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REQUEST FOR QUOTES (RFQ) #2017-72

Issue Date: August 24, 2017

Project Name:	Benthic Macroinvertebrate and Geomorphological Surveys		
Quote Due Date/Time:	September 7, 2017 2:00 PM		
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**SUBMIT QUOTES VIA EMAIL TO PROCUREMENT@CLACKAMAS.US
OR MAIL/HAND DELIVERY TO THE ABOVE ADDRESS**

**PLEASE NOTE: EMAIL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD HAVE
"2017-72 BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATE SURVEY" IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

1. ANNOUNCEMENT AND SPECIAL INFORMATION

Quoters are required to read, understand, and comply with all information contained within this Request for Quotes ("RFQ"). All quotes are binding upon Quoter for sixty (60) days from the Quote Due Date/Time. Quotes received after the Quote Due Date/Time may not be considered. If authorized in the RFQ and resulting contract, travel and other expense reimbursement will only be reimbursed in accordance with the Clackamas County Travel Reimbursement Policy in effect at the time the expense is incurred. The Policy may be found at www.clackamas.us/bids/terms.html.

It will be the responsibility of potential Quoters to refer daily to the Bids and Contract Information Page (www.clackamas.us/bids/index.html) to check for any available addenda, response to clarifying questions, cancellations or other information pertaining to this RFQ.

All questions regarding this RFQ are to be directed to the Procurement Analyst named above. Quoters may not communicate with County employees or representatives about the RFQ during the procurement process until the Procurement office has notified Quoters of the selected Quoter. Communication in violation of this restriction may result in rejection of a Quoter.

2. SCOPE

The purpose of this RFQ is to contract with a qualified firm to conduct surveys of benthic macroinvertebrates and geomorphology at selected sites in streams within Clackamas County Service District No. 1 ("CCSD #1") and Water Environment Services ("WES") (collectively "Districts").

Background

The Districts are part of a number of agencies responsible for wastewater and stormwater management in the region. In an effort to better understand the effects of these management activities on watershed health and the status of aquatic resources, the Districts periodically assess aquatic resource conditions as part of its watershed health focus and integrated watershed management approach. The information and data derived from these monitoring and assessment efforts are used to help determine the success of water resource management efforts and inform future work. In response to the need to understand how watershed conditions are changing over time and a desire to monitor the effectiveness of stormwater management practices and treatments designed to mitigate the impacts of hydromodification, the Districts wish to perform a comprehensive aquatic resource assessment, including benthic macroinvertebrates, water chemistry and geomorphology.

The Districts are seeking qualified firms to conduct a comprehensive aquatic resource assessment following standard methods that are used regionally to evaluate benthic macroinvertebrate community condition, characterize in-stream physical habitat attributes, water chemistry and riparian conditions. The objectives of this assessment are to:

- Follow consistent survey methods that will allow a comparison of conditions of aquatic resources during past surveys to current conditions and into the future.
- Follow consistent data assessment methods to evaluate changes to aquatic resources over time.

Monitoring will occur on approximately 16 stations in CCSD#1 and approximately 10 stations in WES. Results from will be presented in separate reports.

The successful contractor will review the monitoring sites and assessment tools used in the previous study and suggest any changes to sites, protocols and methods of modeling/analysis.

Detailed Scope of Work

Contractor's Responsibilities:

The contractor will:

- Review previously completed monitoring reports:
 - Clackamas County Service District No. 1, Benthic Macroinvertebrate and Geomorphological Monitoring Report 2014, prepared by Waterways Consulting, Inc. and Cole Ecological, Inc.
 - Surface Water Management Agency of Clackamas County, Benthic Macroinvertebrate and Geomorphological Monitoring Report 2014, prepared by Waterways Consulting, Inc. and Cole Ecological, Inc.
- Meet with Districts' monitoring staff to review survey stations and suggest any changes to locations.
- Suggest any changes to sampling protocols or analysis methods and modeling techniques.
- Obtain and document landowner permission to access monitoring site.
- Perform field work, documenting procedures at each location.
- Compile data in tables, charts, graphs and figures; perform appropriate modeling as in 2014 reports.
- Analyze data and model results to determine trends of findings. Results should be discussed for each station.
- Highlight sites or conditions that are considered at-risk of further hydromodification. This information will help staff to prioritize watershed management and stream restoration efforts.
- Highlight major stressors at each site. This information will help staff to prioritize watershed management and stream restoration efforts.
- Highlight trends observed to the extent possible.

The Contractor may propose different or additional methods not covered in the referenced studies if they better meet the project objectives. To best assess trends, the preference is to keep monitoring stations, methods and tools as consistent with those used in the past as possible.

Quoters may download the last monitoring report for each District from the following website:

<http://www.clackamas.us/wes/watershedhealth.html>

A. Districts' Responsibilities

The Districts will provide the following:

- Copies of previously completed Monitoring Studies (2003, 2007, 2009, 2012 and 2014); and
- Records of landowners for monitoring stations accessed in 2014.

B. Deliverables

The Contractor will provide:

- Two draft reports (one for each District) for staff review and comment;
- Two final reports (one for each District) to include, at a minimum, an introduction to the project, description of survey area, description of survey methods, description of survey reaches, detailed geomorphic monitoring data, detailed benthic macroinvertebrate data, detailed water chemistry data, detailed in-stream physical habitat and riparian data, data assessment and analysis, correlation of

findings with environmental conditions, discussion of findings at each reach, summary discussion including highlights of at-risk locations, major stressors and trends analysis; and

- List of literature citations.

C. Schedule

- Field work to be performed during September and October, 2017.
- Final reports due no later than June 30, 2018.

Delivery

- Delivery required within _____ days of supplier's receipt of order.
- Delivery of final reports will be required on or before June 30, 2018.
- Delivery time is of the essence and may be a factor in making an award.

3. Sample Contract

Submission of a Quote in response to this RFQ indicates Quoter's willingness to enter into a contract containing substantially the same terms of the below referenced contract, which can be found at: <http://www.clackamas.us/bids/terms.html>, with the below indicated requirements. No action or response to the sample contract is required under this RFQ. The applicable sample contract is the:

Professional Services Contract (unless checked, item does not apply)

The following paragraphs of the Professional Services Contract will be applicable:

- Article I, Paragraph 4 – Travel and Other Expense is authorized
- Article II, Paragraph 29 – Confidentiality
- Article II, Paragraph 29 – Criminal Background Check Requirements
- Article II, Paragraph 30 – Key Persons
- Exhibit A – On-Call Provision

The following insurance requirements will be applicable:

- Professional Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with an annual aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 for damages caused by error, omission or negligent acts.
- Commercial General Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, with an annual aggregate limit of \$2,000,000 for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.
- Automobile Liability: combined single limit, or the equivalent, of not less than \$500,000 per occurrence for Bodily Injury and Property Damage.

4. Quote

Quotes should be short and concise with the following information:

- A. Clearly state an understanding of the work to be performed;
- B. Detail key issues in providing aquatic resources monitoring services;
- C. Describe your approach to providing aquatic resources monitoring services;
- D. Experience of staff that will work on the project;
- E. Provide a comprehensive work plan that meets the deadline;
- F. Not-to-exceed price listing Time & Material fees to complete the project; and
- G. Any additional information that Clackamas County should take into consideration for the project or qualifications.

5. Evaluation

Quotes will be evaluated based on subjective factors including, but not limited to: understanding of work to be performed, key issues in providing aquatic resources monitoring, firms approach to aquatic resource monitoring, staff experience, comprehensive work plan, and not-to-exceed price.

CLACKAMAS COUNTY CERTIFICATIONS
RFQ #2017-72

Each Quoter must read, complete and submit a copy of this Clackamas County Certification with their Quote. Failure to do so may result in rejection of Quote. By signature on this Certification the undersigned certifies that they are authorized to act on behalf of the Quoter and that under penalty of perjury the undersigned will comply with the following:

SECTION I. OREGON TAX LAWS

As required in ORS 279B.110(2)(3), the undersigned hereby certifies that, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge, the Quoter is not in violation of any Oregon Tax Laws. For purposes of this certification, "Oregon Tax Laws" means a state tax imposed by ORS 320.005 to 320.150 and 403.200 to 403.250 and ORS chapters 118, 314, 316, 317, 318, 321, 323, and elderly rental assistance program under ORS 310.630 to 310.706, and local taxes administered by the Department of Revenue under ORS 305.620, all as applicable. If a contract is executed, this information will be reported to the Internal Revenue Service. Information not matching IRS records could subject Quoter to 28% backup withholding.

SECTION II. NON-DISCRIMINATION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Quoter has not and will not discriminate in its employment practices with regard to race, creed, age, religious affiliation, sex, disability, sexual orientation, national origin, or any other protected class. Nor has Quoter or will Quoter discriminate against a subcontractor in the awarding of a subcontract because the subcontractor is a disadvantaged business enterprise, a minority-owned business, a woman-owned business, a business that a service-disabled veteran owns or an emergency small business that is certified under ORS 200.055.

SECTION III. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The undersigned hereby certifies that no elected official, officer, agency or employee of Clackamas County is personally interested, directly or indirectly, in any resulting contract from this RFQ, or the compensation to be paid under such contract, and that no representation, statements (oral or in writing), of the County, its Commissioners, officers, agents, or employees had induced Quoter to submit this Quote. In addition, the undersigned hereby certifies that this proposal is made without connection with any person, firm, or corporation submitting a quote for the same material, and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud.

SECTION IV. COMPLIANCE WITH SOLICITATION

The undersigned further agrees and certifies that they:

1. Have read, understand and agree to be bound by and comply with all requirements, instructions, specifications, terms and conditions of the RFQ (including any attachments); and
2. Are an authorized representative of the Quoter, that the information provided is true and accurate, and that providing incorrect or incomplete information may be cause for rejection of the Quote or contract termination; and
3. Will furnish the designated item(s) and/or service(s) in accordance with the RFQ and Quote; and
4. Will use recyclable products to the maximum extent economically feasible in the performance of the contract work set forth in this RFQ.

Firm Name: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Title: _____

Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Email: _____ OR CCB # (if applicable): _____

Business Designation (check one):

Corporation Partnership Sole Proprietorship Non-Profit Limited Liability Company

Resident Quoter, as defined in ORS 279A.120

Non-Resident Quote. Resident State: _____

Oregon Business Registry Number: _____

**CLACKAMAS COUNTY
INSTRUCTIONS TO QUOTERS**

Quotes are subject to the applicable provisions and requirements of the Clackamas County Local Contract Review Board Rule C-047-0270 (Intermediate Procurements) and Oregon Revised Statutes.

QUOTE PREPARATION

1. **QUOTE FORMAT:** Quotes must be submitted as indicated in the RFQ. Quotes may be submitted in writing to Clackamas County via e-mail, mail or in person.
2. **CONFORMANCE TO RFQ REQUIREMENTS:** Quotes must conform to the requirements of the RFQ. Unless otherwise specified, all items quoted are to be new, unused and not remanufactured in any way. Any requested attachments must be submitted with the quote and in the required format. Quote prices must be for the unit indicated on the quote. Failure to comply with all requirements may result in quote rejection.
3. **ADDENDA:** Only documents issued as addenda by Clackamas County serve to change the RFQ in any way. No other directions received by the Quoter, written or verbal, serve to change the RFQ document. NOTE: IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A COPY OF THE RFQ, YOU SHOULD CONSULT THE CLACKAMAS COUNTY BIDS AND CONTRACT INFORMATION WEBSITE (www.clackamas.us/bids/index.html) TO ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE NOT MISSED ANY ADDENDA OR ANNOUNCEMENTS. QUOTERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO RETURN ADDENDUMS WITH THEIR QUOTE. HOWEVER, QUOTERS ARE RESPONSIBLE TO MAKE THEMSELVES AWARE OF, OBTAIN AND INCORPORATE ANY CHANGES MADE IN ANY ADDENDA ISSUED, AND TO INCORPORATE ANY CHANGES MADE BY ADDENDUM INTO THEIR FINAL QUOTE. FAILURE TO DO SO MAY, IN EFFECT, MAKE THE QUOTER'S QUOTE NON-RESPONSIVE, WHICH MAY CAUSE THE QUOTE TO BE REJECTED.
4. **USE of BRAND or TRADE NAMES:** Any brand or trade names used by Clackamas County in the specifications are for the purpose of describing and establishing the standard of quality, performance and characteristics desired and are not intended to limit or restrict competition. Quoters may submit quotes for substantially equivalent products to those designated unless the RFQ provides that a specific brand is necessary because of compatibility requirements, etc. All such brand substitutions shall be subject to approval by Clackamas County.
5. **PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION:** Quoters must clearly identify all products quoted. Brand name and model or number must be shown. Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any quote when the product information submitted with the quote is incomplete.
6. **FOB DESTINATION:** Unless specifically allowed in the RFQ, ***QUOTE PRICE MUST BE F.O.B. DESTINATION with all transportation and handling charges included in the Quote.***
7. **DELIVERY:** Delivery time must be shown in number of calendar days after receipt of purchase order.
8. **EXCEPTIONS:** Any deviation from quote specifications, or the form of sample contract referenced in this RFQ, may result in quote rejection at County's sole discretion.
9. **SIGNATURE ON QUOTE:** Quotes must be signed by an authorized representative of the Quoter. Signature on a quote certifies that the quote is made without connection with any person, firm or corporation making a quote for the same goods and/or services and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Signature on a quote also certifies that the Quoter has read and fully understands all quote specifications, and the sample contract referenced in this RFQ (including insurance requirements). No consideration will be given to any claim resulting from quoting without comprehending all requirements of the RFQ.
10. **QUOTE MODIFICATION:** Quotes, once submitted, may be modified in writing before the time and date set for quote closing. Any modifications should be signed by an authorized representative, and state that the new document supersedes or modifies the prior quote. Quoters may not modify quotes after quote closing time.
11. **QUOTE WITHDRAWALS:** Quotes may be withdrawn by request in writing signed by an authorized representative and received by Clackamas County prior to the Quote Due Date/Time. Quotes may also be withdrawn in person before the Quote Due Date/Time upon presentation of appropriate identification.

- 12. QUOTE SUBMISSION:** Quotes may be submitted by returning to Clackamas County Procurement Division in the location designated in the introduction of the RFQ via email, mail or in person; however, no oral or telephone quotes will be accepted. Envelopes, or e-mails containing Quotes should contain the RFQ Number and RFQ Title.

QUOTE EVALUATION AND AWARD

- 1. PRIOR ACCEPTANCE OF DEFECTIVE PROPOSALS:** Due to limited resources, Clackamas County generally will not completely review or analyze quotes which fail to comply with the requirements of the RFQ or which clearly are not the best quotes, nor will Clackamas County generally investigate the references or qualifications of those who submit such quotes. Therefore, neither the return of a quote, nor acknowledgment that the selection is complete shall operate as a representation by Clackamas County that an unsuccessful quote was complete, sufficient, or lawful in any respect.
- 2. DELIVERY:** Significant delays in delivery may be considered in determining award if early delivery is required.
- 3. CASH DISCOUNTS:** Cash discounts will not be considered for award purposes unless stated in the RFQ.
- 4. PAYMENT:** Quotes which require payment in less than 30 days after receipt of invoice or delivery of goods, whichever is later, may be rejected.
- 5. INVESTIGATION OF REFERENCES:** Clackamas County reserves the right to investigate references and or the past performance of any Quoter with respect to its successful performance of similar services, compliance with specifications and contractual obligations, and its lawful payment of suppliers, sub-contractors, and workers. Clackamas County may postpone the award or execution of the contract after the announcement of the apparent successful Quoter in order to complete its investigation. Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any quote or to reject all quotes at any time prior to Clackamas County's execution of a contract if it is determined to be in the best interest of Clackamas County to do so.
- 6. METHOD OF AWARD:** Clackamas County reserves the right to make the award by item, groups of items or entire quote, whichever is in the best interest of Clackamas County.
- 7. QUOTE REJECTION:** Clackamas County reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.
- 8. QUOTE RESULTS:** Quoters who submit a quote will be notified of the RFQ results. Awarded quote files are public records and available for review by submitting a public records request or by appointment.