Instructions

* Provide the project-specific information in the highlighted text below and other text revisions as required.
* Indicate the delivery address for the entity meant to receive and manage the responses to this RFQ (this address is not necessarily the BGS address).
* Provide a complete description of the scope of services in this RFQ document.
* Remove the highlighted color on the text when editing is complete.
* Delete this list of *Instructions* from the final draft of this RFQ document.
* Arrange with BGS to post this RFQ document, on the date the legal ad is first published in the newspaper, on your website, the BGS website, or both websites.
* Document receipt of RFQ responses by the stated deadline. Post the names of the responding firms, short-listed firms and ultimate selection on the website. The opening of RFQ responses is not a public access event.

**Request for Qualifications**

**Information for Architects and Engineers**

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for **Fish Culture Facility Improvement Projects** located at up to eight existing locations across the state.

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

 The project may include new or renovated infrastructure related to supply piping, influent water treatment, fish rearing vessels and associated structures, support buildings, as well as effluent treatment improvements. A more targeted identification of priority projects will be further refined following additional program assessment.

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

1. qualifications to undertake this project;
2. documented experience with budgets, estimating, and project cost control;
3. list of projects that demonstrate the firm's capabilities;
4. list of recently completed work of similar type and size projects, with client contact information for each project;
5. organization of team and profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project;
6. statement of current workload and ability to absorb the project; and
7. 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 Todd Langevin, Superintendent of Hatcheries at Maine Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, Hatcheries Division, 41 SHS, Augusta, ME 04333, so as to be received not later than **1:00** PM on **May 6, 2021**. The *electronic 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 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.