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**Upper Westside
Community Improvement District**

Request for Qualifications

To Provide

**Engineering Design Services
for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk**

RFQ 2025-01

Qualifications Due:

February 14, 2025 by 3:00PM

**Upper Westside CID (UWCID)
976 Brady Avenue, Suite 100
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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

RFQ 2025-01

Engineering Design Services for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk

I. General Project Information

A. Overview

The Westside/Howell Mill CID, dba Upper Westside Community Improvement District (UWCID) is soliciting SOQs from qualified firm(s) to provide Engineering Design Services for the Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk project.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) seeks to identify potential providers for the Scope of Services for the project/contract listed in Exhibit I. Firms that respond to this RFQ, and are determined by UWCID to be sufficiently qualified, may be deemed eligible, and invited to offer a technical approach for these services. All respondents to this RFQ are subject to instructions communicated in this document, and are cautioned to completely review the entire RFQ and follow instructions carefully. UWCID reserves the right to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications or Technical Approach, and to waive technicalities and informalities at the discretion of UWCID.

B. IMPORTANT- A RESTRICTION OF COMMUNICATION IS IN EFFECT FOR THIS PROJECT.

From the advertisement date of this solicitation until successful respondents are selected and the award is made official and announced, firms are not allowed to communicate about this solicitation or scope with any staff of UWCID and UWCID Board Members, except for the submission of questions as instructed in the RFQ, or with the contact designated in **RFQ Section VIII.C.**, or as provided by any existing work agreement(s). For violation of this provision, UWCID reserves the right to reject the submittal of the offending respondent.

C. Minority Participation Goal

This contracting opportunity has been exempted and is not subject to any of the City's diversity programs as a mandatory requirement, it is the policy of the City of Atlanta (COA) to actively promote full and equal business opportunities. As a policy, the City advocates for the inclusion of small, disadvantaged, minority, and female business enterprises through the City's SBO and EBO programs, as well as the administration of the federal DBE and ACDBE programs. It is also the policy the City of Atlanta to actively promote equal employment opportunities for disadvantaged, minority and female workers and prohibit discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, physical handicap upon or sexual orientation through the City's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program. The purpose of the COA and federal diversity programs is to mitigate the present and ongoing effects of the past and present discrimination against women, minority, disadvantaged, and small business so that opportunity - regardless of race, gender, or firm size - will become institutionalized in the Atlanta marketplace.

D. Scope of Services

Under the terms of the resulting Agreements, the selected consultants will provide engineering design services for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk. The anticipated scope of work for the project/contract is included in **Exhibit I**.

E. Contract Term and Type

UWCID anticipates one (1) contract to be awarded to one (1) firm, for the project/contract identified. UWCID anticipates that the Contract Type will be paid via Cost Plus Fixed Fee unless a task-based Lump Sum alternative can be negotiated with the selected consultant(s). As a Project Specific contract, it is the UWCID's intention that the Agreements will remain in effect until successful completion of construction phase of the project, and may utilize the selected consultant for construction revisions as necessary on an Hourly-Not-to-Exceed basis.

F. Contract Amount

The Project Specific contract amount will be determined via negotiations with the UWCID. If the UWCID is unable to reach a satisfactory agreement and at reasonable rates to be paid for the services to be provided, the UWCID reserves the right to terminate negotiations with the highest scoring finalist and begin negotiations with the next highest scoring finalist.

G. Rights Reserved

This RFQ does not commit UWCID to award a contract, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this request, or to procure or contract for services or supplies. UWCID reserves the right to accept or reject any or all Submittals received as a result of this request and to waive minor irregularities in the procedure.

II. Selection Method

A. Method of Communication

All general communication of relevant information regarding this solicitation will be made via the UWCID website (www.upperwestsideatl.org) under RFQ 2025-01. All firms are responsible for checking the website on a regular basis for updates, clarifications, and announcements. UWCID reserves the right to communicate via electronic-mail with the primary contact listed in the Statements of Qualifications. Other specific communications will be made as indicated in the remainder of this RFQ.

B. Statement of Qualifications

Based on the SOQs submitted in response to the projects/contracts listed in this RFQ, the Selection Committee will review the Experience and Qualifications and Resources and Workload Capacity listed in Section IV. Selection Criteria

All firms must meet the minimum requirements as listed in Section IV.A. below.

C. Technical Approach and Past Performance

UWCID requests a Technical Approach proposal in conjunction with the Statement of Qualifications. UWCID reserves the right to request a presentation/interview on any project/contract as determined in its best interests; however, this additional requirement shall typically be reserved for the most complex projects. Any additional detailed proposal instructions and requirements, beyond that provided in Section V. All members of the Selection Committee will review the written proposal (and will attend the presentation/interview if so chosen). Firms shall not address any questions, prior to the award announcement, to anyone other than the designated contact.

D. Final Selection

Final selection will be determined by carrying the scores from the Statement of Qualifications and by evaluating the Technical Approach and Past Performance. The Selection Committee will discuss the Responses and the final rankings will be determined.

Negotiations will then be initiated with the top-ranked firm(s) to finalize the terms and conditions of the contract(s), including the fees to be paid. In the event a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached with the highest-ranking firm(s), UWCID will formally terminate the negotiations and possibly enter into negotiations with the second highest-ranking firm, and so on in turn until a mutual agreement is established and UWCID awards a contract. The final form of the contract shall be developed by UWCID.

III. Schedule of Events

The following Schedule of Events represents UWCID's best estimate of the Schedule that will be followed. All times indicated are prevailing times in Atlanta, Georgia. UWCID reserves the right to adjust the Schedule as UWCID deems necessary.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS	DATE	TIME
a. UWCID issues public advertisement of RFQ 2025-01	1/13/2025	-----
b. Deadline for submission of written questions and requests for clarification	1/23/2025	5:00PM
c. Clarifications posted by CID, on CID website	1/27/2025	5:00PM
d. Deadline for submission of Statements of Qualifications / Technical Approach and Past Performance	2/14/2025	3:00PM

IV. Selection Criteria - Criteria for Evaluation of Statements of Qualifications

A. Area Class Requirements and Certification

Presented teams must be prequalified in the indicated Area Class(es) in order to be evaluated. Required proof of prequalification shall be submitted as indicated in **Section VI.B.4.** below. All Submittals will be pre-screened to verify that the Prime consultant has the required Area Class(es) and that the overall team has the required Area Class(es). Any submittal in which the Prime consultant or the overall team area class requirements are not met will be disqualified from further consideration.

Each submittal will require a certification to allow the UWCID to analyze risks in determining if any Firm should be ineligible for award. The certification shall cover a wide variety of information. Any firm which responds in any potentially concerning manner must provide additional information as directed herein for consideration by UWCID to determine if Firm is eligible for award.

B. Project Manager, Key Team Leader(s) and Prime's Experience and Qualifications – 35%

The Selection Committee will evaluate all firms on their Experience and Qualifications, which shall account for a total of thirty-five (35%) percent of the total evaluation. **The following criteria for scoring of the evaluation will be utilized to determine which firms are shortlisted:**

1. Project Manager education, registration, relevant engineering experience, and relevant project management experience.
2. Key Team Leaders' education, registration, and relevant technical experience, and relevant experience in utilizing.
3. Prime Consultant's experience in delivering projects of similar complexity, size, scope, and function.

C. Project Manager, Key Team Leader(s) and Prime's Resources and Workload Capacity – 15%

The Selection Committee will evaluate all firms on their Resources availability and Workload Capacity which shall account for a total of fifteen (15%) percent of the total evaluation. **The following criteria for scoring the Resources and Workload Capacity will be utilized to determine which firms are shortlisted:**

1. Project Manager Workload
2. Workload capacity of Key Team Leader(s)
3. Resources dedicated to delivering project
4. Ability to Meet Project Schedule

V. Selection Criteria for - Criteria for Evaluation of Technical Approach and Past Performance

A. Technical Approach – 40%

The Selection Committee will evaluate the shortlisted firms (Finalists) on their Technical Approach, which shall account for a total of forty (40%) percent. The Selection Committee shall utilize the following additional criteria for scoring Phase II of the evaluation to determine the highest ranked/most qualified (**NOTE: Scores from Statement of Qualifications will be carried forward and combined with the scores from Technical Approach and Past Performance Sections to determine the final ranking of Finalists**):

1. Provide any specific qualifications, skills, knowledge of the project and project area which your firm brings to the project.
2. Speak to your firm's experience with utility relocation coordination.
3. Describe your experience getting an infeasibility request approved from the Stormwater Ordinance during permitting for stormwater BMPs.
4. Please describe your firm's cost-effective approach to designing and permitting a project within City of Atlanta.
5. Are there special considerations or challenges you anticipate for this project's design or permitting?

B. Past Performance – 10%

The Selection Committee may consider information provided via references provided for relevant projects, knowledge any selection committee member has of performance on relevant projects, and performance evaluations or knowledge presented on GDOT projects. The Selection Committee will consider all factors in their totality and score from 0 to 10 when arriving at a final score for the Past Performance.

VI. Instructions for Content and Preparation of Statements of Qualifications

The Statements of Qualifications submittal must be submitted in accordance with the instructions provided in Section VIII, and must be organized, categorized using the same headings outlined below, and numbered and lettered exactly as outlined below, and must be responsive to all requested information. For the sections in which page number limits are stated, each section with a stated limit must begin on a new page and end on the last page allowed for the section. It is not allowed to begin new sections on a page allowed for a previous section, if applicable. This will enable the UWCID to ensure compliance with the page limitations.

COVER PAGE – Each project/contract submittal must have a separate cover page for each copy of each submittal for each project/contract and each must list the RFQ#, RFQ Title, proposing firm's full legal name and the specific project contract being submitted on.

A. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

It is required to submit the information below for each copy of each submittal. This is general information and will not be scored but may be used to determine eligibility for selection. **Under Administrative Requirements section, only submit the information requested; additional information will be subject to disqualification of your firm.**

1. **Basic company information:**
 - a. **Company name.**
 - b. **Company Headquarter Address.**
 - c. **Contact Information** - Name and all contact information (telephone number(s) and e-mail address) of primary proposing contact (this will be the individual with whom the UWCID will direct all communications).
 - d. **Company website** (if available).
 - e. **Georgia Addresses** - Identify and provide addresses for the offices located in the State of Georgia.
 - f. **Staff** - List the number and disciplines of staff members employed in each office in the State of Georgia.
 - g. **Ownership** - Provide form of ownership, including state of residency or incorporation, and number of years in business. Is the Offeror a sole proprietorship, partnership, corporation, limited liability Corporation, or other structure?
2. **Certification Form** - Complete the Certification Form (*Exhibit "II" enclosed with RFQ*), and provide a notarized original within the firm's Statement of Qualifications. This is to be submitted for the Prime **ONLY**.
3. **Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit** – Complete the form (*Exhibit "III" enclosed with RFQ*), and provide a notarized original within the firm's Statement of Qualifications. This is to be submitted for the Prime **ONLY**.
4. **Addenda** - Signed cover page of any Addenda issued for the Prime **ONLY**.

B. Experience and Qualifications

1. **Project Manager** - Provide information pertaining to the project manager, including but not limited to:
 - a. **Education**
 - b. **Registration** (if necessary and applicable.)
 - c. **Relevant engineering experience.**
 - d. **Relevant project management experience** for projects of similar complexity, size, scope, and function.
 - e. Relevant experience utilizing City of Atlanta and GDOT specific processes, manuals, or guidance (Plan Development Process, Design Policy, Environmental Procedures Manual, etc.).

This information is limited to two (2) pages maximum.

2. **Key Team Leaders** - Provide experience of Key Team Leaders (defined as those individuals who oversee project areas determined as particularly important to each specific project, refer to the Project Description in **Exhibit I, specifically Section 7** for the list of Key Team Leaders for each Project). For each Key Team Leader identified provide:
 - a. **Education**
 - b. **Registration** (if necessary and applicable.)
 - c. **Relevant experience** in the applicable resource area of the most relevant projects.
 - d. Relevant experience utilizing City of Atlanta and GDOT specific processes, manuals, or guidance (PDP, Design Policy, Environmental Procedures Manual, etc.) which are specific to the key team leader's area.

This information is limited to one (1) page maximum for each Key Team Leader identified in Section 7 of each Exhibit I. Respondents who do not follow the requirements identified in Section 7 will be subject to disqualification.

3. **Prime Experience** - Provide information on the prime's experience and ability in delivering effective services for projects of similar complexity, size, scope, and function, which demonstrate the firm's capabilities to provide services for UWCID. For each project, the following information should be provided:
 - a. **Client name, project location and dates** during which services were performed.
 - b. **Description of overall project and services performed** by your firm.
 - c. **Duration of project services provided** by your firm, and overall project budget.
 - d. **Client(s) current contact information** including contact names and telephone numbers.
 - e. **Involvement of Key Team Leaders** on the projects.
 - f. Experience utilizing, City of Atlanta and GDOT specific processes, manuals, or guidance (PDP, Design Policy, Environmental Procedures Manual, etc.)

This information is limited to two (2) pages maximum.

4. **Area Class Summary Form and Notice of Professional Consultant Qualifications** - Prime Consultants are defined as the firm submitting the Statement of Qualifications and the firm with whom UWCID will contract. The Team is defined as the Prime Consultant and their sub-consultants, who are considered team members. Prime Consultants and their sub-consultant team members must meet the Area Class requirements listed in Exhibit I for each project on which they apply. In regards to the required Area Classes, for each project/contract on which they apply, respondents should submit a summary form (example provided in Exhibit IV) which details the required area classes for the Prime Consultant and all sub-consultants or joint-venture of consultants on the team listed in the Statement of Qualifications. The area classes and firm's meeting the area classes listed on the summary form must meet all required area classes or the team will be disqualified. If a team member's prequalification will expire prior to the due date of the SOQs, documentation must be provided which shows that the firm has submitted its application for prequalification prior to the SOQ due date. The team must maintain its prequalification certification in order to be considered eligible for award if selected. **Additionally, respondents should submit the Notice of Professional Consultant Qualifications (for the Prime Consultant and all sub-consultants for each project) issued by GDOT and attach after the Area Class summary form.**

This information is limited to the one page for the Area Class table (unless the project needs require an extensive list of area classes) and the required Notice of Professional Consultant Qualifications.

C. Resources/Workload Capacity

1. **Overall Resources** - Provide information regarding the overall resources dedicated to delivering the specific project, including:
 - a. **Organizational chart** which identifies the project manager, prime, Key Team Leaders, support personnel, and reporting structure.
 - b. **Primary Office** - Identify and discuss the primary office which will be responsible for handling the specific project and the number and types of staff within the office and how this office could benefit the project and promote efficiency.
 - c. **Narrative on Additional Resource Areas and Ability** – Respondents are also allowed one page to provide information regarding additional resource areas identified as important to the project, to discuss how the key areas will integrate and work together on the project, to discuss any information which is pertinent to these areas, to provide a narrative regarding how the organization of the team, including the PM and Key Team Leaders can deliver the project on schedule given their workload capacity. (UWCID recognizes that some individuals may be able to meet the schedule while carrying heavier project loads.) Respondents may discuss the advantages of your team and the abilities of the team members which will enable the project to meet the proposed schedule as identified in **Exhibit I** (where applicable). If there is no proposed schedule, discuss the advantages of the team and the abilities of the team members which will enable the project to move as expeditiously as possible. **Respondents submitting more than the one (1) additional page allowed, will be subject to disqualification.**
2. **Project Manager Commitment Table** - Provide a list of ALL projects (City of Atlanta, GDOT, other governments and private contracts – Information may be validated and any firm determined not to be listing all projects may be subject to disqualification) on which the proposed project manager is currently committed, to enable the UWCID to ascertain the project manager's availability. Utilize a table similar to the following format with a minimum of all criteria indicated to provide the requested information:

Project Manager	PI/Project # for GDOT Projects/Name of Customer for Non-GDOT Projects	Role of PM on Project	Project Description	Current Phase of Project	Current Status of Project	Monthly Time Commitment in Hours

3. **Key Team Leader Project Commitment Table** - Provide a table similar to the below, with a minimum of all criteria indicated, which identifies ALL projects the Key Team Leaders (refer to the Project Description in **Exhibit I**, specifically **Section 7** for the list of Key Team Leaders for each Project) are committed on to enable the UWCID to ascertain the available capacity.

Key Team Leader	PI/Project # for GDOT Projects/Name of Customer for Non-GDOT Projects	Role of Key Team Leader on Project	Project Description	Current Phase of Project	Current Status of Project	Monthly Time Commitment in Hours

This information is limited to the organization chart, one (1) page of text (for the Primary Office and Narrative on Ability discussion), and the tables.

VII. Instructions for Preparing Technical Approach and Past Performance Response

A. Technical Approach

1. Provide any specific qualifications, skills, knowledge of the project and project area which your firm brings to the project.
2. Speak to your firm’s experience with utility relocation coordination.
3. Describe your experience getting an infeasibility request approved from the Stormwater Ordinance during permitting for stormwater BMPs.
4. Please describe your firm’s cost-effective approach to designing and permitting a project within City of Atlanta.
5. Are there special considerations or challenges you anticipate for this project’s design or permitting?

This information will be limited to a maximum of three (3) pages.

B. Past Performance

No additional information should be submitted to fulfill this requirement. Information from the relevant projects listed as well as information on file with the UWCID will be used to fulfill this requirement.

Past performance may be evaluated through the checking of project references for the proposed project manager as well as the firm. The UWCID will check these references at random. For this reason, attention should be paid to the references provided to ensure that the contact information provided is accurate and the individual references are reachable. Other past performance information which may be utilized includes any knowledge that any member of the Selection Committee has pertaining to the past performance of the firm on any project.

VIII. Instructions for Submittal for Statements of Qualifications, Technical Approach and Past Performance

A. Submittals Required

There is one (1) electronic version on a USB flash drive. The Submittal must follow the format and meet the content requirements identified in **Section VI** and **Section VII**. See **Attachment 1** for a summary of how the submittals should be prepared.

B. Submittal Format

Submittals must be typed on standard 8½" x 11" pages. The pages should be numbered, however, submittal pages will be counted by section to determine compliance with page limits. Responses are limited to the page counts indicated in each section using a minimum of size 11 font. Page counts will be determined by pages with print on them. Each Statement of Qualifications, Technical Approach and Past Performance shall be prepared simply and economically as indicated above. Colored displays, and promotional materials are not desired. Emphasis must be on completeness, relevance, and clarity of content.

NOTE: Additional pages other than what has been specified above in each section should not be included and will be grounds for disqualification. Submittals are limited to the information requested in Sections VI and VII. Hyperlinks or embedded video are not allowed.

Statements of Qualifications, Technical Approach and Past Performance submittals must be a PDF document for each project/contract. Each PDF document must follow the naming convention for electronic records as follows: the proposing firm's full legal name, RFQ# and RFQ Title.

Submit your PDFs on a USB flash drive to the address shown on the RFQ cover page. No hard copies are necessary.

Statements of Qualifications, Technical Approach and Past Performance responses must be received by UWCID prior to the deadline indicated in the Schedule of Events (Section III of RFQ). No submittals will be accepted after the time and date set for receipt.

All expenses for preparing and submitting responses are the sole cost of the party submitting the response. UWCID is not obligated to any party to reimburse such expenses. All submittals upon receipt become the property of UWCID. Labeling information provided in submittals "proprietary" or "confidential", or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Subject to the provisions of the Open Records Act, the details of the proposal documents will remain confidential until final award.

UWCID reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to waive any technicalities associated with this submittal if deemed in the best interest of the UWCID.

C. Questions and Requests for Clarification

Questions about any aspect of the RFQ, or the project, shall be submitted in writing via e-mail to: **Adeline Collot** by email: adeline@upperwestsideatl.org. The deadlines for submission of questions relating to the RFQ are the times and dates shown in the (**Schedule of Events- Section III**). From the issue date of this solicitation until a successful proposer is selected and the award is made official and announced, respondents are subject to the Restriction of Communication in **Section I.B**.

IX. UWCID Terms and Conditions

A. Statement of Agreement

With the submission of a SOQ, the respondent agrees that he/she has carefully examined the Request for Qualifications, and agrees that it is the respondent's responsibility to request clarification on any issues in any section of the Request for Qualifications with which the respondent disagrees or needs clarified. The respondent also understands that failure to mention these items during the question period or in the SOQ will be interpreted to mean that the respondent is in full agreement with the terms, conditions, specifications and requirements in the therein. With submission of a SOQ, the respondent hereby certifies: (a) that this SOQ is genuine and is not made in the interest or on behalf of any undisclosed person, firm, or corporation; (b) that respondent has not directly or indirectly included or solicited any other respondent to put in a false or insincere SOQ; (c) that respondent has not solicited or induced any person, firm, or corporation to refrain from sending a SOQ.

The respondent also understands that failure to provide required information may result in disqualification. Failure to provide administrative information may not result in disqualification. At the UWCID's discretion, the UWCID may notify the respondent that administrative information is not provided or there was an error in the information provided, **and** the UWCID will allow a respondent to provide an update to the administrative information. However, the exception to this is the provision of the required **GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION**

COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT, which by Georgia Law requires disqualification of the response. The above changes mentioned to administrative information would be considered allowable as these would be limited to changes which **do not** affect the information which the evaluators use to score the respondents. Failure of a respondent to provide the specific administrative information as required in the notice will result in disqualification. Any respondent who provides changes in addition to the information requested in the notice shall be subject to disqualification. Failure of a respondent's SOQ to provide any information pertaining to a respondent and its teams qualifications, of any type, will subject the SOQ to disqualification. The UWCID will not allow updates to qualifications to be provided to avoid disqualification as this would allow a respondent to modify its SOQ and alter the information which evaluators would score. The above changes related to qualifications would not be allowable as these would allow changes which **do** affect the information which the evaluators use to score the respondents SOQ.

B. Joint-Venture Proposals, Sub-Consultants, and Vendors

UWCID does not generally desire to enter into "joint-venture" agreements with multiple firms. In the event two or more firms desire to "joint-venture", it is strongly recommended that one incorporated firm propose and maintain status as the Program Management firm with the remaining firms participating as major firms. Any joint-venture, proposed and established as a separate business entity, should have its own set of books and supporting documentation sufficient for an audit trail. Transactions should be recorded consistent with the joint-venture agreement, and care must be taken to ensure that the joint-venture bears its equitable share of the costs. Therefore, "unpopulated joint-ventures" would not have an adequate accounting system suitable for cost reimbursement contracts.

However more traditional "populated joint-ventures" are welcomed. A populated joint-venture is where an alliance is brought to life by infusing it with working capital, employees, and control systems. The alliance implements all necessary business systems, including payroll processing, purchasing, property control, etc. The alliance will develop its own indirect rate structure and calculates its own indirect cost rates, based on the direct and indirect costs it incurs.

Sub-Consultants shall generally be considered any team member which is performing any service which typically requires prequalification, which is subject to the Audit and Accounting System Requirements, and whose services are billed as costs. Sub-Consultant Team Members must be written into the resulting Agreement and are subject to all terms and conditions in the Agreement. Vendors shall be considered any team member which is performing any service which typically does not require prequalification, which is not subject to the Audit and Accounting System Requirements, and whose services are billed as direct expenses. Vendors may not be written into the resulting Agreement and may not be subject to all terms and conditions in the Agreement.

C. Non-Discrimination and DBE Requirements

Proponents seeking to submit bids for **RFQ 2025-01; Engineering Design Services for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk** are encouraged make a general statement regarding their intent to address the City of Atlanta's diversity objectives. For the purpose of this bid solicitation, there will be no mandatory diversity inclusion requirements that must be submitted with the actual bids. See Exhibit

D. Audit and Accounting System Requirements

UWCID reserves the right to reject any proposal with firms that do not meet the following requirements:

1. Firm(s) should have an accounting system in place to meet requirements of 48 CFR Part 31 and, in the case of non-profit organizations, OMB Circular A-122.
2. Any firm that currently has an aggregate contract amount exceeding \$250,000 should have submitted their yearly CPA overhead audit.
3. Firm(s) should have no significant outstanding deficient audit findings from previous contracts with UWCID that have not been resolved.
4. The prime is responsible for being reasonably assured that all sub-consultant(s) presented as a part of the proposed team are similarly in compliance with the above requirements.

E. Submittal Costs and Confidentiality

All expenses for preparing and submitting responses are the sole cost of the respondent submitting the response. The UWCID is not obligated to any respondent to reimburse such expenses. All submittals upon receipt become

the property of the UWCID. Labeling information provided in submittals as “proprietary” or “confidential”, or any other designation of restricted use will not protect the information from public view. Subject to the provisions of the Open Records Act, the details of the proposal documents will remain confidential until a final award.

F. Award Conditions

This request is not an offer to contract or a solicitation of bids. This request and any proposal submitted in response, regardless of whether the proposal is determined to be the best proposal, is not binding upon the UWCID and does not obligate the UWCID to procure or contract for any services. Neither the UWCID nor any respondent submitting a response will be bound unless and until a written contract mutually accepted by both parties is negotiated as to its terms and conditions and is signed by the UWCID and a respondent containing such terms and conditions as are negotiated between those parties. The UWCID reserves the right to waive non-compliance with any requirements of this Request for Qualifications and to reject any or all proposals submitted in responses. Upon review of responses, the UWCID will determine the respondent(s) proposal that in the sole judgment of the UWCID is in the best interest of the UWCID (if any is so determined), with respect to the evaluation criteria stated herein. The UWCID then intends to conduct negotiations with such respondent(s) to determine if an acceptable contract may be reached.

G. Debriefings

In lieu of Pre-Award and Post-Award debriefings, it shall be the UWCID’s policy to provide the “Selection Package” at the time of the Selection Announcement (also referred to as the Announcement of Entering into Negotiations). The “Selection Package” will include the scores and comments of phases for all firms who responded and will typically be provided as a PDF file and e-mailed. Previously, pre-award debriefings only provided the scores and comments of the firm. It shall be the policy of the UWCID that all debriefings will typically be conducted in writing.

H. Right to Cancel or Change RFQ

UWCID reserves the right to cancel any and all Request for Qualifications where it is determined to be in the best interest of the UWCID to do so. UWCID reserves the right to increase, reduce, add or delete any item in this solicitation as deemed necessary.

It is the responsibility of all firms interested in submitting for this advertisement to routinely check the posting on the UWCID website for any revisions to this RFQ.

I. Substitutions, Alternates, Exceptions, and Extensions

No substitutions or alternates will be accepted for this solicitation. Any respondent submitting substitutions or alternates will be considered non-responsive and will not be considered for award.

EXHIBIT I

Project Description

1. Project Number(s): N/A
2. County(ies): Fulton
3. Description: **Engineering Design Service for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk**

Ellsworth Industrial Blvd connects two important east-west corridors, Chattahoochee Avenue and Huff Road. Later this year, the Beltline will also cross Ellsworth Industrial Blvd at Elaine Ave yet there will be no complete sidewalk to access it from Huff Road.

Improvements to Ellsworth Industrial Blvd are contemplated in the City-adopted Upper Westside Masterplan. This project will design a consistent sidewalk connection between Huff Road and the future Beltline at Elaine Ave. The desired sidewalk width is 10 feet with a planted buffer between the sidewalk and curb, where feasible.

This design should contemplate drainage, landscaping, and lighting improvements, where needed, to facilitate safe pedestrian movement at all hours. The design extents are limited to public ROW or areas where the CID is able to negotiate donated ROW, and it will include narrowing the roadway down to 10-foot travel lanes.

A qualified firm will approach the project design with a Vision Zero lens. The firm selected to complete the scope of work included in this RFQ needs to be qualified to complete engineering design according to the City of Atlanta's Plan Development Procedures – Locally Funded Project. Engineering design must be approved by CID and the City.

4. Required Area Classes:

Prime Consultants are defined as the firm submitting the Statement of Qualifications and the firm with whom UWCID will contract. The Team is defined as the Prime Consultant and their sub-consultants, who are considered team members. The Prime Consultant must be prequalified in the Area Classes identified below in Section 5.A. The Prime Consultant or sub-consultant team members must be prequalified in the Area Classes identified below in Section 5.B. Respondents should submit a summary form (example provided in **Exhibit IV**) which details the required area classes for the Prime Consultant and all sub-consultants or joint-venture of consultants on the team listed in the Statement of Qualifications. The area classes listed on the summary form must meet all required area classes or the team will be disqualified. The Prequalification Expiration Date must be current by the deadline stated for this RFQ.

A. The **Prime Consultant MUST** be prequalified by GDOT in the area classes listed below:

Number	Area Class
1.13	Non-Motorized Transportation Planning
3.02	Two-Lane or Multi-lane Urban Roadway Design
3.13	Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians

- B. The **Team** (either the Prime Consultant and/or one or more of their sub-consultant team members) **MUST** be prequalified by GDOT in the area classes listed below:

Number	Area Class
1.05	Alternative Systems Planning
1.07	Attitude, Opinion, and Community Value Studies (Public Involvement)
1.09	Location Studies
1.10	Traffic Analysis
1.13	Non-Motorized Transportation Planning
3.06	Traffic Operations Studies
3.07	Traffic Operations Design
3.09	Traffic Control Systems Analysis, Design and Implementation
3.10	Utility Coordination
3.12	Hydraulic and Hydrological Studies (Roadway)
3.13	Facilities for Bicycles and Pedestrians
5.08	Overhead/Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE)
8.01	Construction Engineering and Supervision
9.01	Erosion, Sedimentation, and Pollution Control Plan
9.02	Rainfall and Runoff Reporting
9.03	Field Inspection for Erosion Control

5. Scope:

The Consultant shall provide comprehensive professional services required to complete the project and receive engineering design approval by ATLDOT and CID. Lighting and transit amenities will be a part of engineering design, where needed. Scope includes: signing and marking plans; utility relocation plans; final right-of-way plans (including revisions); erosion control plans; roadway plans (review at 60% and 90%); final construction plans, quantities, and cost estimates; and construction services. All required engineering studies are considered part of the scope of services. All deliverables shall be in accordance with, but not limited to ATLDOT standards.

Anticipated deliverables are not limited to:

A. Traffic and Safety Study (as needed)

B. Preliminary Design:

1. Complete Preliminary Construction Plans.
2. Preliminary hydraulic studies, stormwater analysis, and reports required by Article X, Chapter 74 of City of Atlanta Code as well as any Federal or State requirements as applicable.
3. Cost Estimation with annual updates.
4. Quality Assurance/Quality Control Reviews.
5. PFPR participation, report, and responses (all plans sets and other information requested by City of Atlanta and UWCID).
6. Subsurface Utility Engineering (SUE) Plans.
7. First and Second Utility Submission Requests to City of Atlanta and all utility owners.

C. Survey: survey services will be needed to locate above ground utilities, ROW lines, existing sidewalk and driveways/curb cuts, curb lines, trees, etc.

D. Right-of-Way Plans:

1. Prepare Right of Way plans (if needed).
2. Location and Design Report.
3. Coordinate field review of right of way plans and staking.
4. Right of Way revisions during acquisitions and construction to include any condemnation/litigation, depositions, court appearance, etc, as needed.
5. Prepare for and attend Property Owners meeting (if needed).

E. Final Design:

1. Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) Reviews.
2. Final cost estimate.
3. Amendments & Revisions.
4. Complete Final Construction Plans.
5. Final hydraulic studies and stormwater reports required by Article X, Chapter 74 of City of Atlanta Code as well as any Federal or State requirements as applicable.

F. Permitting

1. Stormwater permitting required by Article X, Chapter 74 of City of Atlanta Code
2. City of Atlanta ATLDOT Design Approval
3. City of Atlanta Arborist Permit (if needed)
4. City of Atlanta Office of Buildings Permit (if needed)

G. Construction:

1. Use on Construction Revisions.
2. Site Condition Revisions.
3. Site Visits (as needed).
4. Shop Drawing Review (if needed).

H. Deliverables:

1. Approved Survey Control Package.
2. Approved Survey Database.
3. Approved Right-of-Way plans.
4. Final Plans which shall contain Summary of Quantities and a Detailed Cost Estimate
5. Revised "Use on Construction" plans and quantities. Amendments and revisions as needed.

I. Attendance in and meeting minutes of monthly meetings to discuss progress and/or issues (additional meetings may be required to resolve major project issues).

J. Prepare, reproduce, and distribute preliminary and final plans, as well as all special provisions, all design files, and supporting documentation.

6. Related Key Team Leaders:

K. Roadway Design Lead

7. Anticipated Design Schedule

Milestone	Date
Notice-to-Proceed	March 2025
Preliminary Design Complete	July 2025
Final Plans Complete	September 2025
Begin City of Atlanta Permitting	October 2025
Issue Invitation to Bid for Construction	November 2025

EXHIBIT II

CERTIFICATION FORM

I, _____, being duly sworn, state that I am _____ (title) of _____ (firm) and hereby duly certify that I have read and understand the information presented in the attached proposal and any enclosure and exhibits thereto.

Initial each box below indicating certification. The person initialing must be the same person who signs the Certification Form. (If unable to initial any box for any reason, place an "X" in the applicable box and attach a statement explaining the non-certification. The UWCID will review and make a determination as to whether or not the firm shall be considered further or disqualified).

- I further certify that to the best of my knowledge the information given in response to the Request for Qualifications is full, complete and truthful.
I further certify that the submitting firm and any principal employee of the submitting firm has not, in the immediately preceding five (5) years, been convicted of any crime of moral turpitude or any felony offense, nor has had their professional license suspended, revoked or been subjected to disciplinary proceedings, nor is any team members/principals currently under indictment for any reason related to actions on public infrastructure projects.
I further certify that I understand that Firms included on the current Federal list of firms suspended or debarred are not eligible for selection and that the submitting firm has not, in the immediately preceding five (5) years, been suspended or debarred from contracting with any federal, state or local government agency, and further, that the submitting firm is not now under consideration for suspension or debarment from any such agency.
I further certify that the submitting firm has not in the immediately preceding five (5) years been defaulted in any federal, state or local government agency contract and further, that the submitting firm is not now under any notice of intent to default on any such contract, nor has been removed from a contract or failed to complete a contract as assigned due to cause or default.
I further certify that the firm or any affiliate(s) has not been involved in any arbitration, litigation, mediation, dispute review board or other dispute resolution proceeding with a client, business partner, or government agency in the last five (5) years involving an amount in excess of \$500,000 related to performance on public infrastructure projects.
I further certify that there are not any pending regulatory inquiries that could impact our ability to provide services if we are the selected consultant.
I further certify that there are no possible conflicts of interest created by our consideration in the selection process or by our involvement in the project.
I further certify that the submitting firm's annual average revenue for the past five (5) years is sufficient to allow the services to be delivered effectively by our firm and that there are no trends in the revenue which may be concerning other than normal market fluctuations.
I further certify that in regards to Audit and Accounting System Requirements, that the submitting firm:
I. Has an accounting system in place to meet requirements of 48 CFR Part 31 and, in the case of non-profit organizations, OMB Circular A-122.
II. Has submitted its yearly Certified Public Accountant overhead audit if it currently has an aggregate contract amount exceeding \$250,000.
III. Has no significant outstanding deficient audit findings from previous contracts with GDOT that have not been resolved.
IV. Is responsible for being reasonably assured that all sub-consultant(s) presented as a part of the proposed team are similarly in compliance with the above requirements.

I acknowledge, agree and authorize, and certify that the proposer acknowledges, agrees and authorizes, that UWCID may, by means that either deems appropriate, determine the accuracy and truth of the information provided by the proposer and that the UWCID may contact any individual or entity named in the Statement of Qualifications for the purpose of verifying the information supplied therein.

I acknowledge and agree that all of the information contained in the Statement of Qualifications is submitted for the express purpose of inducing the UWCID to award a contract.

A material false statement or omission made in conjunction with this proposal is sufficient cause for suspension or debarment from further contracts, or denial or rescission of any contract entered into based upon this proposal thereby precluding the firm from doing business with, or performing work for, the State of Georgia. In addition, such false statement or omission may subject the person and entity making the proposal to criminal prosecution under the laws of the State of Georgia of the United States, including but not limited to O.C.G.A. §16-10-20, 18 U.S.C. §§1001 or 1341.

Sworn and subscribed before me

This ____ day of _____, 20__.

Signature _____

NOTARY PUBLIC _____

My Commission Expires: _____

NOTARY SEAL _____

EXHIBIT III

GEORGIA SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT AFFIDAVIT

Consultant's Name:	
Address:	
Solicitation No./Contract No.:	<u>RFQ 2025-01</u>
Solicitation/Contract Name:	<u>Engineering Design Services for Ellsworth Industrial Blvd Sidewalk</u>

CONSULTANT AFFIDAVIT

By executing this affidavit, the undersigned Consultant verifies its compliance with O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91, stating affirmatively that the individual, entity or corporation which is engaged in the physical performance of services on behalf of the Westside/Howell Mill Community Improvement District has registered with, is authorized to use and uses the federal work authorization program commonly known as E-Verify, or any subsequent replacement program, in accordance with the applicable provisions and deadlines established in O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91.

Furthermore, the undersigned Consultant will continue to use the federal work authorization program throughout the contract period and the undersigned Consultant will contract for the physical performance of services in satisfaction of such contract only with sub-consultants who present an affidavit to the Consultant with the information required by O.C.G.A. § 13-10-91(b). Consultant hereby attests that its federal work authorization user identification number and date of authorization are as follows:

Federal Work Authorization User Identification Number
(EEV/E-Verify Company Identification Number)

Date of Authorization

Name of Consultant

I hereby declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct

Printed Name (of Authorized Officer or Agent of Consultant)

Title (of Authorized Officer or Agent of Consultant)

Signature (of Authorized Officer or Agent)

Date Signed

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN BEFORE ME ON THIS THE

____ DAY OF _____, 201__

[NOTARY SEAL]

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: _____

**EXHIBIT IV
Area Class Summary Example**

Respondents should complete a table similar to the below and indicate by placing an “X” in the appropriate column indicating the firm which meets each required area class for each specific project with particular emphasis on the area classes which the Prime must hold as well as the sub-consultants. The below table is a full listing of all area classes. Since no single advertisement would require every area class, Respondents should delete all the area classes which are not applicable to the project they are pursuing and only include the ones applicable. Particular attention should be paid to the date that consultants certificate expires.

Area Class #	Area Class Description	Prime Consultant Name	Sub-Consultant #1 Name	Sub-Consultant #2 Name	Sub-Consultant #3 Name	Sub-Consultant #4 Name	Sub-Consultant #5 Name	Sub-Consultant #6 Name
	DBE – Yes/No ->							
	Prequalification Expiration Date							
1.05	Alternate Systems Planning							
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ATTACHMENT 1

Submittal Formats for UWCID Engineering Design Services

of Pages Allowed

Cover Page	->	1
A. Administrative Requirements		
1. Basic Company Information		Excluded
a. Company name		
b. Company Headquarter Address		
c. Contact Information		
d. Company Website		
e. Georgia Addresses		
f. Staff		
g. Ownership		
2. Notarized Certification Form (Exhibit II) for Prime	→	1
3. Notarized Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act Affidavit (Exhibit III)	→	1
4. Signed Cover Page of any Addenda Issued	→	1 (each addenda)
B. Experience and Qualifications		
1. Project Manager		2
a. Education		
b. Registration		
c. Relevant engineering experience		
d. Relevant project management experience		
2. Key Team Leader Experience		1 (each)
a. Education		
b. Registration		
c. Relevant experience in applicable resource area		
3. Prime's Experience		2
a. Client name, project location, and dates		
b. Description of overall project and services performed		
c. Duration of project services provided		
d. Clients current contact information		
e. Involvement of Key Team Leaders		
4. Area Class Table and Notice of Professional Consultant Qualifications for Prime and Sub-Consultants	→	No Requirement
C. Resources/Workload Capacity		
1. Overall Resources		No Requirement
a. Organization chart		
b. Primary office to handle project and staff description of office and benefits of office		
c. Narrative on Additional Resource Areas and Ability	→	1
2. Project Manager Commitment Table	→	1
3. Key Team Leaders Project commitment table	→	No Requirement
		No Requirement

ATTACHMENT 2: Diversity Inclusion Policy Statement for RFQ 2025-01



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MEMORANDUM

TO: **Jaideep Majumdar, Chief Procurement Officer**
Department of Procurement

FROM: **Rocsean Spencer, MCA, Director** Initial
RS
Mayor's Office of Contract Compliance

CC: **ErnNesha Kerr, Sr. Compliance Specialist**
Mayor's Office of Contract Compliance

RE: Policy Statement Project No.: **4089 - Ellsworth Industrial Boulevard Sidewalk Installation**

DATE: **12/9/2024**

The City's Diversity and Inclusion Policy Statement is included with this correspondence for Project No.: **4089 - Ellsworth Industrial Boulevard Sidewalk Installation**. Because the expected value of the above referenced project either falls below the amount (\$100,000) that would trigger the application of one of the City's diversity inclusion programs; or there are few, if any, potentially certified subcontractors who can perform work on this project; or proponents who typically propose on this type of work fully perform all aspects of the project due to its limited scope; then there is no mandatory participation requirement attached to this particular procurement.

However, OCC has provided a policy statement which communicates the City's desire to actively promote full and equal business opportunities aimed at facilitating the inclusion of small, disadvantaged, minority, and female business enterprises through the City's SBO and EBO programs, the administration of the federal DBE and ACDBE programs, and through voluntary means in the absence of a mandate. Please note that the enclosed Policy Statement is solely for this project.

If there are any questions, please contact me at (404) 330-6010.

cc: File
[Adisa Aarons, DOT](#)
[Rodney Nicol, OCC](#)

4089 - Ellsworth Industrial Boulevard Sidewalk Installation

Diversity Inclusion Policy For The City of Atlanta Diversity Programs

Although the above referenced contracting opportunity has been exempted and is not subject to any of the City's diversity programs as a mandatory requirement, it is the policy of the City of Atlanta (COA) to actively promote full and equal business opportunities. As a policy, the City advocates for the inclusion of small, disadvantaged, minority, and female business enterprises through the City's SBO and EBO programs, as well as the administration of the federal DBE and ACDBE programs. It is also the policy the City of Atlanta to actively promote equal employment opportunities for disadvantaged, minority and female workers and prohibit discrimination based upon race, religion, color, sex, national origin, marital status, physical handicap upon or sexual orientation through the City's Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Program. The purpose of the COA and federal diversity programs is to mitigate the present and ongoing effects of the past and present discrimination against women, minority, disadvantaged, and small business so that opportunity - regardless of race, gender, or firm size - will become institutionalized in the Atlanta marketplace. It is important to note the City of Atlanta's Diversity Program requirements at the time of the project bid.

Proponents seeking to submit bids for **4089 - Ellsworth Industrial Boulevard Sidewalk Installation** are encouraged to make a general statement regarding their intent to address the City of Atlanta's diversity objectives. For the purpose of this bid solicitation, there will be no mandatory diversity inclusion requirements that must be submitted with the actual bids.

Additionally, projects are reviewed on a case-by-case basis to determine if it is necessary to require proponents to make good faith efforts to form joint venture teams comprised of at least one minority and/or female owned firms(s) certified as such by the City of Atlanta's Office of Contract Compliance. In the event that such a determination is made at the BID stage, or if proponents so choose to pursue a joint venture arrangement of their own volition, the submitted bid must include an executed copy of the Joint Venture agreement. The Joint Venture agreement should include at a minimum:

- The name of the Joint Venture
- Contact information of designated primary JV contact person
- Identification of all firms participating in the JV
- The initial capital investment of each venture partner
- Terms and conditions under which future contributions may be necessary
- The proportional allocation of profits and losses to each venture partner
- Description of proportion of work controlled by and management of the joint venture team members
- The method of, and responsibility for, accounting
- Frequency of JV meetings and method for minutes taking and storage
- The methods by which disputes are resolved.
- Provide the specific citation/section of your JV that speaks to the Contract's non-discrimination and assurance requirements
- All other pertinent factors of the joint venture
- All joint venture agreements must be signed by a member of each team.

This project **does not** have a Joint venture requirement. However, the City of Atlanta encourages Joint Venture relationships when feasible and applicable. The City of Atlanta seeks to remedy the effects of past discrimination and/or promote equal opportunity by establishing specific small, minority and female subcontractor, and supplier participation objectives for every City contract at or above \$100,000. Specific subcontractor and supplier availability objective will be included in the formal solicitation documents where applicable. Every proponent must submit documentary evidence of good faith efforts with their bid to comply with the requirements of the City's ordinance. The details of the Subcontractor Utilization Plan are set forth below:

EBO, SBO, DBE, ACDBE

On applicable projects, the proponent must submit a detailed Subcontractor Utilization Plan with their bid. In the Subcontractor Utilization Plan, the proponent must identify the certified disadvantaged, small, or minority/female owned businesses (depending on applicable program) that it intends to use to meet the established availability goals. The plan must specifically indicate the nature and amount of the supplies and subcontracting contemplated. The plan must also detail the company name, contact person, address, telephone number, work or supply description, and subcontract or supply dollar amount for each business enterprise (**disadvantaged, small, non-minority, minority, or female owned**) to be utilized on the project.

Every proponent will also be required to comply with two additional components of the City of Atlanta's diversity program requirements. These two additional components are:

Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEO)

Every proponent's workforce should reflect the demographic characteristics of the available pool of labor skills normally utilized by the proponents. A Contract Employment Report describing the demographics of the proponent's workforce shall be submitted prior to the execution of a contract with the City of Atlanta.

Questions regarding any of this information may be directed to the Office of Contract Compliance, [ErnNesha Kerr – Sr. Compliance Specialist](#) at (404) 865-8854.