

**The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Indian Reservation, Montana**



CSKT Division of Engineering and Water Resources

Request for Qualifications for Professional Service

Response to Questions

September 3, 2024

This correspondence pertains to the CSKT DEWR Request for Qualifications for Professional Services. We address questions following Section 4.3.b) identified in the RFQ. Questions were submitted to CSKT in writing.

Questions:

1. Are there any upcoming projects would require forestry related services? *The categories are intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed. "Other Professional or Consulting Service(s)" is available to the Respondent.*
2. What projects are envisioned? How to submit for say Structural - bridges, or Electrical - street lighting, building lighting? What about roads, would this be in "other services"? *The categories are intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed. "Other Professional or Consulting Service(s)" is available to the Respondent.*
3. Would transit services be relevant? (planning, design, etc.)? *The categories are intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed. "Other Professional or Consulting Service(s)" is available to the Respondent.*
4. What is the difference between Site Civil vs. Heavy Civil? *Site Civil: including but not limited to, site planning, surveying, clearing, excavation, grading, drainage, utilities, paving, concrete work, landscaping, etc. Heavy Civil: including but not limited to, work associated with comprehensive improvements to existing and/or new infrastructure.*
5. We do construction inspection, but sub out material testing. Should we not submit on Material Testing Services (including Construction Inspection & Testing) and just add an additional category for Construction Inspection? *"Other Professional or Consulting Service(s)" is available to the Respondent.*
6. It appears it is the intent of DEWR to hire multiple firms. Is there a specific total number firms, or number per category? *No.*

7. Can different firms be selected for individual service categories, or will firms be selected based on their overall expertise in all service categories? *Respondent's proposals will be considered for each category requested in Attachment A. The intent is for Respondents to provide at least three (3), but no more than five (5), references for work that is relevant to each category marked in Attachment A as described in 4.3 part 3.*
8. Will teaming arrangements be considered? *No. Individual firms are evaluated based on their qualifications, not grouped or teamed firms.*
9. Regarding professional licenses, should the respondent provide a copy of the actual license/certification, or is a summary table showing licenses/certs by employee acceptable? *Table/list showing the Team licenses and certificates is acceptable, however, CSKT reserves the right to request actual copies later if warranted.*
10. Is there an anticipated budget amount for this contract? *No.*
11. Is there a preference for local contractor? *See Section 5.2 Evaluation Criteria.*
12. Is this RFQ a renewal of an existing one, or is this a new RFQ? *This Request for Qualifications is new.*
13. What kind of services are anticipated under the heavy civil category? Is that primarily roads and bridges? *Heavy Civil: including but not limited to, work associated with comprehensive improvements to existing and/or new infrastructure.*
14. What kind of services are anticipated under the electrical category? *The category is intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed.*
15. What kind of services are anticipated under the structural category? Is that vertical construction (buildings), bridges, or water resource structures? Or all? *The category is intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed.*
16. We are planning to submit for several categories, are you looking for 3-5 references in each category, or 3-5 total references? *The intent is to provide at least three (3), but no more than five (5), references for work that is relevant to each category marked in Attachment A.*
17. For the supporting documents, are you looking for copies of our licenses and certificates or just a table/list that shows our team with the licenses and certificates we have? *Table/list showing the Team licenses and certificates is acceptable, however, CSKT reserves the right to request actual copies later if warranted.*

18. Is there any specific expertise you are looking for under Hydrology/Hydraulics and/or Irrigation? *The category is intended to be broad to include any DEWR needs that need to be addressed.*
19. Do you foresee any restoration projects under this MSA? *The projects will vary depending on DEWR needs. "Other Professional or Consulting Service(s)" is available to the Respondent.*
20. Indemnification-, Section 4 of the T&C's is broad form indemnification, Section 5.1 of the RFQ states non-negotiable terms and conditions? *No changes will be made as part of this RFQ.*
21. Can the following language be added to the MSA (Page 13 of 18)?
CONTRACTOR is responsible for the **negligent or wrongful** acts, errors, or omissions of himself/herself/itself, subcontractors and any agents operating thereunder.
CONTRACTOR hereby indemnifies and holds harmless the CSKT from and against all damages, liability, fees, and causes of action that may arise in whole or in part from his/her/its **negligent or wrongful** acts, errors, or omissions and those of his/her/its subcontractors or agents.
No changes will be made as part of this RFQ.
22. Is teaming with trusted subconsultants allowed? *No.*
23. For PART 3 – Past Performance References.... Is it desired to have 3 to 5 references for each service category, or 3 to 5 references total for the submittal, and is there a page limit associated with PART 3? *The intent is to provide at least three (3), but no more than five (5), references for work that is relevant to each category marked in Attachment A.*
24. Has CSKT had prequalified rosters in the past, if so, can we receive a copy? *This Request for Qualifications is new.*
25. Is a 11 x 17 page size acceptable for the organization chart (PART 4)? *11x17 page size is acceptable for the organizational chart.*
26. Part 1 – Statement of Interest and General Qualifications. We'd like to include an SOQ cover page in front of the Statement of Interest provided on company letterhead. Would the SOQ cover page be included in the page count for the statement of interest? *The Cover Page will not be part of the page count.*
27. Part 6 – Other Supporting documents includes the statement "professional licenses or certifications you wish to submit for Owner's consideration." Does this statement mean that individual copies of professional licenses need to be submitted as supporting documentation for the qualifications of the staff included in our SOQ package, or can their licenses and certifications be listed on resumes, summary tables, and/or bios? *Table/list showing the Team licenses and certificates is acceptable, however, CSKT reserves the right to request actual copies later if warranted.*