

PUBLIC NOTICE: NEPA ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT SERVICES

The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) hereby requests qualified firms to submit a statement of interest for NEPA Environmental Assessment Services.

I. Project Description

The purpose of this work is to complete an Environmental Assessment (EA) for The Yards Project to determine if the project would have a significant effect on the human environment. If no significant effect is identified, a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) will be produced. The development will utilize Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding for construction and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process must be carried out according to FTA requirements.

Firms submitting letters of interest for this project must have experience working with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to complete an Environmental Assessment.

II. Background

The Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District (MTD) operates public transit service in east central Illinois in the cities of Champaign and Urbana, and the Village of Savoy. The Yards is a joint development project carried out by MTD, a private developer, and the City of Champaign. The Yards will renovate and expand MTD's multimodal center, Illinois Terminal, and add a mixed-use facility for expanded bus platforms, parking, and commercial space. The project footprint is about 7 acres. The current conditions of the project area are surface parking lots and the Illinois Terminal facility.

III. Scope of Work

A timeline of the full NEPA process and an annotated outline of the Environmental Assessment have already been drafted and approved by FTA Region 5.

Anticipated tasks include:

- a. Project management
- b. FTA coordination
- c. Stakeholder coordination
- d. Public involvement
- e. Technical work to support public involvement and environmental studies (design and engineering, mapping, ground survey, utility coordination, etc.)
- f. Preparation and execution of environmental studies
- g. Complete Environmental Assessment
- h. Complete Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI)

IV. Submittal Deadline

Submittal packages shall be sent to procurement@mtd.org by **5:00 PM (CST) February 21, 2020**.

VI. Submittal Instructions

Submittal packages shall include the following:

- a. Letter of interest
- b. Statement of qualifications
- c. Applicable experience, including three references
- d. Proposed project team

Note: Estimates of costs or proposals in terms of dollars, hours required, percentage of construction cost, or any other measure of compensation shall not be included in submission.

VII. Selection Process

- a. A selection committee will evaluate the firms submitting proposals, taking into account the following:
 - i. Qualifications and project team (40%)
 - ii. Applicable experience (40%)
 - iii. References (20%)
- b. MTD may choose to conduct discussions with and require presentations by firms deemed to be the most qualified regarding their qualifications, approach to the project, and ability to furnish the required services.
- c. MTD will contact the firm ranked most preferred and attempt to negotiate a contract at a fair and reasonable compensation.

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