REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Annual Contract for Professional Services

Geotechnical Engineering Consulting Services to the City of Bryant, Arkansas

The City of Bryant, Arkansas is seeking the services of geotechnical engineering consulting firm(s) to provide engineering services on an annual contract basis as described herein. Interested firms should provide a description of their qualifications in the format described below.

A. INTRODUCTION

Qualifications may be submitted to the City of Bryant no later than 9am on January 5, 2026**.** All Statements of Qualification should conform to the format described in this Request for Qualifications and should be submitted to the attention of:

Ted Taylor
Director of Public Works
City of Bryant
1017 Sw 2nd Street
Bryant, Arkansas 72022

Please include five (5) complete hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal in a sealed envelope marked "RFQ FOR GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING."

Qualifications will be opened and evaluated in private, and proposal information will be kept confidential until a decision is made. From the Statement of Qualifications submitted, the City will select firms for further consideration. The City may select separate firms for expertise in providing geotechnical engineering services for the purpose of assisting in the engineering design of structural and equipment foundations and slabs, roadways, utilities, etc. on City projects.. Additional information may be requested from these firms, and the City may schedule interviews prior to making a final selection. No interviews or meetings to discuss a firm's qualifications will be scheduled prior to the submittal of the Statement of Qualifications. The City reserves the right to reject any or all responses and waive any irregularities or formalities in responses received. The City reserves the right to negotiate with the apparent acceptable firm(s). Awards will be based on those considerations that are in the best interest of the City and will be made to the responsive, responsible offer or(s) whose response is judged to be the most effective for the purpose intended, according to the requirements stated in the Request for Qualifications. After the completion of this evaluation process, the City will make a final selection for the firm or firms to be engaged and then, will negotiate a final contract and agreement. The City may opt to select more than one firm, depending on the type of services required. Geotechnical Engineering firms submitting a proposal will be notified in writing of further questions and/or

decisions. All statements will become public information and part of the official file on this matter without obligation to the City. This solicitation does not commit the City to pay any costs incurred in preparing and submitting statements or to contract for the services specified.

B. PRESENTATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND AWARD CONTRACT

The City reserves the right to select a short list of consultants at its own discretion to present their qualifications, respond to questions, and supply supplemental information.

The contract will be awarded to that consultant or consultants whose proposal(s) conforms most closely to the Request for Qualifications, and which will be most advantageous to the City, taking relative experience working on similar projects and other factors into consideration. The City reserves the right to select more than one consultant if our needs are best met in that manner.

No consultant or contract engineer with the City may do engineering work for a private development within the City, unless such work is authorized by the City. We expect a contract starting in January 2026, with a minimum contract term of two (2) years.

C. ADDENDA AND EXPLANATIONS

Any consultant in doubt as to the meaning of any part of this Request for Qualifications may request an interpretation from the City. All such requests, or other inquiries regarding this RFQ, should be made to Ted Taylor, Public Works Director at ttaylor@cityofbryant.com .

At the request of the consultant or in the event that the City deems the interpretation to be substantive, the interpretation will be made by written addendum issued by the City. In the event a written addendum is issued, either as a result of a request for interpretation or the result of a change in the requested proposal specification initiated by the City, a copy of such addendum will be mailed to all prospective consultants. In all cases, it will be the consultants' responsibility to obtain all addenda issued.

D. USE OF SUBCONTRACTORS AND/OR SUBCONSULTANTS

In order that the City may be assured that only qualified and competent subcontractors and/or sub consultants will be employed on the proposed project, each consultant shall submit with their qualifications a list of subcontractors and/or sub consultants who would be called upon to perform the work. The consultant must determine to their own satisfaction that a listed subcontractor and/or sub consultant has been successfully engaged in this particular type of work for a reasonable length of time and is qualified both technically and financially to perform that pertinent phase of the work for which they are listed.

No contract awarded by the City of Bryant may be assigned or any part subcontracted without written consent. In no case shall such consent relieve the consultant from his/her obligations or change the terms of the contract.

E. COMPETENCY OF CONSULTANT

No proposal will be accepted from, or contract awarded to any person, firm or corporation that is in arrears or is in default upon any debt or contract. The consultant, if requested, must present evidence of ability and possession of necessary facilities, and financial resources to comply with the terms of the Scope of Services.

F. CITY ORDINANCES

The consultant will strictly comply with all applicable ordinances of the City of Bryant, laws of the State of Arkansas, and laws of the federal government.

G. HOLD HARMLESS

The consultant is responsible for any and all damages to property or persons arising out of an error, omission and/or negligent act in the prosecution of his/her work. Further, the consultant will indemnify and save harmless the City, its officers, agents and employees from all suits, claims, actions, or damages of any nature whatsoever resulting there from. These indemnities are not limited by the listing of any insurance coverage.

H. TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

The City reserves the right to terminate the whole or any part of this contract, upon written notice to the consultant, in the event that sufficient funds to complete the contract are not appropriated by the City of Bryant.

The City further reserves the right to terminate the whole or any part of this contract, upon written notice to the consultant, in the event of default by the consultant. Default is defined as failure of the consultant to perform any of the contract or failure to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms. In the event of default and termination, the

City will procure upon such terms and in such manner as may be deemed appropriate services similar to those so terminated. The consultant shall be liable for excess costs for such similar services unless acceptable evidence is submitted that failure to perform the contract was due to causes beyond the control and without the fault of negligence of the consultant.

I. HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT

All work under this contract shall comply with the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1975 and revisions thereof, and all other applicable Federal, State, or local statutes, rules, or regulations affecting the work done under the contract.

J. SURVIVAL

The provisions of this Request for Qualifications shall survive and shall not merge with the contract awarded to the consultant selected, but shall be additional terms thereof and the submission of a proposal shall be deemed as acceptance of these terms.

K. MINORITY BUSINESS AND WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE REQUIREMENTS

The City of Bryant in an effort to reaffirm its policy of nondiscrimination, encourages the efforts of consultants and subcontractors to take affirmative action in providing for Equal Employment Opportunity without regard to race, religion, creed, color, sex, national origin, age, handicap unrelated to ability to perform the job, or protected veterans' status.

L. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The successful consultant(s) will be responsible for all or part of the tasks listed below. Based on the qualifications of the proposing consultants, the City may select one consultant to perform all of the tasks listed below, or more than one consultant, each of whom will perform those services for which they are most qualified. Further, the City reserves the right to contract with other engineering firms to conduct the work of the City based on the specific needs of the City or the current workload being handled by the contract consultant.

The City reserves the right to modify this Scope of Services and to request proposal modifications any time during the consultant evaluation process.

1. Provide consulting services to the City for projects engaged by the City including, but not limited to:
    a. Provide geotechnical field investigation services involving the collection of soil samples at project locations as determined by the City of Bryant.
    b. Provide geotechnical testing and analysis services on samples collected in the field.

    c. Provide geotechnical engineering analysis and recommendations to support the engineering design of various civil or structural projects.
2. Provide other geotechnical engineering support as needed by the City of Bryant.

M. EVALUATION OF QUALIFICATIONS STATEMENT

The City shall evaluate current statements of qualifications of firms on file whenever a specific project requiring such professional services is proposed. Three (3) qualified firms shall be selected for the specific project. The City shall then select the firm considered the best qualified and capable of performing the desired work and negotiate a contract for the proposed project with the firm selected. In general, when evaluating the qualifications of each firm, the City shall consider:

1. The specialized experience and technical competence of the firm with respect to the type of professional services required;
2. The capacity and capability of the firm to perform the work in question, including specialized services, within the time limitations fixed for the completion of the project;
3. The past record or performance of the firm with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work and ability to meet schedules and deadlines; and
4. The firm's proximity to and familiarity with the area in which the project is located.

Thank you for your interest in the City of Bryant. We will look forward to receiving and reviewing your qualifications for this contract.