



CITY OF SWEET HOME, OREGON

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CITY ENGINEER OF RECORD SERVICE**

Closes 4:00 pm, June 26, 2020

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

The City of Sweet Home (City) is soliciting proposals for an Engineer of Record (City Engineer) to provide engineering services as an independent contractor to the City. Services typically conducted by the City Engineer include, but are not necessarily limited to the items listed in Article I.D of this RFP. Services may include supervising work produced by the City which is subject to ORS 672. Work shall be provided to City on an as-needed basis, as authorized by the City Manager or the Public Works Director.

Proposers shall be licensed to practice engineering in the State of Oregon and be members in good standing with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Engineering and Land Surveying (OSBEELS). The City will consider proposals from engineering firms as well as individual engineers.

This RFP, issued in accordance with the provisions of the laws including statutes, ordinances, resolutions, and rules, of the State of Oregon and the City of Sweet Home, invites qualified firms (Proposers) to submit their Proposals to provide the services described.

B. BACKGROUND

The City of Sweet Home is an Oregon municipal corporation with city limits covering approximately 6 square miles. The population of the City is approximately 9,225. The City is located in Linn County, 25 miles east of I-5, and is the third largest city in the county. The City Council consists of the Mayor and six council members elected from the city at large. The Council acts as the local contract review board for the City. The City operates under a City Manager form of government.

The City has an annual expenditure budget of over \$14.3 million with revenue from a variety of sources. The funding is derived primarily from property tax support, fees, grants and contracts.

The City currently contracts out Engineer of Record services with an expiration date of July 23, 2020. The City desires to evaluate the consultant market to provide this service.

The City's day to day Planning and Public Works Engineering services are generally performed by City staff, with Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments contracted to provide additional Planning services. Due to demands on staff time or other factors City may require the City Engineer to perform general engineering services to assist with day to day issues at the City's discretion or to perform specific task-based engineering projects on the City's behalf.

Through the Public Works Department, the City owns and operates various utility systems and infrastructure that serve the residents including the water system, the wastewater system, the storm drainage system, and the local street system. The Public Works Department also provides operation and maintenance for City Parks and general City-owned building maintenance.

The City owns and operates a number of public facilities including the following:

- A. Water treatment plant (Trident HS package filter, 6 mgd)
- B. Water storage reservoir (5), booster pump station (2), and distribution system (54 miles of pipe)
- C. Wastewater collection system (49 miles of gravity pipe).
- D. Wastewater treatment plant (activated sludge).
- E. Storm water conveyance system discharging to Ames Creek, Wiley Creek, and the South Santiam River (42 miles of pipe and ditches).
- F. Transportation system (44 centerline miles).
- G. Parks system (8 owned, 9 managed, 336 acres).

C. ANTICIPATED SELECTION SCHEDULE

The City anticipates the following general timeline for its selection process. The City reserves the right to change this schedule.

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| • RFP Advertised | May 27, 2020 |
| • <u>Proposal Due Date</u> | <u>4:00 pm, June 26, 2020</u> |
| • Interviews (if needed) | July 6-10, 2020 |
| • Begin negotiations with selected Proposer | July 14, 2020 |
| • Award Contract | August 11, 2020 |
| • Commencement of Contract | August 17, 2020 |

D. SCOPE OF SERVICES

- Serve as the City Engineer of Record.
- Consult with State and federal agencies having jurisdictional authority over the project as warranted. Work with City staff to review or complete federal, state or county permits, applications, or agency notifications.
- Attend pre-application, construction, Planning Commission, City Council or other meetings as requested by the City.
- Review City Council meeting packet material and comment as needed and/or requested.
- Perform engineering work pertaining to public records, property acquisitions, condemnations, forfeiture activities, public improvements and improvement districts, public rights of ways, easements, code enforcement, and matters relating to special assessments and public utilities.
- Review contracts, intergovernmental agreements, and developer/construction agreements relative to public utilities (water, sewer, and storm sewer), transportation improvements and other general activities.
- Work with City staff, organizations and funding agencies to help develop competitive and complete grant applications or funding proposals.
- Identify needed code updates and long range needs. Perform updates as needed for Public Works-related ordinances, resolutions, construction specifications, and contracts (new or amendments) and ensure that same are prepared in compliance with the City Charter, ORS, and OAR.

- Assist with budgeting, planning, and rate studies. Review City rate structures and make recommendations.
- Serve as the City's representative as needed and/or requested during the review, plan approval, construction management, and project closeout phases of any development or planning project prepared by other engineers and submitted to the City for approval. This includes land development projects such as subdivisions or site specific developments. Provide written recommendations and/or conditions of approval from an infrastructure perspective when requested. Assist with providing construction oversight and inspection services of public improvements installed as part of private development projects.
- Work with architects, engineers and contractors concerning technical interpretations and applications of the City's Public Works ordinances, construction standards and specifications, laws, engineering codes and any other policy matter compliance.
- Provide infrastructure impact analysis.
- Establish and/or update system development charges.
- Update utility master plans and feasibility studies.
- Review engineering construction plans/design drawings and design calculations prepared by other professionals for conformance with state, county, and City requirements and sound engineering practices.
- Provide engineering for City facilities. Troubleshoot issues with City facilities and make recommendations for improvements.
- Perform final construction observations and punch lists for completion of private developments and for City project sites, including review of as-built drawings, testing results, as-built certification, project closeout and initiation of the required construction warranty period.
- Provide various construction services for selected City public works construction and maintenance projects; e.g. project management, engineering design and construction specifications, pre-qualification, preparation of bid documents, solicitation, procurement, construction oversight/inspection, and as-builts.
- Subconsultants may be used, subject to written approval by the City, on design projects or where supplemental expertise is desired.
- Perform additional basic engineering and special services which cannot be fully described at this time, as requested by the City.
- It is further understood that in addition to the general and recurring activities listed above, ad hoc duties including verbal communications with the Mayor, City Council, City Manager, or authorized department heads and City employees in elements of prudent administration of the city's infrastructure systems.

The City Engineer reports directly to the Public Works Director. Much of the work occurs via telephone conferences and e-mail. Inquiries from the general public and/or press are outside the purview of the City Engineer. Any and all inquiries for the City Engineer's time shall be channeled through the Public Works Director or the City Manager, who must authorize such request prior to the City Engineer taking any action.

The City Engineer may be directed to undertake specific projects for the City that have a finite scope of work, are relatively large in scale, or for any other reason the City wishes to assign the work on a task-basis to the City Engineer. For such projects, the City Engineer shall provide a

work order upon written request from the City. The work order shall include a detailed proposal and scope of work, schedule and cost proposal.

The City intends to undertake a number of projects over the next few years. These projects may include, but are not limited to:

- Water system projects.
- Review water distribution system; identify and design corrections to deficiencies.
- Street projects.
- I&I rehab projects.
- Establish and/or update system development charges.
- Update of system master plans.

II. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL AND DUE DATE

Proposers shall provide four (4) hard copies and one (1) digital copy in .PDF format of proposer's proposal in a sealed envelope clearly marked: "Confidential: City of Sweet Home City Engineer of Record Proposal". Proposals shall be submitted by **4:00 p.m. on June 26, 2020** to:

Greg Springman
Public Works Director
1400 24th Ave
Sweet Home, OR 97386

Proposals shall be organized as specified in Article II.E, Proposal Contents. The City of Sweet Home assumes no responsibility for delayed or undelivered mail or express packages. Proposals which are not delivered by the above specified time and date will not be considered. Faxed or electronically transmitted proposals will be rejected as non-responsive.

B. INQUIRIES

Questions concerning this RFP should be submitted in writing to:

Greg Springman
Public Works Director
1400 24th Ave
Sweet Home, OR 97386
Email: gspringman@sweethomeor.gov

C. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The City reserves the right to: 1) seek clarifications of each proposal; 2) negotiate a final contract that is in the best interest of the City and the public; 3) reject any or all proposals; 4) cancel this RFP at any time if doing so would be in the public interest, as determined by City in its sole discretion; 5) award the contract to any proposer based on the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFP; 6) waive minor informalities contained in any proposal, when, in the City's sole judgment, it is in the City's best interest to do so; and 7) request any additional information City

deems reasonably necessary to allow City to evaluate, rank and select the most qualified proposer to perform the services described in this RFP.

D. PROTESTS

Proposers are directed to the protest procedures contained in Public Contracting Rule OAR 137-048-0240.

Protests of Solicitation

Proposers are directed to the protest procedures contained in OAR 137-048-0240. Proposers may submit a written protest of anything contained in an RFP and may request a change to any provision, specification or Contract term contained in an RFP, no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the date Proposals are due. Each protest and request for change must include the reasons for the protest or request, and any proposed changes to the RFP provisions, specifications or Contract terms.

Protests of Contract Award

Proposers are directed to the protest procedures contained in OAR 137-048-0240. A Proposer who claims to have been adversely affected or aggrieved by the selection of the highest ranked Proposer may submit a written protest of the selection to the Contracting Agency no later than seven (7) calendar days after the date of the selection notice. A Proposer submitting a protest must claim that the protesting Proposer is the highest ranked Proposer because the proposals of all higher ranked Proposers failed to meet the requirements of the RFP or because the higher ranked Proposers otherwise are not qualified to perform the Engineering Services described in the RFP.

E. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Minimum Qualifications: Proposers must meet the following minimum qualifications to be evaluated.

- A Civil Engineer licensed to work in the State of Oregon.
- Good legal standing.
- Ability to provide the engineering work needed by the City to the standards required by the City, County and State.
- Documentation of ability to provide required insurances.

Desired Qualifications: Proposers shall demonstrate their ability to undertake the City's projects by providing the technical qualifications of the Proposer, individual team members and principal subcontractors, if applicable. The City reserves the right to conduct an independent investigation of the Proposer's technical qualifications by contacting references, accessing public information or contacting independent parties. Additional information may be requested during the evaluations of technical qualifications. The Proposer shall provide the following information to demonstrate its technical qualifications:

Corporate Profile & Legal Qualifications

- Include the full name, tax identification number, main office address and telephone and facsimile numbers of the Proposer and the principal contact person. This shall include a description of the firm or organization (corporation, partnership, etc.) that will serve as the contracting party.

- The name of the person(s) authorized to represent the proposer in negotiating and signing any agreement which may result from the proposal.
- Name and license number of the individual who will serve as the City Engineer project lead.
- Identify proposed subcontractors, if applicable.
- Demonstrate good legal standing in Oregon and in home state (no bankruptcy in the last 10 years, no fraud, no illegal activities).
- If applicable, identify ownership status and/or employment practices regarding disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, businesses that service-disabled veterans own, emerging small businesses or historically underutilized businesses.

Financial Qualifications

- Demonstrate the ability to furnish insurance coverage as specified in Section 7 of the attached contract form.

Technical Experience & Qualifications

- A current résumé for the individual who will serve as the City Engineer project lead, including a description of qualifications, skills, and responsibilities.
- The names of professional persons who will assist the City Engineer in performing the work and a current résumé for each, including a description of qualifications, skills, and responsibilities. The City is interested in professionals with experience serving small governmental entities and especially serving cities comparable in size to Sweet Home.
- Explanation of proposer's facilities and availability of support staff.
- A list of the tasks, responsibilities, and qualifications of any subconsultants proposed to be used on a routine basis and proof of adequate professional liability insurance for any subconsultants.
- Specifically address proposer's familiarity with laws and regulations governing public water, wastewater, storm water, and transportation systems, including operations, construction and maintenance of the City's current systems.
- Description of Proposer's project management techniques.
- Explanation of proposer's workload capacity and level of experience commensurate with the level of service required by the City.
- Description of Proposer's expertise in the following areas:
 - Civil, Electrical, Mechanical and Transportation Engineering;
 - Water distribution systems;
 - Municipal surface water rights acquisition and maintenance of;
 - Pump station and gravity wastewater collection systems;
 - Activated sludge wastewater treatment with land applied effluent disposal;
 - WPCF and NPDES permit regulations and compliance;
 - Municipal transportation systems involving state and federal highways;
 - Road maintenance techniques and applications;
 - Oregon land use law/planning and development related infrastructure issues;
 - Public improvement contracting and administration;
 - Contract law and intergovernmental agreements;
 - Public finance and infrastructure financing.
- Description of similar previous work demonstrating quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control and contract administration.
- A list of at least three references from government clients of similar size for whom similar services have recently been provided. (For all references, please include names, phone numbers, and description of work performed.)

- Written affirmation that the firm has a policy of nondiscrimination in employment because of race, age, color, sex, religion, national origin, mental or physical handicap, political affiliation, marital status or other protected class, and has a drug-free workplace policy.
- An explanation of any potential or actual conflicts of interest within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City. Conflict of interest is defined for purposes of this RFP and any resulting contract as proposer’s provision of professional engineering services to any private property owner or developer within the City’s jurisdictional boundaries.

F. PUBLIC RECORDS

All proposals submitted are the property of the City of Sweet Home, thus subject to disclosure pursuant to the public records law, as qualified by ORS 279C.107. Accordingly, proposals received and opened shall not be available for public inspection until after City’s notice of intent to award this contract is issued. Thereafter, except for information marked “Proprietary”, all documents received by City shall be available for public disclosure. The City will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of materials marked “Proprietary” to the extent permitted under the Oregon Public Records law.

G. COSTS

Proposers responding to this RFP do so solely at their own expense.

III. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

A. EVALUATION CRITERIA

In evaluating the proposal, the City will utilize the requirements outlined in this section to identify the contractor best qualified to perform the services.

Completeness & Responsiveness (all must be yes)

- Timeliness of submittal
- Satisfies minimum qualifications
 - A Civil Engineer licensed to work in the State of Oregon.
 - Good legal standing
 - Ability to provide the engineering work needed by the City to the standards required by the City, County and State.
 - Documentation of ability to provide required insurances.
- Includes all required information
 - Corporate profile
 - Technical Experience & Qualifications

Scoring Criteria

Proposals meeting the above minimum qualifications will be evaluated by the City using the following criteria:

(20%) Specialized experience, capabilities and technical competence, which the prospective consultant may demonstrate with the prospective consultant’s proposed approach and methodology to meet the project requirements.

(20%) Resources committed to perform the services and the proportion of the time that the prospective consultant's staff would spend to perform services for the contracting agency, including time for specialized services, within the applicable time limits.

(15%) Record of past performance, including but not limited to price and cost data from previous projects, quality of work, ability to meet schedules, cost control and contract administration.

(2%) Ownership status and employment practices regarding disadvantaged business enterprises, minority-owned businesses, woman-owned businesses, businesses that service-disabled veterans own, emerging small businesses or historically underutilized businesses.

(20%) Availability to the project locale.

(15%) Familiarity with the project locale.

(8%) Proposed project management techniques.

B. SELECTION

The City is using a qualifications based selection (QBS) process for engineering contracts anticipated to exceed \$100,000 in accordance with ORS 279C.110. As a result, selection of the most qualified candidate will be made without regard to the price of the services. Only after selection of the most qualified candidate will the City and selected candidate enter into contract negotiations for the price of the services.

Each member of the evaluation committee shall complete an evaluation sheet ranking each qualified proposer against the weighted criteria set forth in Article III.B of this RFP. Completed evaluations shall be combined and tallied. The City reserves the right to interview one or more of the highest ranked candidates. Upon completion of its evaluation process, results of the evaluation will be posted to the RFP listing on the City website and will be emailed to the primary contact identified in each proposal, and the City will begin negotiating a contract with the highest ranking candidate. The City shall direct negotiations toward obtaining written agreement on the Engineer's performance obligations, a payment methodology that is fair and reasonable to the City, and any other provisions the City believes to be in the City's best interest to negotiate.

If the City and the selected candidate are unable for any reason to negotiate a contract at a compensation level that is reasonable and fair to the City, the City shall, either orally or in writing, formally terminate negotiations with the selected candidate. The City may then negotiate with the next most qualified candidate. The negotiation process may continue in this manner through successive candidates until an agreement is reached or the City terminates this RFP.

Upon reaching agreement, the notice of intent to award will be posted and the contract will be presented to City Council for approval. If City Council approves the award of the contract as presented, then the agreement will be executed.

It is the desire of the City to have a new engineering contract in place no later than August 17, 2020.

C. CONTRACT

The City desires to enter into a professional services agreement in the form attached, which includes all services necessary for this position, whether or not the services are specifically outlined in this RFP.

The selected proposer will be expected to sign the attached written agreement, which will incorporate this RFP and awardee's proposal. Any open terms in the attached contract will be completed, based upon awardee's proposal. Negotiations shall be limited to cost and any other terms the City chooses to negotiate, in City's sole discretion.

The City anticipates payment for services on an hourly basis. However, the City will also consider alternative proposals. The City reserves the right to negotiate a compensation package that is fair and reasonable to the City, as determined solely by City.

It is anticipated that the City of Sweet Home will enter into a one (1) year agreement, which thereafter may be extended upon written consent of both parties for additional three (3) year terms.

Any contract requires that awardee will comply with all applicable federal and state laws, rules and regulations.

The City of Sweet Home is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.
Women, Minorities and Disabled Persons are encouraged to apply.

This RFP is issued in accordance with the provisions of the laws including statutes, ordinances, resolutions, and rules, of the State of Oregon and the City of Sweet Home. Approved for posting by the City Council and the City Manager. Staff can amend the RFP and contract form to meet the best interests of the City with the approval of the City Manager.

THIS SOLICITATION IS NOT AN IMPLIED CONTRACT AND MAY BE MODIFIED OR REVOKED WITHOUT NOTICE.