**Request for Qualifications**

**Information for Architects and Engineers**

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Bureau of Real Estate Management wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for anew **Main Office Headquarters** facility for IF&W on a designated site in Augusta, Maine.

 The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to, pre-design services to develop functional and spatial programs, concept design, project timeline, and cost estimate. The Department has compiled data related to the function and area of spaces. The completion of this phase of work is required prior to June 2020.

 The proposed facility is anticipated to be approximately 30,000 square feet, with approximately 5,000 square feet of heated warehouse space. The facility shall utilize state of the art renewable energy technologies, energy conservation strategies, and design elements appropriate to the Department. Qualifications of the selected firm for both phases shall include familiarity and expertise with similar facilities, and proven experience with programming, schedule and cost estimating, design, and construction administration.

 Interested firms should submit *five paper copies* 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 Joseph Ostwald, Bureau of Real Estate Management, 111 Sewall Street, 77 State House Station, Augusta Maine 04333-0077 so as to be received not later than **1:00** p.m. on **14 January 2020**. 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 BREM Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved by BREM before work commences.