

## **REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR AVIATION CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE TOLEDO-LUCAS COUNTY PORT AUTHORITY**

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority (TLCPA) is seeking qualified aviation consulting firm(s) to provide professional Architectural, Engineering, and Planning services for the Eugene F. Kranz Toledo Express Airport, Toledo Executive Airport, and Seagate Heliport Heliport. These services are to be provided in connection with the capital improvement plan (CIP) for both airports, as well as assist in the development of a potential CIP for the heliport.

This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will result in a multi-year agreement with a consultant or consultants for a period of five (5) years. The selected consultant(s) will then negotiate and enter into sub-agreements for services, based on the scope of work, with the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority on a project/assignment basis during the term of the five (5) year period.

The selection process of consultant(s) is being done in accordance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Advisory Circular 150/5100-14E, and applicable Ohio statutes and laws.

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority reserves the right to withdraw this RFQ or reject any and all submittals in response to this RFQ for any reason at any time during the bid process due to unforeseen or any change in circumstances. This RFQ plus the resulting agreement shall be consistent with all terms and conditions associated with contracts entered into by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Services requested may include General Consulting, Planning, Environmental, Architectural, Engineering, Construction Inspection, Grant Procurement Assistance, Capital Improvement Program Management and Asset Management Assistance, as well as other services as required, including but not limited to:

- Prepare project funding applications and Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) documents.
- Provide design, engineering, architectural, contract administration, resident inspection services, environmental, and feasibility services for runways, taxiways, ramps, access roads, airfield surfaces, landside surfaces, hangar development and modifications, terminal construction/rehabilitation, ARFF facility, maintenance facility, public safety facility, QTA facility, Material storage facility and any airport projects as requested by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority.
- Prepare and update property line map, Airport Layout Plan (ALP), Environmental documentation, Master Plan and other programs as necessary.
- Airspace studies and FAA airspace analysis submittals (ie. Part 77 and TERPS);
- Geotechnical/subsurface investigations and surveying;
- Airport planning related to airfield capacity and terminal planning;
- Terminal, hangar, and building design services as well as related services to these projects;
- Design, architecture, engineering, environmental, site validation for an Air Traffic Control facility;
- Airport GIS initiatives;
- Participation in regularly scheduled project meetings
- Updates to TLCPA Esri GIS and Asset Management Systems

- Perform assigned responsibilities in our DBE/ACDBE/TITLE VI/ADA programs;
- Sustainability;
- Storm Water management, wetland mitigation, glycol and other material management;
- Perform services for airfield electrical upgrades, airport markings, lighting, and signage projects;
- Provide Services to assist in the purchase and/or upgrade of FAA eligible equipment;
- Provide services for wildlife management initiatives;
- Perform other airport related functions as prescribed and directed by the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority

Some of the services may not be required, TLCPA reserves the right to initiate additional procurement action for any of the services included herein.

## **SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Selection of a firm will proceed in the following manner:

The TLCPA will review and evaluate the statements of the qualifications filed. Each component of Engineering, Architectural and Planning services will be evaluated independently. Firms are not required to submit for all three components. Firms will be selected for each component independently, but TLCPA reserves the right to select the same firm for all components if it is determined that the same firm is the best qualified. The first phase of the selection will be based on an evaluation point system as outlined below. The evaluation will be made by a selection team. The selection team may recommend a single firm based on statements of qualification or they may prepare a short list of the best-qualified firms. At that time the short-listed firms may be asked to provide additional information as needed.

The Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated and scored by the following points (maximum of 100 Points available):

1. Firm / Team Qualifications and Experience – (Up to 20 Points)
2. Project Manager and Key Personnel Qualifications and Experience – (Up to 25 Points)
3. Workload Capacity – (Up to 10 Points)
4. Geographic Location (Include details for quick response and support of TLCPA staff) – (Up to 10 Points)
5. Plan for including Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Participation for the term of the agreement – (Up to 15 Points)
6. Knowledge of and experience working with the personnel, policies, and procedures of the FAA Detroit ADO and ODOT Office of Aviation – (Up to 15 Points)
7. References and Past Performance – (Up to 5 Points)
8. Proof of Insurance – (Pass / Fail)
9. Known / Open History of Pending / Resolved Claims - (Pass / Fail)

After this review, a list, if applicable, will be developed ranking the most qualified firms. Contract negotiations will be conducted by the TLCPA in accordance with the following procedures:

- A. The short-listed A/E firms will be scheduled for an interview.
- B. After the completion of all interviews, the firms will be ranked.
- C. The TLCPA will attempt to negotiate an agreement with the firm ranked number one
- D. Should negotiations with the firm ranked fail to reach agreement, the TLCPA will attempt to negotiate an agreement with the firm ranked number two (2).
- E. Should negotiations with the firm ranked number two fail to reach agreement, the TLCPA will attempt to negotiate an agreement with the firm ranked number three (3).
- F. In the event that TLCPA is unable to reach agreement with the firm ranked number three, the TLCPA reserves the right to review existing qualification statements, to seek additional qualification statements, or to take other such action as is appropriate.
- G. Once negotiations have been terminated with a firm and begun with another, they will not be reopened with the former firm.
- H. Upon completion of successful negotiations, a contract will be executed with TLCPA.

The Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority will afford minority and female-owned businesses equal opportunity to submit qualifications and will not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, age, handicap, color, sex, religion, or national origin.

A minimum Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (“DBE”) participation goal of 15% will apply to each sub agreement.

Qualification statements are limited to a total of twenty-five (25) one-sided pages for each component, including transmittal letter, resumes, and all exhibits, but excluding divider pages. No table of contents is required. The statements must contain the following information presented in the following order:

1. Transmittal letter, which identifies the component(s) for which the consultant is submitting its statement of qualification.
2. Describe firm / team relevant experience in aviation consulting as a general aviation consultant and type of services of the firm. Each assignment description should include:
  - Date of Services
  - Firm Responsibility/Role on the project
  - Representative projects
  - Individuals in the firm proposed for this assignment who worked on the projects and their role.
3. Staff experience in aviation consulting. Provide an organizational chart of key project professional and technical staffing, individual roles, and responsibilities of each person, and include resumes. The submittals should include the number of staff, including registered architects and engineers, in all disciplines, length of time the key people have been employed by the firms, and percentage of time to be committed to this project. Indicate present workload and projected workload for the duration of the project. Include a reference for key staff members.

4. Program Approach and other relevant comments. Indicate which disciplines will be in-house, which will be sub-consultants, and what specialty sub-consultants will be included for a complete project.
5. Evidence that the consultant has made good faith efforts in meeting Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) goals (49 CFR, § 26.53).
6. Proof of general liability, automobile liability and professional liability insurance in the minimum amounts of \$2 million, as well as workers compensation (as required by law) and employer's liability (at least \$1 million) will be required.
7. References on similar aviation consulting services completed within the past three years (including e-mail addresses and phone numbers) and letters of recommendation.
8. Known / Open History of Pending / Resolved Claims within the last 10 years.

### **PROPRIETARY NOTICE**

All material and information submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications shall become the property of TLCPA.

### **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE**

The TLCPA is a public entity and subject to certain disclosures. All material submitted as part of this Request for Qualifications will be treated as public information with no expectations of confidentiality.

### **COST OF RFQ SUBMITTAL**

The TLCPA is not liable for any cost incurred by any respondents in preparation or presentation of any materials in response to this RFQ.

Respondents are required to check the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority's Public Notices website for all addendums that are released leading up to the date of qualification which is April 10, 2024.

A/E firms are invited to submit an electronic copy, of qualification statements to be received no later than April 10, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. local time, to:

Mrs. Tina Perkins  
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority  
One Maritime Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Toledo, OH 43604  
([TPerkins@toledoport.org](mailto:TPerkins@toledoport.org))

**Questions concerning this RFQ must be submitted via email to:**

[TPerkins@toledoport.org](mailto:TPerkins@toledoport.org).

All questions and answers are public information.