



Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government

Request for Proposal

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government hereby requests proposals for **RFP #13-2014 Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services** to be provided in accordance with terms, conditions and specifications established herein.

Sealed proposals will be received in the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338, Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY, 40507, until **2:00 PM**, prevailing local time, on **March 21, 2014**.

Proposals received after the date and time set for opening proposals will not be considered for award of a contract and will be returned unopened to the Proposer. It is the sole responsibility of the Proposer to assure that his/her proposal is received by the Division of Central Purchasing before the date and time set for opening proposals.

Proposals must be sealed in an envelope and the envelope prominently marked:

RFP #13-2014 Request for Qualifications for Professional Engineering Services

If mailed, the envelope must be addressed to:

Theresa Maynard – Buyer Senior
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
Room 338, Government Center
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507

Additional copies of this Request For Proposals are available from the Division of Central Purchasing, Room 338 Government Center, 200 East Main Street, Lexington, KY 40507, (859)-258-3320, at no charge.

Proposals, once submitted, may not be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) calendar days.

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING AND QUESTIONS: A non-mandatory **pre-proposal meeting** to be held on **Monday, March 10th at 10:00 AM** local time at the Phoenix Building, 101 E Vine Street, 4th Floor, Engineering Conference Room, Lexington, Kentucky 40507. Until this date, questions about the project may be submitted to the LFUCG Economic Engine website. **Deadline for questions after the Pre-proposal meeting shall be Tuesday, February 12th, 2014 at 2:00 PM local time.** Following the pre-proposal meeting, all questions from the meeting, as well as those received via the website, will be answered and posted on Economic Engine. NO questions will be entertained or responded to verbally.

The Proposer must submit one (1) master (hardcopy), (1) electronic version in PDF format on a flashdrive or CD and seven (7) duplicates (hardcopies) of their proposal for evaluation purposes.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive technicalities and informalities when such waiver is determined by the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government to be in its best interest.

Signature of this proposal by the Proposer constitutes acceptance by the Proposer of terms, conditions and requirements set forth herein.

Minor exceptions may not eliminate the proposal. Any exceptions to the specifications established herein shall be listed in detail on a separate sheet and attached hereto. The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government shall determine whether any exception is minor.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government encourages the participation of minority- and women-owned businesses in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government contracts. This proposal is subject to Affirmative Action requirements attached hereto.

Please do not contact any LFUCG staff member or any other person involved in the selection process other than the designated contact person(s) regarding the project contemplated under this RFP while this RFP is open and a selection has not been finalized. Any attempt to do so may result in disqualification of the firm's submittal for consideration.

Laws and Regulations

All applicable state laws, municipal ordinances and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the project shall apply to the contract, and shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference.

Equal Employment Opportunity

The Entity (regardless of whether construction contractor, non-construction contractor or supplier) agrees to provide equal opportunity in employment for all qualified persons, to prohibit discrimination in employment because of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age, and to promote equal employment through a positive, continuing program from itself and each of its subcontracting agents. This program of equal employment opportunity shall apply to every aspect of its employment policies and practices.

Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act

The Kentucky Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1978 (KRS 45.560-45.640) requires that any "county, city, town, school district, water district, hospital district, or other political subdivision of the state shall include in directly or indirectly publicly funded contracts for supplies, materials, services, or equipment hereinafter entered into the following provisions:

"During the performance of this contract, the contractor agrees as follows:

(1) The contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;

(2) The contractor will state in all solicitations or advertisements for employees placed by or on behalf of the contractors that all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, or national origin;

(3) The contractor will post notices in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, setting forth the provision of the nondiscrimination clauses required by this section; and

(4) The contractor will send a notice to each labor union or representative of workers with which he has a collective bargaining agreement or other contract or understanding advising the labor union or workers' representative of the contractor's commitments under the nondiscrimination clauses."

The Act further provides:

"KRS 45.610. Hiring minorities -- Information required

(1) For the length of the contract, each contractor shall hire minorities from other sources within the drawing area, should the union with which he has collective bargaining agreements be unwilling to supply sufficient minorities to satisfy the agreed upon goals and timetables.

(2) Each contractor shall, for the length of the contract, furnish such information as required by KRS 45.560 to KRS 45.640 and by such rules, regulations and

orders issued pursuant thereto and will permit access to all books and records pertaining to his employment practices and work sites by the contracting agency and the department for purposes of investigation to ascertain compliance with KRS 45.560 to 45.640 and such rules, regulations and orders issued pursuant thereto.

KRS 45.620. Action against contractor -- Hiring of minority contractor or subcontractor

(1) If any contractor is found by the department to have engaged in an unlawful practice under this chapter during the course of performing under a contract or subcontract covered under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the department shall so certify to the contracting agency and such certification shall be binding upon the contracting agency unless it is reversed in the course of judicial review.

(2) If the contractor is found to have committed an unlawful practice under KRS 45.560 to 45.640, the contracting agency may cancel or terminate the contract, conditioned upon a program for future compliance approved by the contracting agency and the department. The contracting agency may declare such a contractor ineligible to bid on further contracts with that agency until such time as the contractor complies in full with the requirements of KRS 45.560 to 45.640.

(3) The equal employment provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 may be met in part by a contractor by subcontracting to a minority contractor or subcontractor. For the provisions of KRS 45.560 to 45.640, a minority contractor or subcontractor shall mean a business that is owned and controlled by one or more persons disadvantaged by racial or ethnic circumstances.

KRS 45.630 Termination of existing employee not required, when

Any provision of KRS 45.560 to 45.640 notwithstanding, no contractor shall be required to terminate an existing employee upon proof that employee was employed prior to the date of the contract.

KRS 45.640 Minimum skills

Nothing in KRS 45.560 to 45.640 shall require a contractor to hire anyone who fails to demonstrate the minimum skills required to perform a particular job."

It is recommended that all of the provisions above quoted be included as special conditions in each contract. In the case of a contract exceeding \$250,000, the contractor is required to furnish evidence that his workforce in Kentucky is representative of the available work-force in the area from which he draws employees, or to supply an Affirmative Action plan which will achieve such representation during the life of the contract.

LFUCG Non-Appropriation Clause

Contractor acknowledges that the LFUCG is a governmental entity, and the contract validity is based upon the availability of public funding under the authority of its statutory mandate.

In the event that public funds are unavailable and not appropriated for the performance of the LFUCG's obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically expire without penalty to the LFUCG thirty (30) days after written notice to Contractor of the unavailability and non-appropriation of public funds. It is expressly agreed that the LFUCG shall not activate this non-appropriation provision for its convenience or to circumvent the requirements of this contract, but only as an emergency fiscal measure during a substantial fiscal crisis, which affects generally its governmental operations.

In the event of a change in the LFUCG's statutory authority, mandate and mandated functions, by state and federal legislative or regulatory action, which adversely affects the LFUCG's authority to continue its obligations under this contract, then this contract shall automatically terminate without penalty to the LFUCG upon written notice to Contractor of such limitation or change in the LFUCG's legal authority.

Contention Process

Vendors who respond to this invitation have the right to file a notice of contention associated with the RFP process or to file a notice of appeal of the recommendation made by the Director of Central Purchasing resulting from this invitation.

Notice of contention with the RFP process must be filed within 3 business days of the bid/proposal opening by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support contention, to the Director of the Division of Central Purchasing or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Central Purchasing to explain his/her contention with the RFP process. After consulting with the Commissioner of Finance the Chief Administrative Officer and reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor, the Director of Central Purchasing shall promptly respond in writing findings as to the compliance with RFP processes. If, based on this review, a RFP process irregularity is deemed to have occurred the Director of Central Purchasing will consult with the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Department of Law as to the appropriate remedy.

Notice of appeal of a RFP recommendation must be filed within 3 business days of the RFP recommendation by (1) sending a written notice, including sufficient documentation to support appeal, to the Director, Division of Central Purchasing or (2) submitting a written request for a meeting with the Director of Central Purchasing to explain his appeal. After reviewing the documentation and/or hearing the vendor and consulting with the Commissioner of Finance and the Chief Administrative Officer, the Director of Central Purchasing shall in writing, affirm or withdraw the recommendation.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

1. **Overall Expertise of the Firm.** (15 points total)
Include at least 3 similar projects
2. **Overall Expertise of the Team members.** (25 points total)
Include at least 2 similar projects in the last 5 years
3. **Past Performance in the service category.** (25 points total)
Based on work for LFUCG and/or referenced clients.
4. **Project Manager Qualifications.** (15 points total)
Include at least 3 similar projects in the last 5 years
5. **Office status and location of employees.** (20 points total)
5.0 points - Prime has Fayette Co. HQ:
4.5 points - Prime has "local" HQ:
4.0 points - Prime has non-local Kentucky HQ:
3.5 points - Prime has non-local KY office:
1.0 to 3.0 points - Prime has no Kentucky office (consider distance):

Proposals shall contain the appropriate information necessary to evaluate based on these criteria. A committee composed of government employees as well as representatives of relevant user groups will evaluate the proposals.

Questions regarding this RFP shall be addressed to:

Theresa Maynard, Buyer Senior
Division of Central Purchasing
theresam@lexingtonky.gov

or submitted to the website at <https://lfucg.economicengine.com>

The Deadline for Questions is Thursday, March 12th, 2014 at 2:00 pm local time.

Affirmative Action Plan

All vendors must submit as a part of the proposal package the following items to the Urban County Government:

1. Affirmative Action Plan for his/her firm;
2. Current Work Force Analysis Form;

Failure to submit these items as required may result in disqualification of the submitter from award of the contract. All submissions should be directed to:

Director, Division of Central Purchasing
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street, 3rd Floor
Lexington, Kentucky 40507

All questions regarding this proposal must be directed to the Division of Central Purchasing, (859)-258-3320.

AFFIDAVIT

Comes the Affiant, _____, and after being first duly sworn, states under penalty of perjury as follows:

1. His/her name is _____ and he/she is the individual submitting the proposal or is the authorized representative of _____, the entity submitting the proposal (hereinafter referred to as "Proposer").

2. Proposer will pay all taxes and fees, which are owed to the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government at the time the proposal is submitted, prior to award of the contract and will maintain a "current" status in regard to those taxes and fees during the life of the contract.

3. Proposer will obtain a Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government business license, if applicable, prior to award of the contract.

4. Proposer has authorized the Division of Central Purchasing to verify the above-mentioned information with the Division of Revenue and to disclose to the Urban County Council that taxes and/or fees are delinquent or that a business license has not been obtained.

5. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky within the past five (5) years and the award of a contract to the Proposer will not violate any provision of the campaign finance laws of the Commonwealth.

6. Proposer has not knowingly violated any provision of Chapter 25 of the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances, known as "Ethics Act."

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7. Proposer acknowledges that "knowingly" for purposes of this Affidavit means, with respect to conduct or to circumstances described by a statute or ordinance defining an offense, that a person is aware or should have been aware that his conduct is of that nature or that the circumstance exists.

Further, Affiant sayeth naught.

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me
by _____ on this the _____ day
of _____, 2013.

My Commission expires: _____

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE AT LARGE

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AGREEMENT

The Law

- Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (amended 1972) states that it is unlawful for an employer to discriminate in employment because of race, color, religion, sex, age (40-70 years) or national origin.
- Executive Order No. 11246 on Nondiscrimination under Federal contract prohibits employment discrimination by contractor and sub-contractor doing business with the Federal Government or recipients of Federal funds. This order was later amended by Executive Order No. 11375 to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sex.
- Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 states:

The Contractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of physical or mental handicap.

- Section 2012 of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Act of 1973 requires Affirmative Action on behalf of disabled veterans and veterans of the Vietnam Era by contractors having Federal contracts.
- Section 206(A) of Executive Order 12086, Consolidation of Contract Compliance Functions for Equal Employment Opportunity, states:

The Secretary of Labor may investigate the employment practices of any Government contractor or sub-contractor to determine whether or not the contractual provisions specified in Section 202 of this order have been violated.

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government practices Equal Opportunity in recruiting, hiring and promoting. It is the Government's intent to affirmatively provide employment opportunities for those individuals who have previously not been allowed to enter into the mainstream of society. Because of its importance to the local Government, this policy carries the full endorsement of the Mayor, Commissioners, Directors and all supervisory personnel. In following this commitment to Equal Employment Opportunity and because the Government is the benefactor of the Federal funds, it is both against the Urban County Government policy and illegal for the Government to let contracts to companies which knowingly or unknowingly practice discrimination in their employment practices. Violation of the above mentioned ordinances may cause a contract to be canceled and the contractors may be declared ineligible for future consideration.

Please sign this statement in the appropriate space acknowledging that you have read and understand the provisions contained herein. Return this document as part of your application packet.

Bidders

I/We agree to comply with the Civil Rights Laws listed above that govern employment rights of minorities, women, Vietnam veterans, handicapped and aged persons.

Signature

Name of Business

WORKFORCE ANALYSIS FORM

Name of Organization: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

Categories	Total	White		Latino		Black		Other		Total	
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Administrators											
Professionals											
Superintendents											
Supervisors											
Foremen											
Technicians											
Protective Service											
Para-Professionals											
Office/Clerical											
Skilled Craft											
Service/Maintenance											
Total:											

Prepared by: _____
Name & Title

**DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF CENTRAL PURCHASING
LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT
200 EAST MAIN STREET
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507**

**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DBE CONTRACT PARTICIPATION**

Notice of requirement for Affirmative Action to ensure Equal Employment Opportunities and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Contract participation. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) consists of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises (MBE) and Woman-Owned Business Enterprises (WBE).

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has set a goal that not less than ten percent (10%) of the total value of this Contract be subcontracted to Disadvantaged Business Enterprises, which is made up of MBEs and WBEs. The goal for the utilization of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as subcontractors is a recommended goal. Contractor(s) who fail to meet such goal will be expected to provide written explanations to the Director of the Division of Purchasing of efforts they have made to accomplish the recommended goal, and the extent to which they are successful in accomplishing the recommended goal will be a consideration in the procurement process. Depending on the funding source, other DBE goals may apply.

For assistance in locating Disadvantaged Business Enterprises Subcontractors contact:

Marilyn Clark, Division of Central Purchasing
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street, 3rd Floor, Room 338
Lexington, Kentucky 40507
mclark@lexingtonky.gov

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government MWDBE PARTICIPATION GOALS

A. GENERAL

- 1) The LFUCG request all potential contractors to make a concerted effort to include Minority-Owned (MBE), Woman-Owned (WBE) and Disadvantaged (DBE) Business Enterprises as subcontractors or suppliers in their bids.
- 2) Toward that end, the LFUCG has established 10% of total procurement costs as a Goal for participation of Minority-Owned, Woman-Owned and Disadvantaged Businesses on this contract.
- 3) **It is therefore a request of each Bidder to include in its bid, the same goal (10%) for MWDBE participation and other requirements as outlined in this section.**

B. PROCEDURES

- 1) The successful bidder will be required to report to the LFUCG, the dollar amounts of all payments submitted to Minority-Owned or Woman-Owned subcontractors and suppliers for work done or materials purchased for this contract. (See Subcontractor Monthly Payment Report)
- 2) Replacement of a Minority-Owned or Woman-Owned subcontractor or supplier listed in the original submittal must be requested in writing and must be accompanied by documentation of Good Faith Efforts to replace the subcontractor / supplier with another MWDBE Firm; this is subject to approval by the LFUCG. (See LFUCG MWDBE Substitution Form)
- 3) For assistance in identifying qualified, certified businesses to solicit for potential contracting opportunities, bidders may contact:
 - a) The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Central Purchasing (859-258-3320)
- 4) The LFUCG will make every effort to notify interested MWDBE subcontractors and suppliers of each Bid Package, including information on the scope of work, the pre-bid meeting time and location, the bid date, and all other pertinent information regarding the project.

C. DEFINITIONS

- 1) A Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (MBE) is defined as a business which is certified as being at least 51% owned and operated by persons of African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pacific Islander, American Indian or Alaskan Native Heritage.

- 2) A Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (WBE) is defined as a business which is certified as being at least 51% owned and operated by one or more Non-Minority Females.
- 3) A Disadvantaged Business (DBE) is defined as a business which is certified as being at least 51% owned and operated by a person(s) that are economically and socially disadvantaged.
- 4) Good Faith Efforts are efforts that, given all relevant circumstances, a bidder or proposer actively and aggressively seeking to meet the goals, can reasonably be expected to make. In evaluating good faith efforts made toward achieving the goals, whether the bidder or proposer has performed the efforts outlined in the Obligations of Bidder for Good Faith Efforts outlined in this document will be considered, along with any other relevant factors.

D. OBLIGATION OF BIDDER FOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

- 1) **The bidder shall make a Good Faith Effort to achieve the Participation Goal for MWDBE subcontractors/suppliers. The failure to meet the goal shall not necessarily be cause for disqualification of the bidder; however, bidders not meeting the goal are required to furnish with their bids written documentation of their Good Faith Efforts to do so.**
- 2) Award of Contract shall be conditioned upon satisfaction of the requirements set forth herein.
- 3) The Form of Proposal includes a section entitled “MWDBE Participation Form”. The applicable information must be completed and submitted as outlined below.
- 4) **Failure to submit this information as requested may be cause for rejection of bid.**

E. DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

- 1) Bidders reaching the Goal are required to submit only the MWDBE Participation Form.” The form must be fully completed including names and telephone number of participating MWDBE firm(s); type of work to be performed; estimated value of the contract and value expressed as a percentage of the total Lump Sum Bid Price. The form must be signed and dated, and is to be submitted with the bid.
- 2) Bidders not reaching the Goal must submit the “MWDBE Participation Form”, the “Quote Summary Form” and a written statement documenting their Good Faith Effort to do so. If bid includes no MWDBE participation, bidder shall enter “None” on the subcontractor / supplier form). In addition, the bidder must submit written proof of their Good Faith Efforts to meet the Participation Goal:

- a. Advertised opportunities to participate in the contract in at least two (2) publications of general circulation media; trade and professional association publications; small and minority business or trade publications; and publications or trades targeting minority, women and disadvantaged businesses not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids to allow MWDBE firms to participate.
- b. Included documentation of advertising in the above publications with the bidders good faith efforts package
- c. Attended LFUCG Central Purchasing Economic Inclusion Outreach event
- d. Attended pre-bid meetings that were scheduled by LFUCG to inform MWDBEs of subcontracting opportunities
- e. Sponsored Economic Inclusion event to provide networking opportunities for prime contractors and MWDBE firms
- f. Requested a list of MWDBE subcontractors or suppliers from LFUCG Economic Engine and showed evidence of contacting the companies on the list(s).
- g. Contacted organizations that work with MWDBE companies for assistance in finding certified MWBDE firms to work on this project. Those contacted and their responses should be a part of the bidder's good faith efforts documentation.
- h. Sent written notices, by certified mail, email or facsimile, to qualified, certified MWDBEs soliciting their participation in the contract not less than seven (7) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids to allow them to participate effectively.
- i. Followed up initial solicitations by contacting MWDBEs to determine their level of interest.
- j. Provided the interested MWBDE firm with adequate and timely information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract.
- j. Selected portions of the work to be performed by MWDBE firms in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the contract goals. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible units to facilitate MWDBE participation, even when the prime contractor may otherwise perform these work items with its own workforce.

- k. Negotiated in good faith with interested MWDBE firms not rejecting them as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. Any rejection should be so noted in writing with a description as to why an agreement could not be reached.
- m. Included documentation of quotations received from interested MWDBE firms which were not used due to uncompetitive pricing or were rejected as unacceptable and/or copies of responses from firms indicating that they would not be submitting a bid.
- n. Bidder has to submit sound reasons why the quotations were considered unacceptable. The fact that the bidder has the ability and/or desire to perform the contract work with its own forces will not be considered a sound reason for rejecting a MWDBE quote. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the bidder to accept unreasonable quotes in order to satisfy MWDBE goals.
- o. Made an effort to offer assistance to or refer interested MWDBE firms to obtain the necessary equipment, supplies, materials, insurance and/or bonding to satisfy the work requirements of the bid proposal
- p. Made efforts to expand the search for MWBE firms beyond the usual geographic boundaries.
- q. Other--any other evidence that the bidder submits which may show that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to include MWDBE participation.

Failure to submit any of the documentation requested in this section may be cause for rejection of bid. Bidders may include any other documentation deemed relevant to this requirement. Documentation of Good Faith Efforts are to be submitted with the Bid, if the participation Goal is not met.



MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROGRAM

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859-258-3323

OUR MISSION: The mission of the Minority Business Enterprise Program is to facilitate the full participation of minority and women owned businesses in the procurement process and to promote economic inclusion as a business imperative essential to the long term economic viability of Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government.

To that end the city council adopted and implemented resolution 167-91—Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) 10% Goal Plan in July of 1991. The resolution states in part (a full copy is available in Central Purchasing):

“A Resolution supporting adoption of the administrative plan for a ten percent (10%) Minimum goal for disadvantaged business enterprise participation in Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government construction and professional services contracts; Providing that as part of their bids on LFUCG construction contracts, general Contractors shall make a good faith effort to award at least ten percent (10%) of All subcontracts to disadvantaged business enterprises; providing that divisions of LFUCG shall make a good faith effort to award at least ten percent of their Professional services and other contracts to disadvantaged business enterprises...”

A Disadvantaged Business Enterprise is defined as a business that has been certified as being at least 51% owned, operated and managed by a U.S. Citizen of the following groups:

- African-American
- Hispanic-American
- Asian/Pacific Islander
- Native American/Native Alaskan
- Non-Minority Female
- Economically and Socially Disadvantaged

We have compiled the list below to help you locate certified MBE, WBE and DBE certified businesses. Below is a listing of contacts for LFUCG Certified MWDBEs in Economic Engine (<https://lfucg.economicengine.com>)

Business	Contact	Email Address	Phone
LFUCG	Marilyn Clark	mclark@lexingtonky.gov	859-258-3323
Commerce Lexington – Minority Business Development	Tyrone Tyra	tyra@commercelexington.com	859-226-1625
Tri-State Minority Supplier Diversity Council	Sonya Brown	sbrown@tsmsdc.com	502-625-0137
Small Business Development Council	Dee Dee Harbut UK SBDC	ddharbut@uky.edu	
	Shiree Mack	smack@uky.edu	
Community Ventures Corporation	James Coles	jcoles@cycky.org	859-231-0054
KY Department of Transportation	Melvin Bynes	Melvin.bynes@ky.gov	502-564-3601
	Shella Eagle	Shella.Eagle@ky.gov	502-564-3601
Ohio River Valley Women’s Business Council (WBENC)	Rea Waldon	rwaldon@gcul.org	513-487-6534
Kentucky MWBE Certification Program	Yvette Smith, Kentucky Finance Cabinet	Yvette.Smith@ky.gov	502-564-8099
National Women Business Owner’s Council (NWBOC)	Janet Harris-Lange	janet@nwbo.org	800-675-5066
Small Business Administration	Robert Coffey	robertcoffey@sba.gov	502-582-5971
LaVoz de Kentucky	Andres Cruz	lavozydeky@yahoo.com	859-621-2106
The Key News Journal	Patrice Muhammad	paatricem@keynewsjournal.com	859-373-9428



LFUCG MWDBE PARTICIPATION FORM

Bid/RFP/Quote Reference # _____

The MWDBE subcontractors listed have agreed to participate on this Bid/RFP/Quote. If any substitution is made or the total value of the work is changed prior to or after the job is in progress, it is understood that those substitutions must be submitted to Central Purchasing for approval immediately.

MWDBE Company, Name, Address, Phone, Email	Work to be Performed	Total Dollar Value of the Work	% Value of Total Contract
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			

The undersigned company representative submits the above list of MWDBE firms to be used in accomplishing the work contained in this Bid/RFP/Quote. Any misrepresentation may result in the termination of the contract and/or be subject to applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims.

Company

Company Representative

Date

Title



LFUCG MWDBE SUBSTITUTION FORM

Bid/RFP/Quote Reference # _____

The substituted MWDBE subcontractors listed below have agreed to participate on this Bid/RFP/Quote. These substitutions were made prior to or after the job was in progress. These substitutions were made for reasons stated below and are now being submitted to Central Purchasing for approval. By the authorized signature of a representative of our company, we understand that this information will be entered into our file for this project.

SUBSTITUTED MWDBE Company Name, Address, Phone, Email	MWDBE Formally Contracted/ Name, Address, Phone, Email	Work to Be Performed	Reason for the Substitution	Total Dollar Value of the Work	% Value of Total Contract
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					

The undersigned acknowledges that any misrepresentation may result in termination of the contract and/or be subject to applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims.

Company

Company Representative

Date

Title



MWDBE QUOTE SUMMARY FORM

Bid/RFP/Quote Reference # _____

The undersigned acknowledges that the minority subcontractors listed on this form did submit a quote to participate on this project.

Company Name	Contact Person
Address/Phone/Email	Bid Package / Bid Date

MWDBE Company Address	Contact Person	Contact Information (work phone, Email, cell)	Date Contacted	Services to be performed	Method of Communication (email, phone meeting, ad, event etc)	Total dollars \$\$ Do Not Leave Blank (Attach Documentation)	MBE * AA HA AS NA Female

(MBE designation / AA=African American / HA= Hispanic American/AS = Asian American/Pacific Islander/ NA= Native American)

The undersigned acknowledges that all information is accurate. Any misrepresentation may result in termination of the contract and/or be subject to applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and claims.

Company

Company Representative

Date

Title



LFUCG SUBCONTRACTOR MONTHLY PAYMENT REPORT

The LFUCG has a 10% goal plan adopted by city council to increase the participation of minority and women owned businesses in the procurement process. In order to measure that goal LFUCG will track spending with MWDBE vendors on a monthly basis. By the signature below of an authorized company representative, you certify that the information is correct, and that each of the representations set forth below is true. Any misrepresentation may result in termination of the contract and/or prosecution under applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims. Please submit this form monthly to the Division of Central Purchasing/ 200 East Main Street / Room 338 / Lexington, KY 40507.

Bid/RFP/Quote # _____

Total Contract Amount Awarded to Prime Contractor for this Project _____

Project Name/ Contract #	Work Period/ From: _____ To: _____
Company Name:	Address:
Federal Tax ID:	Contact Person:

Subcontractor Vendor ID (name, address, phone, email)	Description of Work	Total Subcontract Amount	% of Total Contract Awarded to Prime for this Project	Total Amount Paid for this Period	Purchase Order number for subcontractor work (please attach PO)	Scheduled Project Start Date	Scheduled Project End Date

By the signature below of an authorized company representative, you certify that the information is correct, and that each of the representations set forth below is true. Any misrepresentations may result in the termination of the contract and/or prosecution under applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and false claims.

Company

Company Representative

Date

Title

LFUCG STATEMENT OF GOOD FAITH EFFORTS

Bid/RFP/Quote # _____

By the signature below of an authorized company representative, we certify that we have utilized the following Good Faith Efforts to obtain the maximum participation by MWDBE business enterprises on the project and can supply the appropriate documentation.

_____ Advertised opportunities to participate in the contract in at least two (2) publications of general circulation media; trade and professional association publications; small and minority business or trade publications; and publications or trades targeting minority, women and disadvantaged businesses not less than fifteen (15) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids to allow MWDBE firms to participate.

_____ Included documentation of advertising in the above publications with the bidders good faith efforts package

_____ Attended LFUCG Central Purchasing Economic Inclusion Outreach event

_____ Attended pre-bid meetings that were scheduled by LFUCG to inform MWDBEs of subcontracting opportunities

_____ Sponsored Economic Inclusion event to provide networking opportunities for prime contractors and MWDBE firms

_____ Requested a list of MWDBE subcontractors or suppliers from LFUCG Economic Engine and showed evidence of contacting the companies on the list(s).

_____ Contacted organizations that work with MWDBE companies for assistance in finding certified MWDBE firms to work on this project. Those contacted and their responses should be a part of the bidder's good faith efforts documentation.

_____ Sent written notices, by certified mail, email or facsimile, to qualified, certified MWDBEs soliciting their participation in the contract not less than seven (7) days prior to the deadline for submission of bids to allow them to participate effectively.

_____ Followed up initial solicitations by contacting MWDBEs to determine their level of interest.

_____ Provided the interested MWDBE firm with adequate and timely information about the plans, specifications, and requirements of the contract.

_____ Selected portions of the work to be performed by MWDBE firms in order to increase the likelihood of meeting the contract goals. This includes, where appropriate, breaking out contract work items into economically feasible

units to facilitate MWDBE participation, even when the prime contractor may otherwise perform these work items with its own workforce

_____ Negotiated in good faith with interested MWDBE firms not rejecting them as unqualified without sound reasons based on a thorough investigation of their capabilities. Any rejection should be so noted in writing with a description as to why an agreement could not be reached.

_____ Included documentation of quotations received from interested MWDBE firms which were not used due to uncompetitive pricing or were rejected as unacceptable and/or copies of responses from firms indicating that they would not be submitting a bid.

_____ Bidder has to submit sound reasons why the quotations were considered unacceptable. The fact that the bidder has the ability and/or desire to perform the contract work with its own forces will not be considered a sound reason for rejecting a MWDBE quote. Nothing in this provision shall be construed to require the bidder to accept unreasonable quotes in order to satisfy MWDBE goals.

_____ Made an effort to offer assistance to or refer interested MWDBE firms to obtain the necessary equipment, supplies, materials, insurance and/or bonding to satisfy the work requirements of the bid proposal

_____ Made efforts to expand the search for MWBE firms beyond the usual geographic boundaries.

_____ Other - any other evidence that the bidder submits which may show that the bidder has made reasonable good faith efforts to include MWDBE participation.

Failure to submit any of the documentation requested in this section may be cause for rejection of bid. Bidders may include any other documentation deemed relevant to this requirement. Documentation of Good Faith Efforts are to be submitted with the Bid, if the participation Goal is not met.

The undersigned acknowledges that all information is accurate. Any misrepresentations may result in termination of the contract and/or be subject to applicable Federal and State laws concerning false statements and claims.

Company

Company Representative

Date

Title

GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Each Respondent shall comply with all Federal, State & Local regulations concerning this type of service or good.

The Respondent agrees to comply with all statutes, rules, and regulations governing safe and healthful working conditions, including the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970, *29 U.S.C. 650 et. seq.*, as amended, and KRS Chapter 338. The Respondent also agrees to notify the LFUCG in writing immediately upon detection of any unsafe and/or unhealthful working conditions at the job site. The Respondent agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the LFUCG harmless from all penalties, fines or other expenses arising out of the alleged violation of said laws.

2. Failure to submit ALL forms and information required in this RFP may be grounds for disqualification.
3. Addenda: All addenda, if any, shall be considered in making the proposal, and such addenda shall be made a part of this RFP. Before submitting a proposal, it is incumbent upon each proposer to be informed as to whether any addenda have been issued, and the failure to cover in the bid any such addenda may result in disqualification of that proposal.
4. Proposal Reservations: LFUCG reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to award in whole or part, and to waive minor immaterial defects in proposals. LFUCG may consider any alternative proposal that meets its basic needs.
5. Liability: LFUCG is not responsible for any cost incurred by a Respondent in the preparation of proposals.
6. Changes/Alterations: Respondent may change or withdraw a proposal at any time prior to the opening; however, no oral modifications will be allowed. Only letters, or other formal written requests for modifications or corrections of a previously submitted proposal which is addressed in the same manner as the proposal, and received by LFUCG prior to the scheduled closing time for receipt of proposals, will be accepted. The proposal, when opened, will then be corrected in accordance with such written request(s), provided that the written request is contained in a sealed envelope which is plainly marked "modifications of proposal".
7. Clarification of Submittal: LFUCG reserves the right to obtain clarification of any point in a bid or to obtain additional information from a Respondent.
8. Bribery Clause: By his/her signature on the bid, Respondent certifies that no employee of his/hers, any affiliate or Subcontractor, has bribed or attempted to bribe an officer or employee of the LFUCG.

9. Additional Information: While not necessary, the Respondent may include any product brochures, software documentation, sample reports, or other documentation that may assist LFUCG in better understanding and evaluating the Respondent's response. Additional documentation shall not serve as a substitute for other documentation which is required by this RFP to be submitted with the proposal,
10. Ambiguity, Conflict or other Errors in RFP: If a Respondent discovers any ambiguity, conflict, discrepancy, omission or other error in the RFP, it shall immediately notify LFUCG of such error in writing and request modification or clarification of the document if allowable by the LFUCG.
11. Agreement to Bid Terms: In submitting this proposal, the Respondent agrees that it has carefully examined the specifications and all provisions relating to the work to be done attached hereto and made part of this proposal. By acceptance of a Contract under this RFP, proposer states that it understands the meaning, intent and requirements of the RFP and agrees to the same. The successful Respondent shall warrant that it is familiar with and understands all provisions herein and shall warrant that it can comply with them. No additional compensation to Respondent shall be authorized for services or expenses reasonably covered under these provisions that the proposer omits from its Proposal.
12. Cancellation: If the services to be performed hereunder by the Respondent are not performed in an acceptable manner to the LFUCG, the LFUCG may cancel this contract for cause by providing written notice to the proposer, giving at least thirty (30) days notice of the proposed cancellation and the reasons for same. During that time period, the proposer may seek to bring the performance of services hereunder to a level that is acceptable to the LFUCG, and the LFUCG may rescind the cancellation if such action is in its best interest.

A. Termination for Cause

- (1) LFUCG may terminate a contract because of the contractor's failure to perform its contractual duties
- (2) If a contractor is determined to be in default, LFUCG shall notify the contractor of the determination in writing, and may include a specified date by which the contractor shall cure the identified deficiencies. LFUCG may proceed with termination if the contractor fails to cure the deficiencies within the specified time.
- (3) A default in performance by a contractor for which a contract may be terminated shall include, but shall not necessarily be limited to:
 - (a) Failure to perform the contract according to its terms,

- conditions and specifications;
- (b) Failure to make delivery within the time specified or according to a delivery schedule fixed by the contract;
 - (c) Late payment or nonpayment of bills for labor, materials, supplies, or equipment furnished in connection with a contract for construction services as evidenced by mechanics' liens filed pursuant to the provisions of KRS Chapter 376, or letters of indebtedness received from creditors by the purchasing agency;
 - (d) Failure to diligently advance the work under a contract for construction services;
 - (e) The filing of a bankruptcy petition by or against the contractor; or
 - (f) Actions that endanger the health, safety or welfare of the LFUCG or its citizens.

B. At Will Termination

Notwithstanding the above provisions, the LFUCG may terminate this contract at will in accordance with the law upon providing thirty (30) days written notice of that intent, Payment for services or goods received prior to termination shall be made by the LFUCG provided these goods or services were provided in a manner acceptable to the LFUCG. Payment for those goods and services shall not be unreasonably withheld.

13. **Assignment of Contract:** The contractor shall not assign or subcontract any portion of the Contract without the express written consent of LFUCG. Any purported assignment or subcontract in violation hereof shall be void. It is expressly acknowledged that LFUCG shall never be required or obligated to consent to any request for assignment or subcontract; and further that such refusal to consent can be for any or no reason, fully within the sole discretion of LFUCG.
14. **No Waiver:** No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege hereunder, nor any single or partial exercise thereof, nor the exercise of any other right, remedy, power or privilege shall operate as a waiver hereof or thereof. No failure or delay by LFUCG in exercising any right, remedy, power or privilege under or in respect of this Contract shall affect the rights, remedies, powers or privileges of LFUCG hereunder or shall operate as a waiver thereof.
15. **Authority to do Business:** The Respondent must be a duly organized and authorized to do business under the laws of Kentucky. Respondent must be in good standing and have full legal capacity to provide the services specified under this Contract. The Respondent must have all necessary right and lawful authority to enter into this Contract for the full term hereof and that proper corporate or other action has been duly taken authorizing the Respondent to enter into this

Contract. The Respondent will provide LFUCG with a copy of a corporate resolution authorizing this action and a letter from an attorney confirming that the proposer is authorized to do business in the State of Kentucky if requested. All proposals must be signed by a duly authorized officer, agent or employee of the Respondent.

16. **Governing Law:** This Contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. In the event of any proceedings regarding this Contract, the Parties agree that the venue shall be the Fayette County Circuit Court or the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky, Lexington Division. All parties expressly consent to personal jurisdiction and venue in such Court for the limited and sole purpose of proceedings relating to this Contract or any rights or obligations arising thereunder. Service of process may be accomplished by following the procedures prescribed by law.
17. **Ability to Meet Obligations:** Respondent affirmatively states that there are no actions, suits or proceedings of any kind pending against Respondent or, to the knowledge of the Respondent, threatened against the Respondent before or by any court, governmental body or agency or other tribunal or authority which would, if adversely determined, have a materially adverse effect on the authority or ability of Respondent to perform its obligations under this Contract, or which question the legality, validity or enforceability hereof or thereof.
18. Contractor understands and agrees that its employees, agents, or subcontractors are not employees of LFUCG for any purpose whatsoever. Contractor is an independent contractor at all times during the performance of the services specified.
19. If any term or provision of this Contract shall be found to be illegal or unenforceable, the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and such term or provision shall be deemed stricken.

Signature

Date

**RISK MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS
INSURANCE AND INDEMNIFICATION**

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A. 1.0 DEFINITIONS.

The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the Risk Management Provisions of this Contract define the responsibilities of the CONTRACTOR to the OWNER.

As used in these Risk Management Provisions, the terms "CONTRACTOR" and "OWNER" shall be defined as follows:

- a. "CONTRACTOR" means the contractor and its employees, agents, servants, owners, principals, licensees, assigns and subcontractors of any tier.
- b. "OWNER" means the Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government and its elected and appointed officials, employees, agents, boards, consultants, assigns, volunteers and successors in interest.

2.0. INDEMNIFICATION AND HOLD HARMLESS PROVISION

CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless OWNER from and against all liability, claims, losses, actions, costs, expenses, obligations, fines, and assessments of whatever kind, including defense costs and attorney's fees, that are in any way incidental to or connected with, or that arise or are alleged to have arisen, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, from or by: (a) CONTRACTOR's negligent acts or intentional misconduct, or errors or omissions, in connection with the performance of this contract, (b) CONTRACTOR's performance or breach of the contract provided the claim or loss is attributable to death, illness, personal injury, or property loss or damage or loss of use, and not caused by a negligent act or omission, or the willful misconduct of the OWNER, or (c) the condition of any premises, equipment or other property being used or operated by the CONTRACTOR in connection with the performance of this contract. In the event OWNER is alleged to be liable based upon the actions or inactions of CONTRACTOR, CONTRACTOR shall defend such allegations and shall bear all costs, fees and expenses of such defense, including but not limited to, all attorneys' fees and expenses, court costs, and expert witness fees and expenses, using attorneys approved in writing by OWNER, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld. This Indemnification and Hold Harmless Provision shall in no way be limited by any financial responsibility or insurance requirements, and shall survive the termination of this contract.

3.0 FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that it shall, prior to final acceptance of its bid and the commencement of any work, demonstrate the ability to assure compliance with the Indemnity Agreement and other provisions of this Contract.

4.0 **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

BIDDERS' ATTENTION IS DIRECTED TO THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, AS BIDDERS MUST CONFER WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE INSURANCE AGENTS, BROKERS, OR CARRIERS TO DETERMINE IN ADVANCE OF BID SUBMISSION THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INSURANCE COVERAGES AND ENDORSEMENTS REQUIRED HEREIN. IF AN APPARENT LOW BIDDER FAILS TO COMPLY STRICTLY WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS BELOW, THAT BIDDER MAY BE DISQUALIFIED FROM AWARD OF THE CONTRACT.

4.1 Required Insurance Coverage

CONTRACTOR shall procure and maintain for the duration of this contract the following or equivalent insurance policies at no less than the limits shown below and cause its subcontractors to maintain similar insurance with limits acceptable to OWNER in order to protect OWNER against claims for injuries to persons or damages to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by CONTRACTOR. The cost of such insurance shall be included in any bid:

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limits</u>
General Liability (Insurance Services Office Form CG 00 01)	\$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million aggregate or \$2 million combined single limit
Commercial Automobile Liability (Insurance Services Office Form CA 0001)	combined single, \$1 million per occurrence
Professional Liability	\$1 million per occurrence, \$2 million aggregate
Worker's Compensation	Statutory
Employer's Liability	\$500,000.00

The policies above shall contain the following conditions:

- a. OWNER shall be named as an additional insured in the General Liability Policy and Commercial Automobile Liability Policy.
- b. The General Liability Policy shall be primary to any insurance or self-insurance retained by OWNER.
- c. The General Liability Policy shall include a Products and Completed Operations endorsement or Premises and Operations Liability endorsement unless it is deemed not to apply by OWNER.
- d. The General Liability Policy shall have a Professional Liability endorsement (including Errors and Omissions) for any services performed pursuant to the contract, and/or a separate Professional Liability Policy shall be obtained unless it is deemed not to apply by OWNER.

- e. OWNER shall be provided at least 30 days advance written notice via certified mail, return receipt requested, in the event any of the required policies are canceled or non-renewed.
- f. The Professional Liability policy shall be maintained for a minimum of three years beyond the completion date of the project, to the extent commercially available. If not commercially available, CONTRACTOR shall notify OWNER and obtain similar insurance that is commercially available and acceptable to OWNER.
- g. The General Liability Policy shall include a Pollution Liability endorsement unless it is deemed not to apply by OWNER.
- h. The General Liability Policy shall include an Environmental Casualty endorsement unless it is deemed not to apply by OWNER.
- i. Said coverage shall be written by insurers acceptable to OWNER and shall be in a form acceptable to OWNER. Insurance placed with insurers with a rating classification of no less than Excellent (A or A-) and a financial size category of no less than VIII, as defined by the most current Best's Key Rating Guide shall be deemed automatically acceptable.

4.2. Additional insurance coverage and amounts required, if any, are stated below:

NONE

4.3. Renewals

After insurance has been approved by OWNER, evidence of renewal of an expiring policy must be submitted to OWNER, and may be submitted on a manually signed renewal endorsement form. If the policy or carrier has changed, however, new evidence of coverage must be submitted in accordance with these Insurance Requirements.

4.4. Deductibles and Self-Insured Programs

IF CONTRACTOR INTENDS TO SUBMIT SELF-INSURANCE PLAN FOR BID, THIS MUST BE FORWARDED TO LEXINGTON-FAYETTE URBAN COUNTY GOVERNMENT, DIVISION OF RISK MANAGEMENT, 200 EAST MAIN STREET, LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY 40507 NO LATER THAN A MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO BID OPENING DATE.

Self-insurance programs, deductibles, and self-insured retentions in insurance policies are subject to separate approval by Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government's Division of Risk Management, upon review of evidence of CONTRACTOR'S financial capacity to respond to claims. Any such programs or retentions must provide OWNER with at least the same protection from liability and defense of suits as would be afforded by first-dollar insurance coverage. If CONTRACTOR satisfies any portion of the insurance requirements through deductibles, self-insurance programs, or self-insured retentions, CONTRACTOR agrees to provide Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government, Division of Risk Management, the following data prior to the final acceptance of bid and the commencement of any work:

- a. CONTRACTOR'S latest audited financial statement, including auditor's notes.
- b. Any records of any self-insured trust fund plan or policy and related accounting statements.
- c. Actuarial funding reports or retained losses.
- d. CONTRACTOR'S Risk Management Manual or a description of CONTRACTOR'S self-insurance and risk management program.
- e. A claim loss run summary for the previous five (5) years.
- f. Self-Insured Associations will be considered.

4.5. Verification of Coverage

Prior to award of bid, CONTRACTOR agrees to furnish OWNER with all applicable Certificates of Insurance signed by a person authorized by the insurer to bind coverage on its behalf. If requested, CONTRACTOR shall provide OWNER copies of all insurance policies, including all endorsements.

4.6. Right to Review, Audit and Inspect

CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that OWNER may review, audit and inspect any and all of CONTRACTOR'S records and operations to insure compliance with these Insurance Requirements.

5.0 **SAFETY AND LOSS CONTROL**

- 5.1. CONTRACTOR agrees to adhere to and comply with William-Steiger Act, enacted December 1970, and all other federal, state and local safety and environmental laws, regulations and ordinances. The CONTRACTOR shall provide all safeguards, safety devices and protective equipment, and take any other action necessary to protect the life, health and safety and property of all persons on the job site, the public and the owner.
- 5.2. The current Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards of the Construction Industry 29 CFR Part 1926 adopted by 803 KAR 2:030 and the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standard for General Industry 29 CFR Part 1910 as adopted by KAR 2:010, and as promulgated by the Kentucky Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board and as amended or modified, are hereby incorporated into and made an integral part of the Contract with full compliance the responsibility solely of the CONTRACTOR.
- 5.3. The CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the OWNER shall be permitted, but not obligated, to inspect the work place, operations, machinery and equipment involved in this Contract and review and audit any and all CONTRACTOR'S records

and documents as deemed necessary by the OWNER to assure compliance with any and all of the provisions of this Contract and maximize the protection of the OWNER. Safety on the job, however, remains solely the responsibility of the CONTRACTOR.

6.0 DEFINITION OF DEFAULT

CONTRACTOR understands and agrees that the failure to comply with any of these insurance, safety, or loss control provisions shall constitute default under this Contract. CONTRACTOR also agrees that OWNER may elect at its option any single remedy or penalty or any combination of remedies and penalties, as available, including but not limited to purchasing insurance and charging CONTRACTOR for any such insurance premiums purchased, or suspending or terminating this Contract.

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Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Professional Engineering Services

1. Background

Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) is accepting Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from interested consulting engineering firms for professional engineering services, including design, bidding assistance and construction administration for infrastructure improvements. This RFQ shall serve as the initial step in solicitations for specific projects. Pre-qualifications of firms will be followed by solicitations of design fee bids for specific projects from select firms. Approval of consultants' Pre-qualifications does not constitute a guarantee of being awarded projects at any point in the future; **there will be no guarantee of work for any firm or firms**. Selected consultants will be pre-qualified in six (8) separate categories of projects under separate contracts, and the possible numbers of firms that will be prequalified in this process are listed for each category:

- Contract 1 - Roadway corridor and intersection design/planning – **maximum number of firms 6**
- Contract 2 - Right-Of-Way or easement acquisition – **maximum numbers of firms 4**
- Contract 3 - Construction drawings review for DOE manual compliance – **maximum number of firms 4**
- Contract 4 - Structures or bridge design – **maximum number of firms 6**
- Contract 5 - Pedestrian, bike, or multimodal trail design/planning – **maximum number of firms 6**
- Contract 6 - Traffic signal design – **maximum number of firms 4**
- Contract 7 - Geotechnical testing, analysis and design (subgrade improvements, foundations, pavement design or rehabilitation, etc.) – **maximum number of firms 4**
- Contract 8- Construction inspection – **maximum number of firms 4**

Consultants may request prequalification in any or all of the listed project types. Engineering services for other projects not detailed above shall be solicited in a separate procurement.

The Urban County Government reserves the right to re-solicit qualifications after each prequalified firm has had the opportunity to submit fees for at least one project. However, if a firm that submitted Pre-qualifications in response to this solicitation experiences a change in staffing or expertise that substantially changes their qualifications to perform work under this program, they must communicate the change in qualifications to LFUCG in written addenda.

2. Contract Type and Contracting Process

Each prequalified firm shall be awarded with an indefinite service delivery contract. Projects assigned to prequalified consultants shall be completed on a negotiated fee basis, authorized in an approved Project Assignment. Only the approval of a project-specific Project Assignment shall constitute a notice to proceed on specific projects.

The intent of this procurement process is to assign projects to contracted firms on a rotational basis. LFUCG will rank proposers and select all qualified consultants in each project category for design work for a 365 day period beginning from contract execution date. LFUCG will have the option to renew the indefinite delivery contracts on an annual basis, at its sole discretion. LFUCG will also reserve the option to add additional qualified firms using another, identical RFQ process.

The firms will be initially ranked by their point totals based on the evaluation criteria. After the selection ranking, the firm with the highest total dollar value of Division of Engineering (DOE) contracts over the last 24 months (from the date of advertisement of this RFQ) will be placed at the bottom of the list for new project work. The process will continue until all firms with recent DOE work have been ranked from highest value of DOE contracts to the lowest value of DOE contracts over the last 24 months. The remaining firms that have not been awarded any DOE contracts over the last 24 months will then be ranked according to their point totals from the initial rankings with the highest scored team being the number one team on the list.

When LFUCG initiates a particular project, the three highest ranked firms in that particular category of project will be asked to submit a fee proposal to perform the engineering services described by LFUCG, which will generally include the provisions of Section 3 below. The cost proposal shall use the hourly rates submitted and be based upon a man-hour projection. If more than one year has passed since the firm was prequalified, the cost proposal shall confirm in writing that the firm's qualifications have not changed. NOTE: firms will be allowed to adjust their hourly rates on the third anniversary date of their executed agreement for proposals to be submitted in the coming years (and every three years after that for long-duration contracts). The firm submitting the lowest and best cost proposal will be given a written Project Assignment, If DOE and the firm currently under consideration cannot reach a final agreement for professional services, the next lowest fee firm will be asked to negotiate. If the second negotiation does not produce a written authorization to proceed, DOE will then initiate negotiation with the third firm. If that negotiation fails, DOE will solicit cost proposals from the next three ranked firms. The cycle will continue until negotiations lead to a written authorization to proceed. All firms who provided written cost proposals, were selected for negotiations, but were not issued a written authorization to proceed will be placed at the bottom of the list. Firms that provide a written cost proposal but are not invited to negotiate shall not lose their place on the consideration list.

As each firm is issued a Project Assignment for a specific project, they will then be moved to the bottom of the list, giving the next three highest ranked firms the opportunity to provide bids for the next project. When LFUCG initiates a particular project, any of the current highest ranked firms may decline the project if it does not have current capacity to complete the work. A firm may decline up to two projects without being moved to the bottom of that categories list. After declining a third project, the firm will then be moved to the bottom of the list.

LFUCG will assess the performance of the consultants at the conclusion of each project based on the quality of contract documents, the satisfactory completion of Project Assignments, and adherence to project budget and schedule. Written performance evaluations shall be kept on file with copies provided to the consultant. LFUCG, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to disqualify consultants from future Project Assignments based on performance.

3. General Project Description

The Consultant shall perform professional services as hereinafter stated which include customary civil, geotechnical, mechanical, structural, electrical, storm, and sanitary engineering services as related to the design, bidding, and construction administration of LFUCG projects. All work shall be conducted in accordance with the LFUCG DOE Manuals, to the best extent practical. Services during design may include:

- Review of DOE/LFUCG supplied or referenced information related to the project.
- Preparation of and adherence to a specific project schedule that ensures compliance with required project completion deadlines.
- Field Surveying will provide the latest photographic mapping and digital information that is available for the project assignment).
- Deed research / easement preparation as required. Easements may be in the form of metes and bounds, centerline, or platted as directed by DOE/LFUCG. If easement acquisition is included in the scope of services of the design consultant, easement negotiations with property owners will be the responsibility of the consultant.
- Geotechnical investigations as necessary to support design services, as well as testing and certifications during construction.
- Detailed design for new installations, replacement projects, or site specific specification of rehabilitation requirements and methods.
- Preparation of all permit applications (Corps of Engineers (COE), Division of Water (DOW), Kentucky Department of Highways (KDOH), LFUCG, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), railroad, other).
- Preparation of Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and/or Erosion and Sediment Control Plans as required.
- Preparation of Contract Documents (Plans and Specifications) in a suitable format for bidding and consistent with all DOE/Division of Traffic Engineering (DOTE)/LFUCG standards. (NOTE: DOE/DOTE may provide each consultant standard front end and technical specifications for their use. However, the consultant shall be responsible for reviewing the documents and incorporating project-specific elements as necessary for each project.).
- Preparation of Engineer's pre-bid Opinion of Project Costs.
 - Design meetings: kick-off, progress at 30% and 75% complete, final review.

Services during Bidding, including but not limited to the following, may or may not be included in an approved project assignment:

- Conduct pre-bid conference
- Respond to questions and issue addenda as necessary
- Bid review and evaluation and provide recommendation of award
- Enter quantities into Unit Price Contract spreadsheet and solicit the UPC contractors

Services during Construction, including but not limited to the following, may or may not be included in the Scope of Services for specific task orders:

- Contract administration
 - Review and approval of shop drawings
 - Responses to contractor requests for information (RFIs)
 - Review and approval of pay requests and change order requests
 - Preparation of Record Drawings/as-builts in hard copy and electronic formats, as directed by the DOE.
 - Provide Global Positioning Systems (GPS) coordinates for all constructed features in accordance with LFUCG standards
 - Final Inspection and preparation of punchlist
 - Project start-up and preparation of operations and maintenance manuals (pump stations)
 - Project Certification
 - Meetings – consultant will be responsible for agenda and preparation of meeting summary
 - Preconstruction
 - Monthly progress meetings
 - Project closeout meeting
- Resident Observation – full-time, on-site, including preparation of record drawings
- Provide as-built drawings

4. Submittals

Each firm responding to this RFQ shall submit individual SOQ's for each project category for which they request to be prequalified. Individual SOQ's should be spiral or comb bound to allow ease for archiving (no 3-ring binders). Each firm must submit one (1) master hardcopy, (1) electronic version in PDF format on a flash drive or CD and seven (7) duplicates (hardcopies) for each project category. Statements of Qualification shall be structured as follows:

Section

1. Letter of Transmittal (**one page maximum**)
 - Clearly specify the project category(ies) for which Pre-qualifications are being requested.
2. Firm Qualifications (**two pages maximum**)
 - Provide an executive summary explaining why the firm should be selected to provide services for DOE projects, along with general information about the firm (and subconsultants) related to their history and general qualifications specific to the project category in which they believe they are qualified. Provide specific information related to qualifications to complete the project types for which prequalification consideration is requested.
3. Project Team (**six pages maximum**)
 - Provide an organizational chart identifying project manager, project engineers, surveyors, geotechnical subconsultant (as necessary), Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Firm / Minority Business Enterprise Firm (MBE), and others as

required. The identified team members must have measurable experience and contributions associated with the projects identified in Item 5 below. The organizational chart should clearly indicate the services to be provided by all sub-consultant firms. Include locations and one-page resumes of key project team individuals that will be providing substantial contributions to work products.

4. List of Clients for Which Similar Work has Been Performed (**one page maximum**)
 - Provide client name, contact person, contact phone number and email address, and identify by name similar projects completed for each client.
5. List of Similar Projects Within the Desired Category (**two pages maximum**)
 - Provide the project name, date, services provided, and a project description detailing the scope of the project and project construction cost. List only those projects where a key member of the project team provided a substantive contribution to the project completion. .
6. Local Office (**one page maximum**)
 - Statement of presence of local office(s) for all firms comprising a Project Team, when the local office was established, local office staffing (number in each local office), and local office utilization (estimated percent of potential project services to be performed by the local offices). “Local office” shall be defined as being located in counties served by the Bluegrass Area Development District (see BGADD.org for a complete list). The attached form (Attachment 1) shall be used for this information.
7. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Involvement (**one page maximum**)
 - Provide a statement regarding the commitment to meeting the goals of LFUCG’s DBE program (see below).

5. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Notice

NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DBE CONTRACT PARTICIPATION

The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has set a goal that not less than ten percent (10%) of the total value of work conducted in this program be subcontracted to DBEs. The goals for the utilization of certified DBEs as subcontractors are recommended goals. Consultants who fail to meet such goals will be expected to provide written explanation to the EEO Officer and the Director of the Division of Purchasing of efforts they have made to accomplish the recommended goals, and the extent to which they are successful in accomplishing the recommended goals will be a consideration in the procurement process. For assistance in locating DBE subcontractors contact the following Urban County Government agency:

Marilyn Clark, Division of Central Purchasing
Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government
200 East Main Street
Lexington, KY 40507
(859) 258-3323

Note: Consultants may, but are not required to, identify specific DBE subconsultants in their Pre-qualifications submittal. However, they must state their commitment to meeting the goals of LFUCG’s DBE initiatives in each Task Order they are awarded.

6. Selection Criteria (Attachment 2)

Firms will be individually ranked for each category included in their proposals. The following criteria will be used by the evaluation committee to rank prospective firms:

Overall expertise of the firm in service category ⁽¹⁾	15 points
Overall expertise of the Team members in service category ⁽¹⁾	25 points
Past performance in the service category ⁽²⁾	25 points
Project Manager Qualifications ⁽³⁾	15 points
Office status and location of employees ⁽⁴⁾	20 points
TOTAL:	100 points

Notes:

1. Firms must have relevant experience in at least three similar projects to be rated as “acceptable”. Individual Project Team members should demonstrate significant experience in at least two similar projects in the last five years to be rated as “acceptable”.
2. Past performance on infrastructure projects completed under a government contract or government specifications.
3. Project Manager must have relevant experience with at least three projects in the last five years to receive maximum points.
4. Factors considered: Fayette County headquarters; Fayette County office established more than 12 months prior to issuance of this RFQ; office established in Bluegrass Area Development District counties more than 12 months prior to issuance of this RFQ. Project Manager must be located in the local office to be rated as “acceptable”. Proposals should clearly present all information regarding all firms submitting as a “team”. If the Prime firm qualifies for multiple point assignments, the highest one will be assigned.

Attachment 1

Project Team Location(s)

Prime Consultant	Location (City, State)	Date Office Established	Total Number of Employees	No. of Employees expected to work on DOE projects
Headquarters				
Local Office				
PM Location				
SubConsultants				
Name:				
Service Provided				
Headquarters				
Local Office				
Name:				
Service Provided				
Headquarters				
Local Office				
Name:				
Service Provided				
Headquarters				
Local Office				

Notes:

1. "Headquarters" refers to the corporate office that provides project support to the local office, if applicable. If support comes from multiple locations, use the blank spaces in the form to provide relevant information.
2. Listing of sub-consultants is optional and should only be provided if the prime consultant considers the sub-consultant(s) services to be essential to meeting the required qualifications. In this event, documentation from the subconsultant(s) shall be submitted in the SOQ that provides a commitment to be a part of the prime consultant's team in providing the stated services. In such cases, for the purpose of evaluating the proposals, committed sub-consultants will be considered to be part of the prime consultant's workforce. Prime consultants face potential disqualification from future work if DOE finds that the identified sub-consultants are not being utilized to deliver assigned work products.

Attachment 2 – RFP #13-2014 Scoring Sheet

RFP #13-2014 – Request for Qualifications for Engineering Services for Division of Engineering Projects

Consultant Name:				
Project Category:				
Selection Criteria	Notes Score (1-5)	Weighted Factor Multiplier (A)	Total Points Possible (B)	Weighted Score (A x B)
Overall expertise of the firm	Acceptable: at least 3 similar projects:		15	
Overall expertise of the Team members	Acceptable: at least 2 similar projects last 5 years:		25	
Past performance in the service category	Based on work for LFUCG and/or reference clients:		25	
Project Manager Qualifications	Acceptable: at least 3 similar projects last 5 years:		15	
Office status and location of employees	5.0 - Prime has Fayette Co. HQ:		20	
	4.5 - Prime has "local" HQ:			
	4.0 - Prime has non-local Kentucky HQ:			
	3.5 - Prime has non-local KY office:			
	1.0 to 3.0 - Prime has no Kentucky office (consider distance):			
Final Technical Score			100	

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Affidavit _____
 Affirmative Action Plan _____
 EEO Agreement _____
 Workforce Analysis _____
 Insurance _____

Comments:

Description	Adjective	Numeric Rating	Weighted Factor Multiplier (A)
Fails to meet minimum requirements; major deficiencies which are not correctable	Unacceptable	1	0.2
Fails to meet requirements, significant deficiencies that may be correctable	Poor	2	0.4
Meets requirements; only minor deficiencies which can be clarified	Acceptable	3	0.6
Meets requirements and exceeds some requirements; no deficiencies	Good	4	0.8
Exceeds most, if not all requirements; no deficiencies	Excellent	5	1.0