

QUALIFICATIONS AND PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED BY NORTHWEST HARRIS COUNTY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 5 (the "District"), ATTN: BID/PROPOSAL RECEIPT DEPARTMENT – Linda Tepera, 2727 ALLEN PARKWAY, SUITE 1100, HOUSTON, TEXAS 77019-2191, FOR THE FOLLOWING:

The Board of Directors of Northwest Harris County Municipal Utility District No. 5 (the "District") is requesting proposals for professional engineering services, environmental engineering services, financial advisor services, legal and bond counsel services for planning, inspection and evaluation, design and construction of a wastewater reuse system for treatment and distribution of wastewater collected in the District, to be financed through the Texas Water Development Board ("TWDB"). Accordingly, the District is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering services firm, financial services and bond counsel to assist with the TWDB loan project identified herein.

Guidelines for content of the proposals, statement of qualifications and selection criteria may be obtained by contacting Linda Tepera via regular mail at 2727 Allen Parkway, Suite 1100, Houston, Texas 77019-2191 or via email at ltepera@smithmur.com.

**THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS 12:00 NOON, THURSDAY, JULY 19, 2018.**

The District is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Small, minority-owned and female-owned firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bids are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this Invitation for Bids or any resulting contract.

Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor Regulations 41 CFR Part 60.

Any loan award is contingent upon release of funds from the TWDB. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid ("IFB") or Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ or any resulting contract. RFQ's are issued in accordance with Chapter 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 31 (Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments).

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's ("EPA") "fair share policy," which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise ("MBE") and Women Business Enterprise ("WBE") firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts and procurements to Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

	<u>MBE</u>	<u>WBE</u>
CONSTRUCTION	12.94%	8.72%
EQUIPMENT	7.12%	5.39%
SERVICES	10.84%	5.72%
SUPPLIES	9.68%	9.34%

SPECIFICATIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY: Sending an email to [Itepera@smithmur.com](mailto:Itepera@smithmur.com) and request that the specifications be sent to you.

Equal Opportunity in Employment – All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or handicap. The contractor shall carry out application requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.

PROPOSALS WILL BE REVIEWED AT A TIME SELECTED BY THE DISTRICT. ELIGIBLE FIRMS WILL BE CALLED FOR AN INTERVIEW. THE DISTRICT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REJECT ANY OR ALL PROPOSALS OR RESPONSES.

*Please contact Ms. Tepera via email or phone with questions.*

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