

## CITY OF BURNET

### REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS TO PERFORM GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING AND TESTING SERVICES FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The City of Burnet, Texas is requesting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from interested firms related to geotechnical engineering and testing of the ***City of Burnet Wastewater Rehabilitation Project Phase II and Sherrard Street Waterline Replacement Projects.***

Sealed proposals will be received until 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, 2010, at the office of the Economic Development Director, Burnet City Hall, 1001 Buchanan Drive, Suite 4. No fax proposals will be accepted. No late proposals will be accepted; all proposals received after the deadline will be returned unopened.

#### TWDB/ARRA Requirements:

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB.)

Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this SOQ, IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) "fair share policy", which includes EPA-approved "fair share goals" for Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) firms in the Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services procurement categories. EPA's policy requires that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to Small, Minority and Women-Owned Business Enterprises. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate use of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	34.8%	6.7%
SUPPLIES	9.7%	5.2%
EQUIPMENT	7.2%	4.1%
SERVICES	16.1%	21.3%

Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR Part 60. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to respond.

The City of Burnet reserves the right to evaluate the Qualifications Statement submitted; to waive any irregularities therein; or to reject any and all firms that submitted Qualification Statements, should it be deemed in the City's best interest. And furthermore, negotiate with any and all firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-102.