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**NOTICES**

**FINANCIAL ADVISOR  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS AND  
STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS**

To provide advice and professional recommendations to the City of Bronte, Texas ("the City") for capital financing and provide assistance with possible loan, grant or disadvantaged funding through the Texas Water Development Board's ("TWDB") Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") and Clean Water State Revolving Fund ("CWSRF").

**A. INTENT OF  
PROPOSAL**

The City is soliciting Request for Proposals ("RFP") and Statement of Qualifications from interested qualified professionals to provide: strategic financial planning; analysis of market conditions; recommended investments of bond proceeds; and provide recommendations to the City for financing through programs established by TWDB. The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason it finds to be in the best interest of the City.

The City seeks to afford the opportunity for qualified SBE, MBE, and WBE firms to propose to provide the services described herein.

**B. SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The services to be provided by the Financial Advisor shall include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Direction and coordination of all programs of financing, specifically including preparation and coordination of filing an application with the TWDB for loan or grant assistance
- Advise the City of current bond market conditions
- Recommend method of sale of debt instruments
- Advise publications of forthcoming sales
- Arrange for reports of independent consultants
- Recommend as to the advisability of obtaining credit ratings and coordinate preparation and submission of information to rating agencies
- Coordinate, prepare and submit required information to recognized bond insurance companies for insurance qualification, including for a TWDB loan
- Coordinate efforts for delivery of debt instruments and preparation and verification of closing figures
- Maintain liaison with Bond Counsel in preparation of all legal documents
- Counsel in selection of paying agent/registrar
- Print all debt instruments
- Deliver schedule of annual debt requirements on debt instruments
- Attend meetings as

requested

- Advise of changes in Federal and State laws and regulations
- Advise on investment of funds as requested
- Advise and assist in exercising any call and/or refunding
- Advise and assist in the development of long-range financing plan
- Provide all financing planning services as requested
- Testify in litigation as requested
- Make recommendation on matters of credit enhancement

**C. STATEMENT OF  
QUALIFICATIONS**

The Proposer shall provide a description of the history and background of the firm, identification of the services currently being provided to municipalities in Texas and other information relevant to the provision of Financial Advisory services. The following information shall be included in your proposal:

1. General information about the firm.
  - A. Name, address and phone number of the firm.
  - B. History of the firm.
  - C. List names and titles of the firm who are directly responsible for financial advisory services.
  - D. Information pertaining to the firm's compliance with licensing and other requirements of the Securities Exchange Commission, the National Association of Securities Dealers and the Municipal Securities Rule Making Board.
2. References. Lists of three (3) references of cities for which similar services have been provided.
3. Identify personnel to be assigned responsibility for administering the account (provide resume and location for the individual representatives that the firm will assign to the account).
4. List the experience of the individuals assigned to the account and placement of debt instruments with the TWDB. Please list the work performed, including the dollar amount of the debt issue or other financing. Please include the names, addresses, and phone numbers of contact persons.
5. Additional services - describe any other service or experiences of the firm which you deem beneficial in acting as Financial Advisor to the City.
6. Attach a copy of financial advisory services contract proposed by your firm without fee information.

**D. RECEIPT OF  
PROPOSALS**

If your firm is interested in being considered as Financial Advisor for the City, proposals must be received no later than 2:00 PM on October 11, 2012, at the office of the City Secretary, City of Bronte, P.O. Box 370, 114 S. Washington, Bronte, Texas 76933. Three (3) copies of the proposal must be sealed and

clearly marked on the face of the shipping material "FINANCIAL ADVISOR" RFP. For questions, call the City Hall at 325/473-3501.

The City shall use the following selection criteria and point system to evaluate and score each proposal.

Criteria	Points
Experience	40
Capacity to perform	40
Familiarity with the City	10
Affirmative Action	10

**E. ADDITIONAL  
INFORMATION**

1. This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).
2. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Proposal (RFP) 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 IFB, RFP, or any resulting contract.
3. 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) & 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 SMWBE's. Although EPA's policy does not mandate that the fair share goals be achieved, it does require applicants and prime contractors to demonstrate us of the six affirmative steps. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:
 

	MBE	WBE
Construction	12.94%	8.72%
Supplies	9.68%	9.34%
Equipment	7.12%	5.39%
Services	10.84%	5.72%
4. 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 11.375, and as supplemented in Department of labor regulations 41 CFR; Part 60. Small, minority and women-owned firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

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ENGINEERING SERVICES  
REQUEST FOR  
PROPOSALS AND  
STATEMENTS OF  
QUALIFICATIONS**

The City of Bronte, Texas is seeking to enter into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineering firm. The City of Bronte is in the process of applying for

funding through the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF). Interested firms may submit RFP/SFQ according to the following criteria. The City of Bronte reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

I. Scope of Work The engineering contract will encompass all project-related engineering services for the City of Bronte, including but not limited to the following:

- Preparation of an Engineering Feasibility Report and, if required an Environmental Information Document in accordance with requirements of the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB)
- Preliminary and final design plans and specifications
- Preparation of the bid packet and construction documents
- Construction phase engineering and inspections (interim and final)
- Other special services as may be required

II. Statement of Qualifications The City is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, which has had experience in the following areas:

- Experience with municipal waterworks projects
- Experience with TWDB-funded construction projects
- Projects located in this region of the state
- Projects incorporating design and construction of water supply systems and water treatment projects

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of past projects with contact information, as well as resumes of all engineers who will or may be assigned to this project, if you are awarded the engineering services contract.

III. Evaluation Criteria The proposals received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

Criteria	Maximum Points
Experience	25
Past Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	15
Familiarity with this Project	25
Affirmative Action	10
Total	100

IV. Dateline For Submission If your firm is interested in being considered for this project, proposals must be received no later than 4:00 PM on October 11, 2012, at the office of the City Secretary, City of Bronte, P.O. Box 370, 114 S. Washington Street, Bronte, Texas 76933. Three (3) copies of the proposal must be sealed and clearly marked on the face of the shipping material "TWDB

ENGINEERING" RFP. For questions call 325-473-3501.

The City of Bronte reserves the right to negotiate with any and all engineers or firms that submit proposals, as per the Texas Professional Services Act. Qualified MBE and WBE firms are encouraged to submit proposals in response to this invitation. The City of Bronte affords Affirmative Action to qualified minority and women-owned businesses. Please note that the successful respondent is required to make a "good faith effort" toward affording opportunity for qualified MBE and WBE participation and submit, if required, supporting documentation to the TWDB.

**V. Additional Information**

A. Any loan award is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

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

C. 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 Minority Business Enterprise and Women-Owned Business Enterprise firms. 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:

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D. Equal Opportunity in Employment - All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or handicap. The contractor shall carry out applicable requirements of 40 CFR Part 33 in the award and administration of contracts awarded under TWDB financial assistance agreements. Failure by the contractor to carry out these requirements is a material breach, which may result in the termination of the awarded financial assistance.