

**CITY OF AKRON, OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
BUREAU OF ENGINEERING
PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT
LEGAL NOTICE**

The City of Akron, Ohio, a charter municipal corporation, is seeking qualification statements from construction management firms to construct the Project described in more detail below. Firms deemed qualified by City will then be issued a Request for Proposals for the Project and asked to submit pricing to perform the construction management at risk services for the Project.

Sealed Qualification Statements will be received at the City of Akron Department of Public Service, Room 201, 166 South High Street, Akron, Ohio 44308 until 12:00 pm local time on the date indicated below for:

MERRIMAN SEPARATION – GREEN PROJECT (CSO RACK 36)

**Qualification Statement Due Date: September 14, 2015
City's Engineer's Estimate: \$13,314,628**

Project Description: This project involves complete sewer separation within the Rack 36 drainage area through construction of a new sanitary sewer and reconnection of the existing sanitary sewer laterals to the new sanitary sewers. The existing combined sewer will be rehabilitated by CIPP lining and repurposed as a storm sewer. A new storm outfall and green infrastructure for bioretention will be constructed.

All questions related to this Request for Qualifications must be submitted in writing to City no later than 12:00 pm local time on Thursday, September 3, 2015. City shall issue a response to all questions received by such deadline no later than 12:00 pm local time on Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

Copies of plans, specifications and Proposal Documents for the Project are on file and can be obtained from SE Blueprint, Inc., 540 South Main Street, Suite 211, Akron, Ohio 44311 (at a cost of Forty-Five Dollars (\$45.00), which amount is not refundable. PLEASE FAX OR E-MAIL YOUR QUANTITY REQUESTS PRIOR TO PURCHASE, FAX: 330-376-2511, E-MAIL: akron@seblueprint.com YOU WILL THEN BE CONTACTED WHEN PLANS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP. They can also be viewed in the office of the Bureau of Engineering, 7th Floor Municipal Building, Akron, Ohio.

Persons with disabilities needing assistance are asked to contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator, 166 South High Street, Room 203, Akron, Ohio 44308, (330) 375-2189 (voice), (330) 375-2345 (TDD), at least seven (7) days in advance.

Disadvantaged Business (DBE) participation goals (subcontracts, materials, supplies) have been set on this Project for those certified as DBE's in accordance with a federal agency such as the Small Business Administration or the Department of Transportation or by an approved State of Ohio agency. The Unified Certification Program (UCP) administered by the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) can provide necessary DBE certifications.

This procurement is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) policy of encouraging the participation of small businesses in rural areas (SBRAs). For the purpose of this Project, the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Utilization goals shall be defined as contractors and/or subcontractors with MBE's for the minimum amount of 1.2% of the Guaranteed Maximum Price; and the Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) Utilization goals shall be defined as contractors and/or subcontractors with WBE's for the minimum amount of 1.8% of the Guaranteed Maximum Price.

Each Qualification Statement must include a detailed plan to meet or exceed the City's local workforce goals, and a separate plan to meet or exceed the City's local EDGE/DBE/MBE/WBE firm goals and the EPA diversity inclusion goals set forth above. The final agreed upon plans will be attached to the Agreement as exhibits and the selected Proposer shall be obligated to comply with said plans.

Not less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the Contract Documents must be paid on this Project, and the selected Proposer must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, creed, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin.

The Project must achieve substantial completion by the scheduled Substantial Completion Date of June 30, 2017, and satisfy Achievement of Full Operation (AFO) by October 31, 2017. More detail regarding the Project Schedule will be provided in the Request for Proposals.

As described in more detail in the Request for Proposals, each Proposer must submit with its Proposal in response to the Request for Proposals a certified check in the sum of five percent (5%) of the proposed Initial Guaranteed Maximum Price (as defined in the Agreement) on a solvent bank or a bond in like amount, acceptable to the City of Akron, as a guarantee that if the Proposal is accepted, a contract will be entered into.

Proposals may be held by City for a period not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) days after the date Proposals are opened for the purpose of reviewing the Proposals and investigating the qualifications of Proposers prior to awarding the Agreement.

Except as provided in Section 34.09 of the City's Code of Ordinance, the Proposer to whom the Agreement is awarded will be required to furnish a performance and payment bond in the sum of 100% of the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the faithful performance of the contract. The performance and payment bond shall remain in full effect until Final Completion of the Project.

The selected Proposer shall be charged Liquidated Damages and/or Stipulated Penalties (as defined in the Agreement) for every calendar day Substantial Completion of the Work is delayed beyond the Contract Time as set forth in the General Conditions and/or Supplemental Conditions.

The Director of Public Service reserves the right to reject any or all Qualification Statements and/or Proposals, and to waive informalities.

By Order of the Director of Public Service
John O. Moore
Director of Public Service