# REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

**On-Call Professional Engineering Services** 

Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport

#### **LEGAL NOTICE**

## TWEED-NEW HAVEN AIRPORT AUTHORITY TWEED-NEW HAVEN REGIONAL AIRPORT REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority (TNHAA), Lessee/Operator of Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport (HVN) in the City of New Haven and Town of East Haven, Connecticut is requesting Statement of Qualifications from engineering firms with demonstrated professional competence in Airport Engineering for airside, terminal and landside facilities and ancillary features. The services to be provided shall include preparation of Design Drawings and Contract Documents, Permitting, Bid Phase services, Construction Phase services including Resident Engineering, and Closeout services.

These services are required for the implementation of near-term (2022-2026) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport (HVN) identified in the recently conducted Airport Master Plan Update Study. TNHAA intends to select firms for inclusion in a prequalified list to whom Requests for Technical Proposals (RFP) would be issued for individual projects in the CIP.

Interested parties may obtain copies of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) by calling Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport at telephone no. (203) 466-8833, Ext. 1002 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., or by visiting the Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport website at <a href="https://www.flytweed.com">www.flytweed.com</a>.

Statement of Qualifications will be received electronically at the above address until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 10, 2022. Awards will not be made to any firm whose name appears on a debarred list from performing contracts for the Federal Government, the State of Connecticut or any agency of the foregoing.

The proposed contract is under and subject to Executive Order 11246 of September 24, 1965 and to the Equal Opportunity Clause.

The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin in consideration for an award.

The requirements of 49 CFR Part 26, Participation by Disadvantaged Business Enterprises in Department of Transportation Financial Assistance Programs, apply to this contract. The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority encourages participation by all firms qualifying under this solicitation regardless of business size or ownership.

#### I Introduction

The Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority (TNHAA), Lessee/Operator of Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport (HVN) in the City of New Haven and Town of East Haven, Connecticut is soliciting Statement of Qualifications from engineering firms with demonstrated competence in Airport Engineering for airside, terminal and landside facilities and ancillary features. The services to be provided shall include preparation of Design Drawings and Contract Documents, Permitting, Bid Phase services, Construction Phase services including Resident Engineering, and Closeout services.

The services to be provided are for the implementation of near-term (2022-2026) capital improvement program projects at Tweed New Haven Regional Airport (HVN) as identified in the recently completed Airport Master Plan Update Study, and any other projects which may arise during the near-term, at the sole discretion of the TNHAA. TNHAA intends to select firms for inclusion in a prequalified list to whom Requests for Proposals (RFP) would be issued for individual projects in the CIP.

The projects fall into three categories: Airfield, Building and Aeronautical. The intent of the TNHAA is select up to three qualified firms for each of the categories, to respond to Requests for Technical Proposal for each of projects as the occasion emerge for the start their respective implementation.

It is the policy of TNHAA, that disadvantaged business enterprises, as defined in 49 CFR Part 23, be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this request. TNHAA shall not discriminate against any person because of race, color, sex, religious preference, or national origin in the award of any contract.

The projects shall conform to design standards and contract provisions of the FAA for airport projects. The projects shall be in compliance with all federal, state and local codes and standards, and contract provisions.

Statements of Qualifications shall be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements contained herein.

#### II Scope of Capital Improvement Program (2022-2026)

The Capital Improvement Program (2022-2026) is derived from the Airport Master Plan Update Study – October, 2021, and would include but not restricted to the following projects:

- A. Airfield
  - 1. West Terminal Apron Rehabilitation
  - 2. Extend Runway 2-20
  - 3. Taxiway Improvements
- B. Buildings:
  - 1. ARFF Station Expansion
  - 2. Snow and Ice Control Material Storage Facility
  - Snow Removal Equipment Storage Facility
- C. Aeronautical:
  - 1. Air Navigational Aids
  - 2. Obstructions Mitigation

The attached HVN Airport Layout Plan depicts the locations of the projects.

#### III Scope of Services

The projects were formulated as a result of the recent Airport Master Plan Update and some are subject to NEPA Environmental Review. Hence, some initial conceptual designs have been developed which may constitute approximately 10-15 % of overall design. These conceptual designs will be made available to the Proposer selected by this solicitation.

It is expected that the Scope of Services of the selected firm for a project would, by the nature of the particular project, include variously but not be limited to the following:

#### A. Data Collection

- 1. Geotechnical Investigation
- 2. Topographical surveys
- 3. Regulatory Environmental Information
- 4. Non-destructive inspections and testing
- 5. Destructive testing of pavements

#### B. Design Development

- 1. Planning and Simulation (as applicable)
- 2. Grading
- 3. Drainage Design
- 4. Pavement structures, markings, profiles and sections
- 5. Runway lighting
- 6. Runway Navaids
- 7. Construction Safety and Phasing

#### C. Permitting

- 1. Coordination with Permit Agencies
  - a. Connecticut Department of Transportation
  - b. CT DEEP
  - c. Army Corps of Engineers
  - d. FAA
  - e. City of New Haven
  - f. Town of East Haven
- 2. Progress Reports
- 3. Final Preconstruction Report
- 4. Final Engineer's Cost Estimate

#### D. Bidding Phase Services

- 1. Preparation of Bid Documents: Contracts, Construction Plans and Specifications
- 2. Assistance to TNHAA to invite bids from suitable firms
- 3. Pre-bid meeting
- 4. Bid Opening
- 5. Tabulation of Bid Submissions
- 6. Bid Evaluation and Recommendation

#### E. Construction Phase Services

- 1. Construction Contract Administration
- 2. Contractor Submittals

- 3. Evaluation of Change Requests
- 4. Construction Inspections
- 5. Materials Testing
- 6. Resident Inspections and engineering
- 7. Contractor payment applications certification
- 8. Construction Progress Reports

#### F. Close out Services

- 1. As-built plans
- 2. Engineer's Final Closeout Report

#### IV Statements of Qualifications Content

Firms may wish to submit Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) for any or all three of the categories. A separate SOQ will be required for each project category. An SOQ shall be limited to twenty-five (25) pages, excluding cover letter, separators, and table of content. Exhibits, appendices and attachments beyond the page limit will not be reviewed. Submissions shall be electronic in PDF via email.

Each firm shall include in its statement of qualifications the following information:

#### A. Identification of the Firm

- Name of firm, address telephone number, email address and website of main branch and any
  office which will be involved in any way with this project; Name, Address and telephone number
  of parent company if any.
- 2. Type of firm (e. corporation, partnership), date of formation, size of firm (number of salaried employees, number of hourly employees).
- 3. List of subconsultants including information requested in items a and b above; and, elements of work to be performed by each firm.
- 4. List of offices that are expected to be involved in any way with this project.
- 5. List of all Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), which must be certified as such by the Connecticut Department of Transportation or any other Agency in the USA, who will participate in the performance of the work, including type of DBE; certifying agency; elements of the work to be performed; and, approximate amount of work as a percentage of the total project.

#### B. Experience of the Firm

- Lists completed and current similar projects during the last seven years. Describe each project
  and the firm's involvement, contract amounts, and type of contract (i.e., project management,
  construction management, design). Provide specific references including responsible owner's
  representative, address and telephone numbers. Indicate engineer's estimated cost and actual
  cost of each project.
- 2. Describe the firm's familiarity with airport operations; FAA programs, practices and regulations; and construction at an airport or other major transportation terminals.
- 3. Describe the firm's familiarity or experience with the following organizations:
  - a. City of New Haven and Town of East Haven
  - b. Federal Aviation Administration
  - c. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

- d. US Army Corps of Engineers
- e. Connecticut State Department of Transportation

#### C. Personnel

1. Identify key individuals who will be assigned to the projects. For each, furnish education, experience, work history, and other appropriate background information, including references. Provide the email address and telephone number of each individual.

#### V Selection Process

Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to this Request for Qualifications will be used to select up to three firms for each project category, to prequalify for providing technical proposals for the projects as the time for start of project implementation emerges. The selection of the firms may include an interview, to present relevant details concerning their qualifications and experience; and introduce the individuals who are proposed to be assigned to the projects.

At the discretion and timing of TNHAA, separate Requests for Proposals (RFP) will be issued to the selected firms to submit technical proposals for the Capital Improvement Program projects. On the basis of the technical proposal, the firms will be ranked by preference. The top ranked firm for the project category, will be invited to submit a fee proposal and to enter contract negotiations. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated between the selected firm and TNHAA, negotiations will be terminated and TNHAA will initiate negotiations with the firm given second preference. This procedure will continue until a mutually satisfactory contract has been negotiated or until TNHAA has unsuccessfully negotiated with the selected firms.

TNHAA reserves the right in its sole and absolute discretion, to waive any defects in the proposals, to reject all proposals, to award a contract for a portion of the work or to accept that proposal which in its judgment will under all circumstances best serve its interest.

#### VI Selection Criteria

The criteria to be used in the selection of firms based on qualifications shall include, but not necessarily be limited to the following:

- A. Recent experience of the firm in airport projects comparable to the proposed project.
- B. Experience of personnel assigned to the proposed project.
- C. Level of disadvantaged business enterprise participation in the performance of the work. The TNHAA DBE participation goal for development projects for FY 2021-2023 is 23.1%.
- D. Familiarity with Tweed-New Haven Airport Authority, City of New Haven, Town of East Haven, FAA, Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and Connecticut State Department of Transportation.

#### VII Submissions

Statements of Qualifications must be marked "HVN On-Call Professional Engineering Services," and the project category, that is: "Airfield, Buildings, or Aeronautical." The SOQ shall be electronically received on or before 2:00 PM on May 10, 2022 at the following address:

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Mr. Jeremy Nielson Airport General Manager Tweed-New Haven Regional Airport Email address: <a href="mailto:inielson@flytweed.com">inielson@flytweed.com</a>

Each respondent to this solicitation is required to submit its response electronically in PDF.

