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CITY OF HAMMOND

January 3, 2024

Hammond Board of Public Works and Safety  
5925 Calumet Avenue  
Hammond, IN 46320

RE: Downtown Hammond Station Request for Proposals

Dear Board:

Attached please find a Request for Proposals to solicit firms to design a new NICTD Westlake Train Station prepared by the Engineering Department. Modeled after INDOT's RFP for consultants, the attached solicitation is required when using Federal Funds for projects, per 2 CFR 200.

I am requesting your approval of the solicitation for Request for Proposals at the next Board of Public Works and Safety meeting.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Regards,

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January 8, 2024

Request for Proposals Notification

Title: City of Hammond Downtown Hammond NICTD Station

RFP Issued: January 8, 2024

Proposal Due Date and Time: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at noon

Send Electronic Submissions to: [buttond@gohammond.com](mailto:buttond@gohammond.com)

**Project Description:** The City of Hammond is seeking qualified firms to design a new NICTD Westlake Downtown Hammond Station building to be located along the Westlake Commuter Rail Line at Russell Street in Hammond, Indiana. The Station shall include:

- Prominent architectural and lighting features to create a landmark appearance with platform access to the train.
- Locating an enclosed waiting room at platform level.
- A prominent stairway from ground level to platform level.
- An elevator between ground and track level accessed from a point near the base of the stairway, described above.
- A convenient path from the waiting room to the train platform to the south.
- A west-facing track wall treatment including pedestrian tunnel entrance to create a visual anchor as seen from Hohman Avenue.
- A sheltered bench.
- Compliance with NICTD requirements for station design, including train platform shelter.
- Compliance with Federal, State and local laws.

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#### Requirements for Letters of Interest (LOI)

1. Provide the firm name, address of the responsible office from which the work will be performed, the name and email address of the contact person authorized to negotiate for the associated work.
2. List firms qualifications and experience that they have in designing station buildings and similar public buildings.
3. List the Project manager and other key staff members who will be working on this project, if selected. Include staff qualification and key experience related to this project and breakdown of estimated percentage of work each staff member will perform.
4. Provide unique ways your firm will approach this project.
5. Proposed schedule to complete Final Design, Bid including Bid recommendation and Award.
6. LOI's shall be limited to twelve (12) pages.

Submission: LOI's shall be submitted electronically (pdf) to Dean Button at email address [buttond@gohammond.com](mailto:buttond@gohammond.com). LOI's must be received no later than the "Proposals Due Date and Time" listed above. Responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

Project Fee: If selected, the firm will be paid through cost reimbursement with an agreed upon maximum cost.

Project Schedule: Project design delivery must be completed by April 2025.

Selection Procedures: Consultants will be selected for work based on the evaluation of the LOI. The Consultant Selection Rating Form used to evaluate and score is included for your reference. Final selection ranking will be determined by the weighted score totals with the highest score being the top-ranked firm.

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### **Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion**

1. The Consultant certifies, by submission of the proposal, that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participating in covered transactions by a Federal department or agency.
2. Where the Consultant is unable to certify to any of the statement in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal

#### **Title VI Assurance**

The Recipient, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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**RFP Selection Rating for \_\_\_ Downtown Hammond NICTD Station**  
City of Hammond

**Consultant Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluation Criteria to be Rated by Scorers					
Category	Scoring Criteria	Scale	Score	Weight	Weighted Score
<b>Past Performance</b>	<b>Performance evaluation score averages from historical performance data.</b>				
	Quality score for similar work			6	
	Schedule score			3	
	Responsiveness score			1	
<b>Capacity of Team to do Work</b>	<b>Evaluation of the team's personnel and equipment to perform the project on time</b>				
	Availability of more than adequate capacity that results in added value.	1		20	
	Adequate capacity to meet the schedule.	0			
Insufficient available capacity to meet the schedule.	-1				
<b>Team's Demonstrated Qualifications</b>	<b>Technical Expertise: Unique Resources that yield a relevant added value or efficiency to the deliverable.</b>			15	
	Demonstrated outstanding expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	2			
	Demonstrated high level of expertise and resources identified for required services for value added benefit.	1			
	Expertise and resources at appropriate level.	0			
	Insufficient expertise and/or resources.	-3			
<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Predicted ability to manage the project, based on: experience in size, complexity, type, subs, documentation skills.</b>			20	
	Demonstrated outstanding experience in similar type and complexity.	2			
	Demonstrated high level of experience in similar type and complexity.	1			
	Experience in similar type and complexity shown in resume.	0			
	Experience in different type or lower complexity.	-1			
	Insufficient experience.	-3			
<b>Approach to Project</b>	<b>Project Understanding and Innovation that provides cost and/or time savings</b>			15	
	High level of understanding and viable innovative ideas proposed.	2			
	High level of understanding of the project.	1			
	Basic understanding of the project.	0			
	Lack of project understanding.	-3			
<b>Weighted Sub-Total:</b>					

It is the responsibility of scorers to make every effort to identify the firm most capable of producing the highest deliverables in a timely and cost effective manner without regard to personal preference.

I certify that I do not have any conflicts of interest associated with this consultant

I have thoroughly reviewed the letter of interest for this consultant and certify that the above scores represent my best judgment of this firm's abilities.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_