



## State of Maine



### Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Division of Engineering

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#### Request for Qualifications Information for Architects and Engineers

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the **Panther Pond Dam Reconstruction** at Mill Street in Raymond, Maine.

The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to, Engineering services, schedule, cost estimating, preliminary design, design development, contract documents, permitting, and construction administration. The firm may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

The existing structure requires significant repairs, modifications, and possibly partial replacement to remain functional and structurally sound. Recommendations in the 2020 inspection report completed by Kleinschmidt are the basis for the project. The completed structure should have the ability to control water levels to Panther Pond, retain the ability to divert water to the adjacent IFW fish trap station, and aesthetically correct to fit the historic landscape. A construction budget for the project of \$1,100,000.00 has been established with completion desired during the winter of 2022/2023

Interested firms should submit *one electronic copy and one paper copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes the firm's response to each of the following criteria.

- A. qualifications to undertake this project;
- B. documented experience with budgets, estimating, and project cost control;
- C. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities;
- D. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
- E. organization of team and profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project;
- F. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project; and
- G. list of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

The *paper copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to Richard Parker-Engineering Director, Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 353 Water Street-SHS 41, Augusta Maine 04333-0041 so as to be received not later than **1:00 PM** on **02/04/2022**. The *electronic*



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*copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to [BGS.Architect@Maine.gov](mailto:BGS.Architect@Maine.gov) so as to meet the deadline noted above.

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project will not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.

#### **Architect-Engineer Procurement Process**

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subsection 6), described briefly here.

1. The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself is approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
2. Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
4. The Selection Committee interviews the firms. Second interviews may be scheduled. References are checked.
5. The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
6. A BGS Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved by BGS before work commences.