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PUBLIC NOTICE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST REQUEST FOR
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (Authority) invites interested firms to submit Statements of Qualifications (SOQ). The Authority intends to award a contract for services outlined in this Request for Statement of Qualifications (RSOQ).

Respondents will be evaluated based upon the selection criteria as laid out / described in this document. The criteria categories are: Professional Qualifications, Specialized Experience and Technical Competence, Capacity, Location, and Past Performance.

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East is an Equal Opportunity Employer. We encourage participation of Small and Minority/Women Owned Businesses as prime consultants or as sub-consultants on projects under the jurisdiction of the Authority. We rely on the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development's list of DBE firms in determining whether a firm meets DBE requirements. We rely on the Louisiana Department of Economic Development's list of certified Hudson Initiative firms in determining whether a firm meets small business requirements.

Additional information pertaining to this RSOQ can be found on the Authority's web site at www.floodauthority.org under the Business tab - RFQ. Questions regarding this RFQ should be submitted in writing to Mr. Ryan Foster, P.E., SLFPAE at rfoster@floodauthority.org no later than 4:00 pm on **Friday, May 31, 2024**. All submitted questions along with the Authority's responses will be posted on the Authority's website no later than **4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 5, 2024**.

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Wednesday, **May 15, 2024**
Wednesday, **May 22, 2024**
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Monday, **May 20, 2024**



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS
INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STORM SURGE BARRIER RESEARCH, PUBLIC
EDUCATION AND SATELLITE MAINTENANCE FACILITY
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (Flood Protection Authority) is seeking Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from which to select a firm to provide Architectural and associated Professional Services for design of a Multipurpose Facility to be utilized for maintenance, education, research and public outreach.

2.0 GENERAL BACKGROUND AND DESCRIPTION

On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina, which generated a 28-foot storm surge and 55-foot waves, made landfall in Louisiana, causing widespread catastrophic damage and the loss of more than 1,500 lives. Approximately 80 percent of New Orleans was flooded to depths that exceeded 15-feet in many areas. The Corps of Engineers immediately established Task Force Guardian to repair and restore the flood protection system to pre-Katrina conditions. Hurricane Rita on the heels of Katrina worsened the situation and delayed the start of work; however, the system was restored to pre-Katrina conditions prior to the 2006 hurricane season. Next, the Corps of Engineers (USACE) was authorized by Congress to design and construct the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), a \$14.6 billion project crossing five parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Plaquemines) to provide risk reduction against a 100-year storm event (a storm that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year). Congressional authorizations allowed upfront Federal funding for the HSDRRS, rather than incremental funding as traditionally provided for large civil works projects, thus enabling the delivery of a stronger, more resilient perimeter hurricane flood defense system in a compressed timeframe. The State of Louisiana, through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, stepped in as the non-federal sponsor for the HSDRRS. Operation and maintenance responsibilities were turned over by the CPRA to the local levee districts for completed project components.

One of significant aspects of the HSDRRS system is the IHNC Lake Borgne Surge Barrier. At a cost of 1.1 Billion it was the largest civil works project USACE has ever done. The Surge Barrier is 1.8 miles in length making it the longest continuous surge barrier in the world and includes three movable closure structures. The Lake Borgne Surge Barrier has attracted visitors from around the world with vast backgrounds. Constructed in a saltwater environment this critical asset requires frequent inspection and implementation of a rigorous maintenance program. The Flood Protection Authority spends approximately \$2 million annually executing

this maintenance program.

As the longest Surge Barrier in the world, the IHNC Lake Borgne Surge Barrier garners interest from flood defense agencies, hurricane and climate research organizations and individuals, environmental and engineering experts, students, public officials and the general public from around the world.

Due to limited facilities the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East is planning on constructing a Multipurpose Facility to be utilized for maintenance, education, research and public outreach. The overall facility will be approximately 15,000-20,000 square feet spread over 2-3 floors. The facility may be designed utilizing a phased approach to allow for expansion to accommodate future needs and as funding becomes available.

3.0 REQUIRED DISCIPLINES

Below is a tentative list of disciplines that may be required to execute the scope of this RFQ

- Architectural Space Programming
- Architectural / Interior Design
- Project Management
- Civil Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Environmental and Permitting
- Mechanical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering

4.0 MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

All firms or teams of Prime and Subconsultant firms selected for this project must meet the following minimum Qualifications:

1. At least one of the principals of the firm(s) must be professionally competent in the field or fields of expertise required for the project.
2. At least one principal or responsible member of the firm(s) shall have had a minimum of five (5) years' experience in responsible charge of the field or fields involved.
3. At least one of the principals of the firm(s) must be licensed or registered by the appropriate Louisiana licensing or professional board.

5.0 SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The submittal must include a cover sheet, a signed transmittal letter and **single** fully completed Standard Form 330.

1. Cover Sheet

The following information should be included on a cover sheet under the title

“Request for Statement of Qualifications – International Center for Storm Surge Barrier Research, Public Education and Satellite Maintenance Facility For the SLFPA-E”.

- i. Name of Respondent;
- ii. Respondent address;
- iii. Respondent telephone number;
- iv. Respondent federal tax identification number; and
- v. Name, title address, telephone number, fax number, and email address of contact person authorized to contractually obligate the Respondent on behalf of the Respondent.

2. Transmittal Letter

By signing the letter, the Respondent certifies that the signatory is authorized to bind the Respondent. The letter should include:

- i. A brief statement of the Respondent’s understanding of the scope of the work to be performed;
- ii. A confirmation that the Respondent meets the minimum requirements specified in the **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS** section above;
- iii. A confirmation that the Respondent meets the appropriate state licensing requirements to practice in the State of Louisiana;
- iv. A confirmation that the Respondent has not had a record of substandard work within the last five years;
- v. A confirmation that the Respondent has not engaged in any unethical practices within the last five years;
- vi. A confirmation that, if awarded the contract, the Respondent acknowledges its complete responsibility for the entire contract, including payment of any and all charges resulting from the contract;
- vii. Any other information that the Respondent feels appropriate; and
- viii. The signature of an individual who is authorized to make offers of this nature in the name of the Respondent submitting the proposal.

3. Standard Form 330

Respondents must include a fully completed and signed SF 330. A link to electronic versions of SF 330 is provided below:

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/forms/download/116486>

The SF 330 must include pertinent information for the prime contractor and all key subcontractors that make up the proposed team. An Organizational Chart of the proposed team must be included as an attachment after Section C. It shall show the names and roles of all key personnel listed in Section E and the firm they are associated with as listed in Section C.

The brief description provided for key personnel in Section E shall include information describing the individual's **specific roles and responsibilities** on the projects listed. If roles and responsibilities are not **clearly and accurately** presented then the individual will not be given credit for experience on the referenced project.

Example / Relevant Projects listed in Section F shall also include information on Firm's **specific role** (also specify Prime or Subcontractor) **and design responsibility** (Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical, etc.) on each project listed. If role and responsibility are not **clearly and accurately** presented then the project will not be considered or evaluated as part of relevant experience.

Use Section H of the SF330 (limit of 10 pages) to provide information demonstrating past performance on contracts with Government agencies and private industry, and any other pertinent information you wish to include with the submittal. Since Section H of the SF 330 is limited to 10 pages firms are not required to include information regarding scope of work items 6, meeting with state, federal and local. By submitting an SF 330 the respondents acknowledge these items are included in the scope of work and are willing to perform these services when required.

6.0 SELECTION CRITERIA

The Authority will evaluate each respondent in terms of their:

1. Professional qualifications necessary for satisfactory performance of required services;
2. Specialized experience and technical competence in similar work within the past five years;
3. Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time;
4. Location of principal office where work will be performed; and
5. Past performance on contracts with Government agencies and private industry in terms of cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules.

The maximum point score associated with each criteria is indicated in the table below:

CRITERIA	Maximum Point Score
Professional Qualifications	25
Specialized Experience and Technical Competence	35
Capacity	10
Location	5
Past Performance	25
TOTAL	100

The Authority, at its discretion, may select the highest scoring firm to enter into contract negotiations, or may conduct oral interviews with several of the highest scoring firms. Then, as a result of the RQ

evaluation and the interviews, the Authority will determine which firm(s) will be selected to enter into contract negotiations. Unsuccessful firms will be notified as soon as practical. Please see Appendix A for further information regarding evaluation and selection processes.

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