

Recreational Trail Program Project 25-RT-53-03

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Vestavia Hills has received federal Recreational Trails Program funding through the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs to make improvements at Altadena Valley Park. Among these improvements is restoration of a bridge of approximately 70ft span. An assessment of the bridge has been completed and includes recommendations regarding the structure of the bridge. This RFQ is for selection of a firm that will provide construction design for the restoration of the bridge in accordance with those recommendations. Federal requirements of Build America, Buy America should be considered as the project is designed. The assessment and bridge plan are included with this RFQ. No debarred or suspended contractor will be eligible for this project. By submitting qualifications, the vendor certifies that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise ineligible from federal projects.

DEADLINE

Close of business Friday, May 22, 2026.

SCOPE

While others may be identified in the development of the Scope of Work, some of the known tasks include the following:

- Development of construction design for the recommendations included with this RFQ.
- Include in the design appropriate railing with at least one value engineered option.
- Provide an engineer's estimate of cost for the restoration project.
- Create a project scope document which may be used in RFP for construction.
- Make recommendations regarding required permitting and best practices for construction.

EVALUATION

The RFQ submissions will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Experience with Similar Projects (25 points)– Experience including construction of, replacement of, and/or restoration of pedestrian bridges is desirable.
- Technical Approach and Understanding of the Project (25 points) – Demonstrated understanding of the structural problems and conditions and the recommendations

from the assessment

- Knowledge of Local Regulations and Permitting (25 points)- Familiarity with regulatory requirements including municipal stormwater ordinances, Alabama Department of Environmental Management permitting, FEMA floodplain regulations, and coordination with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers if applicable.
- Past Performance / References (25 points)– Demonstrated record of completing projects on time and within budget, responsiveness to client needs, and successful construction phase support. Description of past performance and references should include projects completed in the past ten years as well as any current projects.

SPECIAL CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS

A standard City of Vestavia Hills “Agreement for Professional Engineering Services” is included with this RFQ. In order to meet the funding requirements, the standard agreement will be **amended as follows**:

1. **E-Verify** – contractor must submit a copy of its E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding.
2. **Change Orders** – All change orders (amendments, contract modifications, supplemental agreements, or addenda) must be executed fully in writing prior to any work pursuant to the change order. Upon execution of the change order by both parties, it shall be incorporated into the contract.
3. **Breach of Contract** - If either party fails to perform any material obligation under this Contract, such failure shall constitute a breach. Upon written notice of breach, the non-breaching party shall allow the breaching party **ten (10) calendar days** to cure the breach, unless the breach cannot reasonably be cured within that time, in which case the breaching party shall promptly commence and diligently pursue cure to completion.

If the breach is not cured within the time allowed, the non-breaching party may pursue any remedies available at law or in equity, including termination of the Contract and recovery of damages. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive.

4. **Termination for Cause** - In the event that any of the provisions of this Contract are violated by the Contractor, or by any of his Subcontractors, the Owner may serve written notice upon the Contractor and Surety of its intention to terminate the Contract, such notices to contain the reasons for such intention to terminate the Contract, and

unless within ten (10) days after the serving of such notice upon the Contractor, such violation or delay shall cease and satisfactory arrangement of correction be made, the Contract shall, upon the expiration of said ten (10) days, cease and terminate. In the event of any such termination, the Owner shall immediately serve notice thereof upon the Surety and the Contractor and the Surety shall have the right to take over and perform the Contract; provided, however, that if the Surety does not commence performance thereof within ten (10) days from the date of the mailing to such Surety of notice of termination, the Owner may take over the work and prosecute the same to completion by contract or by force account for the account and at the expense of the Contractor and the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the Owner for any excess cost occasioned by the Owner thereby, and in such event the Owner may take possession of and utilize in completing the work, such materials, appliances and plant as may be on the site of the work and necessary therefore.

5. Termination for Convenience - The Owner may terminate this contract at any time by giving at least ten (10) days' notice in writing to the Contractor. If the contract is terminated by the Owner as provided herein, the Contractor will be paid for the time provided and expenses incurred up to the termination date.

6. Compliance certifications to be submitted by the Engineer:
 - a. Certification of Compliance with the Beason-Hammon Act
 - i. Must also provide a copy of E-Verify MOU
 - b. Contractor agrees to the LWCF and RTP Contract Agreement Special Provisions, which is included with this RFP. In addition to required labor standards and other listed requirements, this document incorporates the following certifications:
 - i. Provision of a Drug-Free Workplace
 - ii. Civil Rights Assurance
 - c. Anti-Lobbying – By entering into this agreement, Contractor certifies that no federally appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence any federal officer, employee, or Member of Congress in connection with this contract. If non-federal funds are used for such purposes, the Consultant shall disclose that activity as required by 31 U.S.C. § 1352 and applicable regulations.

7. All other terms - All other terms of the standard contract apply. A copy of the City of Vestavia Hills standard "Agreement for Professional Engineering Services" is included with this RFP.

CONTACT & DEADLINE FOR INQUIRIES

For questions regarding this RFQ, interested respondents should contact Lori Beth Kearley, Public Services Director, not later than May 18, 2026.