Owner, cost saving strategies, etc.)

#### **Selection Procedure:**

The Owner and/or their authorized selection committee, will review all proposals and select respondents deemed best qualified, responsive, and suitable for project. The Owner reserves the right to select the highest-ranking firm based solely on the proposal contents. The Owner also reserves the right to shortlist firms for interview to further discuss qualifications. Upon firm ranking and selection, the Owner will enter into contract negotiations. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and waive any formalities. The procurement of these services will comply with the Virginia Public Procurement Act.