

**CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

**EP060704**

**DESIGN/BUILD FOR TWIN 14-FOOT DIAMETER  
CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
CRESCENT VIEW AVENUE, EAST PROVIDENCE**

Qualification statements are hereby solicited by the City of East Providence from companies with Design/Build expertise in large culvert replacement projects in a marine environment. Statements should be forwarded in triplicate to the City Manager, Room 102, City Hall, 145 Taunton Avenue, East Providence, RI 02914 by 4:00 PM on Thursday, January 25, 2007.

The City of East Providence owns and maintains two 14-foot diameter steel culverts that pass below Crescent View Avenue. The culverts allow tidal waters to pass through and feed a tidal estuary. The replacement shall maintain the open flow area and invert elevations of the existing culverts. The company must have the capability and experience required to successfully complete a project this size and meet all environmental requirements as required by the appropriate State agencies.

The firms are to have the capabilities and experience to furnish labor, materials, equipment, and incidental items necessary to provide all design services to develop complete drawings (plans must be prepared and stamped by a professional engineer licensed in the State of Rhode Island), and specifications. The firm must provide all required construction services, furnish and supply all materials associated with the construction, and site work necessary to complete this project.

The objective of this request is to pre-qualify companies for the above noted project so as to facilitate the selection process. It is the intention of the City to identify what it deems to be the most qualified companies and to subsequently request formal bid proposals from those firms. Only those firms that are pre-qualified through the City's selection process will be able to respond to the Request for Proposals developed for this project.

The specific scope of services will be detailed in the RFP, and the final award will be based on the lowest qualified evaluated bid price. This RFQ is not a request for a bid. Responses will be evaluated on the basis of the relative merits of the statement. A team of city staff will review responses to the RFQ. The following criteria will be used to evaluate the responses:

- Demonstrated expertise in similar projects including coordination of design/build projects.
- Demonstrated expertise in the completion of similar projects of similar size and scope, and proven ability to meet State environmental requirements.
- Adequate staffing and the expertise to complete the project successfully.
- Financial and bonding capability for a \$1,500,000 project.
- Proven ability to work with municipal governments and to complete projects on time and within budget.

- Statement of project approach.

Responses to this solicitation should be accompanied with a company brochure, a statement of the company's approach, a listing of personnel to be assigned to the project along with their background information, a list detailing similar projects with references, and any other information the company deems pertinent in assisting the City in adequately reviewing their capabilities. The completion dates and/or project status shall be provided for all projects listed under the experience section of the submittal.

Any questions should be directed to Stephen Coutu, Director of Public Works, City of East Providence, Rhode Island at (401) 435-7701.

The City reserves the right to reject any/or all companies, to waive any informality in the qualification statement, and to pre-qualify any company based on what the City deems to be in it's best interest.

City ordinance requires pre-qualification of contractors for projects in excess of \$100,000. Only firms deemed qualified by the City after review of the qualification statements submitted in accordance with this RFQ will be requested to submit bid proposals.

Paul J. Airozo  
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