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VA ALAMEDA WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT

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Particularly, the purpose of this NOTICE is to gain knowledge of potential business sources for of potential business sources for the construction of the Department of Veteran's Affairs (DVA) Alameda Wetlands Mitigation Project at Alameda Point (former Naval Air Station) in Northern Alameda County.

This project is planned for advertising in late spring of 2021.

In accordance with FAR 36.204(g), the estimated value of the resulting contract is expected to be between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. It is expected to have a duration of approximately 365 days.

The resulting contract type is expected to be a Firm-Fixed Price.

The NAICS Code is 237990 the size standard is \$39.5 million.

The majority of the work will fall under NAICS Code: 237990 – Other Heavy and Civil Engineering. However, NAICS Code 541620 – Environmental Consulting Services will also apply.

Under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) guidelines 52.219-14, any 8(a) concern will perform at least 15% of the cost of the contract, not including the cost of materials, with its own employees for specialty general construction.

Under FAR 52.236-1, any other-than-small business concern shall perform on the site, and with its own organization, work equivalent to at least 15 percent of the total amount of work to be performed under the contract.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA), Office of Construction and Facilities Management (CFM) has retained design services for Project No. 612-115. This project will construct an Outpatient Clinic (OPC), a Columbarium, administrative space for National Cemetery Administration (NCA) and Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) and all associated parking on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) property at Alameda Point (former Naval Air Station) in Northern Alameda County. The land for this project has been acquired through a no cost land transfer from the Department of Defense to the Department of Veterans Affairs. This project will also construct a US Air Force satellite Primary Care Clinic and a jointly staffed VA/DoD Joint Ambulatory Surgical Center. This new, state-of-the-art OPC and administrative space will be approximately 150,000 GSF and provide Primary Care, Specialty Care, Ancillary Services, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Ambulatory Surgery.

There are two parts to the overall project and several phases within each part. This sources sought is for Wetlands Mitigation, identified as Phase I – Part 1 of the Alameda project.

WETLAND MITIGATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The 2018 Alameda Basis of Design Report determined that the need for Onsite Wetlands Mitigation was a result of unavoidable fill to the existing wetlands in the Alameda Point project area. The wetlands will be split into two footprints: a tidal basin and tidal marsh enhancement area. Creation of the tidal wetlands will be through excavation of soils, grading of channels and construction of riprap through the seawall. Wetland enhancement will occur adjacent to the new tidal wetland. The Enhancement will involve removing invasive plants and planting native plants, which will be executed under a separate contract.

The goals of the tidal basin/tidal marsh (wetlands) creation area are:

- Create acres of tidal marsh that consists of mostly vegetated marsh plain with slough channels that meet USACE criteria for jurisdictional wetlands prior to the impact of the wetlands due to construction. [Note: All activities directly associated with seeds, propagation, planting, and maintenance will be executed under a separate contract.
- Use techniques that restore a self-sustainable ecosystem with minimal maintenance over a long term.
- Restore a unique mix of native tidal marsh species appropriate for tidal marsh plants. Planting and maintenance of the marsh plants will be executed under a separate contract.
- Restore grasses in the transition zone to provide high tide refuge habitat for the tidal marsh animals and foraging habitat for the birds and insects and increase the native plants. The plants will be installed and maintained by a separate contract.
- Design restored habitats to reduce the temporary impacts and avoid permanent impacts on existing wetlands.
- Allow natural formation of small marsh pond to promote habitat diversity.
- Meet Region Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) screening guidelines for sediment containment for protection of aquatic life.
- Avoid impacts to the California Least Tern colony during and after construction.
- Do not increase flood risk to surrounding area.

Demolition: including but not limited to, clearing and grubbing, removal and disposal of utilities, and pavement demolition.

Earthwork: which includes excavation to basin floor, channels, tidal inlet and riprap splash pad, removal and disposal of marsh crust and backfill and fill to soil and pavement removal areas. Adding compost to appropriate planting areas.

Riprap and Aggregate: which consists of the removal and stockpile of rocks, install aggregate filter and riprap for splash pad, install geogrid and geotextile fabric for tidal inlet and install a riprap for tidal inlet.

CAPABILITY STATEMENT

The following requests are designed to apprise the US Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, of any prospective construction contractors' project execution capabilities. All types of businesses, large and small, are encouraged to respond to this notice. Please provide your response to the following. The submission is limited to 10 8.5 x 11 pages and a minimum font size of 10.

- 1) Offeror's name, DUNS#, address, point of contact, phone number, and e-mail address.
- 2) Offeror's interest in bidding on the solicitation when it is issued.
- 3) Offeror's capability to perform contracts of this magnitude and complexity and comparable work performed within the past 3 years - Describe your self-performed effort, brief description of the project, customer name, timeliness of performance, customer satisfaction, and dollar value of the project) - provide at least 3 examples. For Joint Ventures, please include projects completed by the Joint Venture as well.
- 4) Offeror's socioeconomic type and Business Size (Small Business, HUBZone, Service-Disabled Veteran Owned and/or Small Business, 8(a), WOSB, etc.).
- 5) Offeror's Joint Venture information if applicable - existing and potential.
- 6) Offeror's Bonding Capability in the form of a letter from Surety.

The Capabilities Statement for this sources sought is not expected to be a Request for Proposal or Invitation for Bid, nor does it restrict the Government to an ultimate acquisition approach, but rather short statements regarding the company's ability to demonstrate existing-or-developed expertise and experience in relation to the areas specified herein. Any commercial brochures or currently existing marketing material may also be submitted with the Capabilities statement. Please ensure that all information is submitted as one (1) document. Submission of Capabilities statement is not a prerequisite to any potential future offerings, but participation will assist the Corps of Engineers in tailoring requirements to be consistent with industry capabilities. This synopsis is for information and planning purposes only and is neither to be construed as a commitment by the Government nor will the Government pay for information solicited. Respondents will not be notified of the results of the evaluation. After completing its analysis, the Government will determine whether to limit competition among 8(a), Service-Disabled Veteran, HUBZone, etc., or all Small Business firms or proceed with full and open competition as Other Than Small Business. Offers that do not meet all requirements or submit within the allotted time will not be considered.

Please submit your capability statement not later than 12:00 PM Pacific Time on **7 December 2020**. Submit requested information via email to: Julie.Maxwell@usace.army.mil. Please include the Sources Sought No. **W91238-21-B-0004** in the subject line. Please be advised that this project could be cancelled at any time.