

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services - Cover Letter

April 8, 2026

Re: Proposed Contract Funding for Water Supply and Infrastructure (WSI) Grant Engineering

Dear Service Providers:

Attached is a copy of the City of Hallettsville's Request for Qualifications for pre-award and post-award engineering services for a grant contract, if awarded, from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). The City of Hallettsville is considering applying for funding of eligible activities under the Water Supply and Infrastructure (WSI) Grant.

Multiple contracts may be awarded as a result of this solicitation.

The submission requirements for this proposal are included on the attached Request for Qualifications (RFQ) form. Please submit a proposal of services and statement of qualifications to:

Grace Ward

101 N Main St.

Hallettsville, TX 77964

CityAdmin@CityofHallettsville.org

The deadline for submission of proposals is **April 23, 2026, at 2:00pm CST**. Please provide **One (1) hard copy** of your proposal and **email a digital copy** to the email address listed above. The City of Hallettsville reserves the right to negotiate with any and all persons or firms submitting proposals.

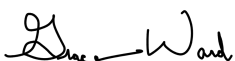
This contract is subject to the TWDB and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes and offers procurement opportunities to all businesses during solicitations. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors/consultants make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements in a nondiscriminatory manner through demonstration of the six affirmative steps for Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services.

This contract is dependent upon release of funds from the TWDB. Any contract or contracts awarded under this RFQ are expected to be funded by a grant from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ or any resulting contract.

The City of Hallettsville reserves the right to negotiate with any and all proposers, as per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, Women Business Enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit proposals.

The City of Hallettsville is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

Sincerely,



Grace Ward, City Administrator/Secretary
City of Hallettsville

RFQ for Engineering Services

The City of Hallettsville is seeking to enter into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineer to assist the City in pre-award and post-award engineering services in support of eligible activities to implement infrastructure projects if funded under the Water Supply and Infrastructure (WSI) Grant from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

The following outlines the request for qualifications. Note, any work done prior to the award of a Engineering Services Agreement is considered “at risk” and the City is under no obligation to fund or pay for such work.

I. Scope of Work –The successful respondent(s) is to provide engineering services including but not limited to the following areas:

Pre-Award - (services associated with developing and requesting funding assistance), including but not limited to:

- Application preparation assistance
- Preliminary surveys, if applicable
- Preliminary Scope of Work determination
- Preliminary design plans and specifications
- Preliminary budget

Post-Award

- Final design plans and specifications
- Final budget
- Preparation of the bid packet and contract documents
- Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final); and
- Other special services as determined

II. Statement of Qualifications – The City of Hallettsville is seeking to contract with a competent engineering firm experienced in federally funded projects. Please provide the following information:

- A brief history of the proposing entity, including general background, knowledge of and experience working with relevant agencies
- Related experience in federally-funded construction projects and the specific project type referenced in this RFQ.
- A description of work performance and experience with HMGP, BRIC, and/or FMA including a list of at least three references from past local government clients.
- Describe the firm’s capacity to perform as well as resumes of all employees who will or may be assigned to provide services if your firm is awarded a contract through this solicitation.
- A statement substantiating the firm’ resources of and the ability to carry out the scope of work requested in a timely manner.

III. For this RFQ, qualifications will be evaluated and the most qualified respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

The City will consider dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women’s business enterprises.

IV. Evaluation Criteria - The proposal received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria and using the rating sheet enclosed as Exhibit A:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
Experience	60
Work Performance	25
Capacity to Perform	15
Total	100

V. Submission Requirements

- **System for Award Management.** Consultant/Firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) in the System for Award Management (SAM) and must have an active registration with the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Include verification that your company is registered and that the company’s principal is not listed (is not debarred) through the System for Award Management (www.SAM.gov). Enclose a print out of the search results that includes the record date.

- **Certificate of Insurance.**
- **Form CIQ**, enclosed in Exhibit B. Texas Local Government Code chapter 176 requires that any vendor or person who enters or seeks to enter into a contract with a local government entity disclose in the Questionnaire Form CIQ the vendor or person's employment, affiliation, business relationship, family relationship or provision of gifts that might cause a conflict of interest with a local government entity. Questionnaire form CIQ is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
- **Certification Regarding Lobbying**, enclosed in Exhibit B. Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements is included in the RFQ and must be submitted with the response.
- **Form 1295**, enclosed in Exhibit B. Effective January 1, 2016, all contracts and contract amendments, extensions, or renewals executed by the Commissioners Court will require the completion of Form 1295 "Certificate of Interested Parties" pursuant to Government Code § 2252.908. Form 1295 must be completed by awarded vendor at time of signed contract submission. Form 1295 is included in this RFQ for your information.
- **Required Contract Provisions.** Applicable provisions enclosed in Exhibit C must be included in all contracts executed as a result of this RFQ.

VI. Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms. Small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to participate in this RFQ. If the awarded vendor is a prime contractor and may use subcontractors, the following affirmative steps are required of the prime contractor:

- 1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;
- 2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;
- 3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;
- 5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce.

VII. Deadline for Submission – Proposals must be received no later than April 23, 2026, at 2:00pm CST. Please submit One (1) hard copy and a email a digital copy of your proposal of services and a statement of qualifications to: Grace Ward, 101 N Main St., Hallettsville, TX 77964, cityadmin@cityofhallettsville.org

Exhibit A Engineer Rating Sheet

Sub-grantee _____

Date of Rating _____

Name of Respondent _____

Evaluator's Name _____

Experience -- Rate the respondent for experience in the following areas:

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Comments:		
Subtotal, Experience	<u>60</u>	<u> </u>

Work Performance

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Comments:		
Subtotal, Performance	<u>25</u>	<u> </u>

NOTE: Information necessary to assess the respondent on these criteria should be gathered by contacting past/current clients.

Capacity to Perform

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
Comments:		
Subtotal, Capacity to Perform	<u>15</u>	<u> </u>

TOTAL SCORE

	<u>Max.Pts.</u>	<u>Score</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Experience	60	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Work Performance	25	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Capacity to Perform	15	<u> </u>
Total Score	<u>100</u>	<u> </u>

Insert Proof of Registration with the System for Award Management (SAM). Include record search for company name and company principal.

Insert Certificate of Insurance

CONFLICT OF INTEREST QUESTIONNAIRE

For vendor doing business with local governmental entity

A complete copy of Chapter 176 of the Local Government Code may be found at <http://www.statutes.legis.state.tx.us/Docs/LG/htm/LG.176.htm>. For easy reference, below are some of the sections cited on this form.

Local Government Code § 176.001(1-a): "Business relationship" means a connection between two or more parties based on commercial activity of one of the parties. The term does not include a connection based on:

- (A) a transaction that is subject to rate or fee regulation by a federal, state, or local governmental entity or an agency of a federal, state, or local governmental entity;
- (B) a transaction conducted at a price and subject to terms available to the public; or
- (C) a purchase or lease of goods or services from a person that is chartered by a state or federal agency and that is subject to regular examination by, and reporting to, that agency.

Local Government Code § 176.003(a)(2)(A) and (B):

(a) A local government officer shall file a conflicts disclosure statement with respect to a vendor if:

(2) the vendor:

(A) has an employment or other business relationship with the local government officer or a family member of the officer that results in the officer or family member receiving taxable income, other than investment income, that exceeds \$2,500 during the 12-month period preceding the date that the officer becomes aware that

(i) a contract between the local governmental entity and vendor has been executed;

or

(ii) the local governmental entity is considering entering into a contract with the vendor;

(B) has given to the local government officer or a family member of the officer one or more gifts that have an aggregate value of more than \$100 in the 12-month period preceding the date the officer becomes aware that:

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Local Government Code § 176.006(a) and (a-1)

(a) A vendor shall file a completed conflict of interest questionnaire if the vendor has a business relationship with a local governmental entity and:

(1) has an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, described by Section 176.003(a)(2)(A);

(2) has given a local government officer of that local governmental entity, or a family member of the officer, one or more gifts with the aggregate value specified by Section 176.003(a)(2)(B), excluding any gift described by Section 176.003(a-1); or

(3) has a family relationship with a local government officer of that local governmental entity.

(a-1) The completed conflict of interest questionnaire must be filed with the appropriate records administrator not later than the seventh business day after the later of:

(1) the date that the vendor:

(A) begins discussions or negotiations to enter into a contract with the local governmental entity; or

(B) submits to the local governmental entity an application, response to a request for proposals or bids, correspondence, or another writing related to a potential contract with the local governmental entity; or

(2) the date the vendor becomes aware:

(A) of an employment or other business relationship with a local government officer, or a family member of the officer, described by Subsection (a);

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Certification Regarding Lobbying

(To be submitted with each bid or offer exceeding \$100,000)

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(a) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of an agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(b) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(c) The undersigned shall require that the language paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by 31, U.S.C. § 1352 (as amended by the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995).

The Contractor, _____, certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understands and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. § 3801 et seq., apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Signature of Contractor's Authorized Official

Printed Name and Title of Contractor's Authorized Official

Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETION OF SF-LLL, DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

This disclosure form shall be completed by the reporting entity, whether subawardee or prime Federal recipient, at the initiation or receipt of a covered Federal action, or a material change to a previous filing, pursuant to title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. The filing of a form is required for each payment or agreement to make payment to any lobbying entity for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with a covered Federal action. Complete all items that apply for both the initial filing and material change report. Refer to the implementing guidance published by the Office of Management and Budget for additional information.

1. Identify the type of covered Federal action for which lobbying activity is and/or has been secured to influence the outcome of a covered Federal action.
2. Identify the status of the covered Federal action.
3. Identify the appropriate classification of this report. If this is a follow-up report caused by a material change to the information previously reported, enter the year and quarter in which the change occurred. Enter the date of the last previously submitted report by this reporting entity for this covered Federal action.
4. Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the reporting entity. Include Congressional District, if known. Check the appropriate classification of the reporting entity that designates if it is, or expects to be, a prime or subaward recipient. Identify the tier of the subawardee, e.g., the first subawardee of the prime is the 1st tier. Subawards include but are not limited to subcontracts, subgrants and contract awards under grants.
5. If the organization filing the report in item 4 checks "Subawardee," then enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the prime Federal recipient. Include Congressional District, if known.
6. Enter the name of the federal agency making the award or loan commitment. Include at least one organizational level below agency name, if known. For example, Department of Transportation, United States Coast Guard.
7. Enter the Federal program name or description for the covered Federal action (item 1). If known, enter the full Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for grants, cooperative agreements, loans, and loan commitments.
8. Enter the most appropriate Federal identifying number available for the Federal action identified in item 1 (e.g., Request for Proposal (RFP) number; Invitations for Bid (IFB) number; grant announcement number; the contract, grant, or loan award number; the application/proposal control number assigned by the Federal agency). Included prefixes, e.g., "RFP-DE-90-001."
9. For a covered Federal action where there has been an award or loan commitment by the Federal agency, enter the Federal amount of the award/loan commitment for the prime entity identified in item 4 or 5.
10. (a) Enter the full name, address, city, State and zip code of the lobbying registrant under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 engaged by the reporting entity identified in item 4 to influence the covered Federal action.

(b) Enter the full names of the individual(s) performing services, and include full address if different from 10(a). Enter Last Name, First Name, and Middle Initial (MI).
11. The certifying official shall sign and date the form, print his/her name, title, and telephone number.

According to the Paperwork Reduction Act, as amended, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control Number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is OMB No. 0348-0046. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 10 minutes per response, including time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0348-0046), Washington, DC 20503

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352
(See reverse for public burden disclosure)

Type of Federal Action: _____ a. contract _____ b. grant _____ c. cooperative agreement _____ d. loan _____ e. loan guarantee _____ f. loan insurance	Status of Federal Action: _____ a. bid/offer/application _____ b. initial award _____ c. post-award	Report Type: _____ a. initial filing _____ b. material change
Name and Address of Reporting Entity: _____ Prime _____ Subawardee Tier _____, if Known: Congressional District, if known:	If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
Federal Department/Agency:	7. Federal Program Name/Description: CFDA Number, <i>if applicable</i> : _____	
Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ _____	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the tier above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be reported to the Congress semi-annually and will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Title: _____ Telephone No.: _____ Date: _____	
Federal Use Only	Authorized for Local Reproduction Standard Form - LLL (Rev. 7-97)	

(To be completed by awarded vendor)

CERTIFICATE OF INTERESTED PARTIES

FORM 1295

Complete Nos. 1 - 4 and 6 if there are interested parties.
 Complete Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 if there are no interested parties.

OFFICE USE ONLY

1 Name of business entity filing form, and the city, state and country of the business entity's place of business.

2 Name of governmental entity or state agency that is a party to the contract for which the form is being filed.

3 Provide the identification number used by the governmental entity or state agency to track or identify the contract, and provide a description of the services, goods, or other property to be provided under the contract.

4 Name of Interested Party	City, State, Country (place of business)	Nature of Interest (check applicable)	
		Controlling	Intermediary

5 Check only if there is NO Interested Party.

6 UNSWORN DECLARATION

My name is _____, and my date of birth is _____.

My address is _____ (street), _____ (city), _____ (state), _____ (zip code), _____ (country).

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed in _____ County, State of _____, on the _____ day of _____, 20____.
 (month) (year)

 Signature of authorized agent of contracting business entity
 (Declarant)

ADD ADDITIONAL PAGES AS NECESSARY