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NOTICE OF NEED FOR SERVICES

TO: Consultants

FROM: Edward N. Austin, P.E.
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RE: Protected Species Assessments
and Survey Services
Statewide

The Alabama Department of Transportation has determined that it needs and will seek consultant services for the above referenced project. Attached is a "Notice of Need for Services" containing an abbreviated scope of work and evaluation information. Firms expressing interest should be fully capable of providing the end results.

The purpose of this inquiry is to determine interest or non-interest of your firm providing the professional services required by the scope of work. A number of firms are being asked to express their interest in regard to these services and following this expression, a short list of firms will be selected for further consideration.

Your response to this inquiry should be in the form of a letter-type response that addresses the points listed in the evaluation portion of the need for services. **This response should be limited to a maximum of three pages.** Failure to receive such letter by the deadline indicated will be considered as "no interest."

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Notice is hereby given that the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110, is requesting submittal of interest from all firms interested in performing work outlined in the following scope of work. This will be This will be a cost-plus type agreement.as per ALDOT’S “Procedure for Selection of Architect and/or Engineering Services (rev. 06-24-16)”

SCOPE OF WORK

The CONSULTANT will assist the STATE to study and monitor environmental impacts by conducting federally listed species assessments and/or surveys for the STATE.

SECTION 1- FISH

The scope of services will include consulting services in the form of:

- A habitat assessment for federally listed fishes.
- Surveying for the presence of federally listed fishes that follows any published guidance pertaining to the survey of listed fishes.
- (If captured) Federally listed fish totals recorded, GPS locations provided, and photographs included as documenting evidence for validation purposes.
- (If captured) Non-listed fishes identified, documented, handled with care, and immediately returned to their natural habitat.

- A final report of the results upon survey completion should be submitted to the Department, as well as a Biological Assessment (BA) if required.
- Special requirements: Consultant must be permitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama to capture and handle federally listed fishes.

SECTION 2- MAMMALS

The scope of services will include consulting services in the form of:

- A habitat assessment for federally listed mammals to include bridge and/or culvert assessments for bats utilizing the Alabama Bats in Bridges data sheet.
- Surveying for the presence of federally listed mammals that follows any published guidance pertaining to the survey of listed mammals.
- (If captured) Federally listed mammal totals recorded, GPS locations provided, and photographs included as documenting evidence for validation purposes.
- (If captured) Non-listed mammals identified, documented, handled with care, and immediately returned to their natural habitat.
- A final report of the results upon survey completion should be submitted to the Department, as well as a Biological Assessment (BA) if required.
- Special requirements: Consultant must be permitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama to capture and handle federally listed mammals.

SECTION 3- INVERTEBRATES

The scope of services will include consulting services in the form of:

- A habitat assessment for federally listed invertebrates.
- Surveying for the presence of federally listed invertebrates that follows any published guidance pertaining to the survey of listed invertebrates.
- (If captured) Federally listed invertebrate totals recorded, GPS locations provided, and photographs included as documenting evidence for validation purposes.
- (If captured) Non-listed invertebrates identified, documented, handled with care, and immediately returned to their natural habitat.
- A final report of the results upon survey completion should be submitted to the Department, as well as a Biological Assessment (BA) if required.
- Special requirements: Consultant must be permitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama to capture and handle federally listed invertebrates.

SECTION 4- AMPHIBIANS and/or REPTILES

The scope of services will include consulting services in the form of:

- A habitat assessment for federally listed amphibians and/or reptiles.
- Surveying for the presence of federally listed amphibians and/or reptiles that follows any published guidance pertaining to the survey of listed amphibians and/or reptiles.

- (If captured) Federally listed amphibian and/or reptile totals recorded, GPS locations provided, and photographs included as documenting evidence for validation purposes.
- (If captured) Non-listed amphibians and/or reptiles identified, documented, handled with care, and immediately returned to their natural habitat.
- A final report of the results upon survey completion should be submitted to the Department, as well as a Biological Assessment (BA) if required.
- Special requirements: Consultant must be permitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama to capture and handle federally listed amphibians and/or reptiles.

SECTION 5- BIRDS

The scope of services will include consulting services in the form of:

- A habitat assessment for federally listed birds.
- Surveying for the presence of federally listed birds that follows any published guidance pertaining to the survey of listed birds.
- A final report of the results upon survey completion should be submitted to the Department, as well as a Biological Assessment (BA) if required.
- Special requirements: Consultant must be permitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service and the State of Alabama to capture and handle federally listed birds.

EVALUATION

Firms interested in performing the work will be considered on the basis of information in the files and submittal of the following in written form (limited to three pages):

- A. Statement of registration of the firm and names and registration numbers of individuals involved in this project or listing of any professional associations related to your industry. (5%)
- B. Statement as to professional standing including any pending controversies outstanding. If none exists, such a statement should be made. (5%)
- C. Statement of experience in the fields that the proposed services are requested and work of similar nature which the proposed staff for requested services was in responsible charge. Proposed staff names and experience are to be provided. (75%)
- D. Statement of availability and adequacy, in both number and quality of remaining staff, to perform all other functions needed in the proposed services. (15%)

Submit Statement of Interest

TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Click on the button above to submit your statement of interest to us as an attachment via e-mail mail to mailers@dot.state.al.us. Also, please visit our website at <https://cpmsapps.dot.state.al.us/ConsultantManagement/default.aspx> and make sure your firm is pre-qualified with the Department. Please remember that your statement of interest must be **three pages or less** and **must** be identified with **Protected Species Assessments and Surveys Services, Statewide**. All statements of interest must be received prior to close of business, 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, May 3, 2024. After submittal, if you have not received confirmation of receipt from the Department by the end of the next business day, please contact us at (334) 353-6708.

“It is the policy of the Alabama Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Firms selected for work by the Alabama Department of Transportation agree to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of work associated with this project. We expect that all necessary and reasonable steps be taken to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to perform contract work.”
