

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources

Request for Qualifications for Environmental Compliance/Permitting, Engineering, and Design Services

BOGGY POINT LIVING SHORELINES PROJECT

***PROPOSALS DUE BY:
12:00 p.m. CENTRAL (NOON) on JUNE 6, 2024***

I. INTRODUCTION:

The coastal shoreline of the northern Gulf of Mexico provides essential geological, ecological, biological, and physiochemical attributes that shoreline species require. The extraordinary biodiversity of Alabama is enhanced by, often highly specialized, shoreline species. However, natural shorelines have become uncommon as development for residential, industrial, and recreational purposes has exploded over the last century. The loss of natural fortifications, characteristic of shoreline habitats (sandy beaches, dunes and dune vegetation, marshes, seagrass beds, oyster reefs and natural breakwaters), has been detrimental to coastal properties.

In an effort to restore and safeguard Alabama's coastal lands, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) seeks to implement the installation of a Living Shoreline at its Boggy Point Boat Ramp Site in Orange Beach (Baldwin County) Alabama (see map in Figure 1 infra). Boggy Point is the site of an immensely popular recreational boat ramp that is flanked by an area of tidal marsh. The marsh sustained significant episodic losses with Hurricanes Ivan (2004) and Katrina (2005), and continues to erode due to heave small boat traffic and additional storms. While the Boggy Point area is now a No-Wake Zone, the tidal marsh along the shoreline is not showing signs of recovery.

ADCNR is soliciting statements of qualifications from experienced firms and individuals interested and duly capable of providing the services outlined herein.

II. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SCOPE OF WORK:

ADCNR is seeking an engineering and design firm(s) to provide permitting, design, and environmental compliance services for the Alabama Living Shorelines Program (Boggy Point - Construction Planning Component) project. **ADCNR may award multiple contracts to multiple Offerors.** The referenced project was approved for Bucket 2 funding in December 2015 and is on the Initial Funded Priority List ([Initial Funded Priorities List with Errata_04_07_2016 \(restorethegulf.gov\)](#)).



Figure 1. Google maps image. Yellow lines indicate shorelines where the marsh is receding.

The scope of services includes permitting and preliminary design/environmental compliance leading to a construction bid-ready 100% design package. The selected firm(s) will coordinate all surveys necessary for project implementation, including permitting and permit compliance assistance and construction bid preparation.

As a part of this scope of services, the selected firm will 1) complete all environmental compliance requirements; 2) address any survey and data gaps necessary to produce a preliminary design; 3) produce a preliminary design; and 4) develop a complete design package for the ADCNR-selected option.

As a part of this scope of services, it is anticipated that the selected firm(s) will:

- 1) Complete all environmental compliance requirements and coordinate all necessary permitting;
- 2) Address any survey and data gaps necessary to produce a preliminary design;
- 3) Produce a preliminary (30%) design;
- 4) Develop a 100% design package for the ADCNR-selected option; and
- 5) Execute related matters at ADCNR's request.

The project encompasses planning for the construction of a living shorelines project of approximately 600 linear feet to the north of the boat ramp and 500 linear feet to the south of the ADCNR Boggy Point Boat Ramp Site. In total, approximately 1100' of permeable segmented breakwater, a limited amount of sand fill, and the planting of salt marsh vegetation will be required. Educational signage must also be placed at the adjacent boat ramp parking lot.

Anticipated Reimbursement Budget: \$420,000.

Period of Performance: ADCNR anticipates entering into a contract with the successful firm(s) for a two-year period, subject to extensions at ADCNR's discretion and as allowed by law.

III. TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR RESTORE ACT:

Funding for this project is derived in whole or in part from funds received by ADCNR under the RESTORE ACT. Responders acknowledge and agree that, if selected, all work performed under the contract shall comply with and be bound by the following terms and conditions, which are expressly incorporated into the RFQ and any ensuing contract(s):

- A. All provisions and requirements of the RESTORE Council Financial Assistance Standard Terms and Conditions, which can be found here: [RESTORE Council STCs Final 8-18-2015.pdf \(restorethegulf.gov\)](#).
- B. Applicable federal laws and regulations under the RESTORE act, including:
 - a. The RESTORE Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1321(t);
 - b. 31 C.F.R. Part 34;
 - c. Applicable terms and conditions contained in 2 C.F.R. Part 200 of the OMB; and
 - d. Applicable OMB Circulars, Executive Orders, and other federal laws or regulations.

IV. ANTICIPATED TASKS AND DELIVERABLES:

Task 1: Permit Procurement and Compliance

This task shall consist of assistance with all federal and state agency environmental compliance (permitting and consultation) activities necessary to move the project to construction. The exact nature of the task activities is not currently known, but anticipated information that could be requested includes assessment data, submerged aquatic vegetation surveys, habitat assessments, and information necessary to address comments received under public notice.

Task 2: Develop Preliminary Plans (Project Engineering and Design)

This task shall consist of Engineering Services required for the preparation of a preliminary (30%) design. Activities may include survey work necessary to inform the design, as well as management of public engagement to solicit input for the design.

Draft plans shall be submitted for ADCNR review and comment, prior to moving forward with the 60% design.

Task 3: Develop Final Plans and Specifications (Project Engineering and Design)

This task shall consist of Engineering Services required for the preparation of complete final construction plans, specifications, bid documents, and estimates of probable construction cost. Construction plans will be developed based upon the accepted preliminary design plans.

Plans shall be submitted at 60% and 100% benchmarks for ADCNR review and comment. Draft project specifications shall be submitted along with the 60% plans and final specifications and construction contract documents shall be submitted at 100%. Construction contract documents will be based upon ADCNR provided front-end documents.

Task 4: Other related duties as requested by ADCNR.

Perform other tasks requested by ADCNR that are related to the Project.

V. CONTACT INFORMATION AND TIMELINE:

Responses shall be limited to no more than a total of thirty (30) typed pages including: contents pages, supporting appendices, and resumes. Text shall not be smaller than a font size of 12. The original must be signed by an authorized representative of the consultant. Submissions received after the deadline will not be considered. Facsimile or hand-delivered submittals will not be accepted.

Firms should submit the required documents **no later than 12:00 p.m. CENTRAL (NOON) on JUNE 6, 2024 to:**

**Dr. Rita Peachey
Natural Resource Planner
ADCNR-Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Restoration
31115 Five Rivers Boulevard
Spanish Fort, AL 36527**

Proposed Timeline:

Solicitation Issuance/Advertising Date:	May 3, 2024
Questions Related to RFQ Due:	May 23, 2024
Deadline for Receipt of Qualifications:	June 6, 2024 12:00pm NOON CENTRAL

NOTE: It is the Offeror's responsibility to check the website on a regular basis for updated information and written responses to all questions submitted prior to the deadline.

VI. STATEMENT CONTENTS

The submittal package, in PDF format, should be emailed to Rita.Peachey@dcnr.alabama.gov The Offeror shall submit the signed original and five (5) copies in a sealed envelope or package on or before the date and time specified.

Contents of the Submittal Package must include the following to be deemed responsive for evaluation:

A. Cover Letter

The cover letter of interest shall include the firm’s Unique Entity ID (UEI); proof of active Sam.gov registration; and a copy of the licenses as required by the Alabama Board of Engineers and Land Surveyors shall be submitted for each applicable individual on the team.

B. Statement of Qualifications

Utilize GSA Standard Form 330 for the primary firm and all proposed consultants, information for similar relevant projects including the project description, project budget, scope of work, photographs (before and after), Owner’s name and contact information, plus any other relevant information. Form 330 is available here: [SF330-21.pdf \(SECURED\) \(gsa.gov\)](#)

C. Approach and Methodology

Demonstrate their understanding of this project process by submitting an approach and methodology for completing the project along with a detailed schedule for project implementation.

D. Supporting Documentation

- a. Immigration Status Form - [IMMIGRATION STATUS_form.pdf \(state.al.us\)](#)
- b. Certificate of Compliance - [Certificate_of_Compliance.pdf \(state.al.us\)](#)
- c. Vendor Disclosure Statement - [AL_Vendor_Disclosure_Statement.pdf \(SECURED\)](#)
- d. W-9
- e. Evidence that Offeror is registered to do business with the Alabama Secretary of State
- f. E-Verify MOU

VII. CONSULTANT SELECTION AND EVALUATION CRITERIA:

A. A. Project Selection Criteria

All Statements accepted by ADCNR will be reviewed to determine whether they are responsive to the requisites of this RFQ. Statements that are determined by ADCNR to be non-responsive will not be further considered. ADCNR will evaluate Statements based on the project selection criteria below:

- Prior experience with state or federally funded programs – **(10 points)**
- Professional Qualifications, including design, living shorelines engineering, and environmental permitting – **(35 points)**
- Successful experience with design, inspection, and administration of projects of similar scope – **(45 points)**
- Capacity to perform design within a reasonable timeframe – **(10 points)**

VIII. GENERAL CLAUSES:

Non-Commitment of Funds:

Any contract related to this proposed project is subject to the availability of funds and/or the needs of the ADCNR and therefore the ADCNR, at its discretion, may or may not issue a final contract as a result of this RFQ. Further, even in the event an initial selection is made by the ADCNR, no selection is final until

full execution of a written agreement detailing an agreed upon scope of work. If the ADCNR deems, at its sole discretion, that a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached in accordance with an initial selection; the ADCNR reserved the right to proceed with efforts to make another selection based upon proposals submitted pursuant to this RFQ.

Debarment and Suspension Status. Offerors must be registered in www.SAM.gov, and must ensure that their subcontractors hold active registration status at Sam.gov. Offerors must provide their Unique Entity ID for the purposes of confirming suspension status. ADCNR will verify that the contractor, or its principals, does not appear on the federal government's Excluded Parties List prior to executing an agreement or contract with that entity. All lower tier transactions must include a term or condition that the award is subject to 31 CFR Part 19. By submitting a SOQ, the Offeror certifies that it is not currently debarred from submitting SOQs for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Alabama and that it is not an agent of a person or entity that is currently debarred from submitting SOQs for contracts issued by any political subdivision or agency of the State of Alabama.

Minority/Women Businesses. Minority and women's business enterprises are encouraged to submit a statement of qualifications and to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities. ADCNR takes all necessary affirmative steps, as set forth in 2 CFR 200.321(b) to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible. When subcontracting, all potential contractors must make positive efforts to use small and minority owned business and women business enterprises. See 2 CFR §200.321.

Further Information:

Any contract awarded under this solicitation may be paid for in whole or in part with grant funding from the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council and Alabama Department of Natural Resources (ADCNR) under the Resources and Ecosystems Sustainability, Tourist Opportunities, and Revived Economies of the Gulf Coast States Act of 2012 (RESTORE Act).

Any questions should be submitted in writing via email by May 23, 2024, (no phone calls please) to:
Dr. Rita Peachey

Email: rita.peachey@dcnr.alabama.gov

Subject line shall read: "Boggy Point RFQ Questions"

This request for qualifications is not an offer to contract but seeks the submission of qualifications from qualified, professional respondents that may form the basis for the negotiation of an agreement. The Awarding Authority reserves the right to reject any or all qualifications and to solicit additional qualifications, through the RFQ process, if that is determined to be in the best interests of the State of Alabama.

Commented [MF1]: Also include statement that all subs must have active Sam.gov registration.