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Step 1: Request for Qualifications (RFQ)**

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**UPPER LITTLE PATUXENT
STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT**

Howard County

**Minority Business Enterprises are encouraged to respond to this
Solicitation Notice.**

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A. INTRODUCTION AND PRELIMINARIES

a. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

This Contract is a Best Value design-build contract procured using the “Competitive Sealed Proposals” procurement method as defined in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.05.03. The intent of the Maryland State Highway Administration (the Administration) is to award the Contract to the responsible team of designers and builders (DB Team) whose Proposal is determined to be the best overall value for the ADMINISTRATION and the citizens of Maryland in the Request for Proposals (RFP).

The “Competitive Sealed Proposals” procurement method is a two step process. The first step in this process is the response to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) through the submittal of Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) by interested Design-Build (DB) Teams and their evaluation by the ADMINISTRATION. The ADMINISTRATION is seeking responses to this RFQ from DB Teams who are qualified and prepared in all respects to undertake the design and construction of stream improvements that will reduce erosion and sediment discharge to the Little Patuxent River.

The stream restoration project consists of the design and construction of stream and floodplain improvements that will reduce erosion, excess sediments, nitrogen and phosphorus discharged to the Upper Little Patuxent River in Howard County, Maryland. The scope of the project includes approximately **4,500** feet of the mainstem of the Upper Little Patuxent River and its tributaries. See attached plan view of the project site for additional information.

Once the SOQ evaluations are completed, a reduced candidate list (RCL) of those DB Teams considered most highly qualified shall be developed. If there is sufficient interest by qualified DB Teams and the ADMINISTRATION is satisfied that there will be an acceptable level of response, then a Request for Technical and Price Proposal (RFP) shall be made to only the RCL.

The maximum price is estimated to be in the lower range of **Project Classification D** as defined in Maryland’s July 2008 Standard Specifications for Construction and Materials, Section TC 2.01 The price shall include all engineering, design, construction , labor, equipment and materials and all incidentals necessary to complete the design and construction this project.

The Maryland State Highway Administration has defined priorities. As part of the technical proposal submittal, the DB Team will be asked to describe in words, graphic illustrations and drawings, and technical data necessary for the ADMINISTRATION to evaluate the proposed project and what usable project improvements will be developed for construction by the DB Team for the price proposal.

b. RULES OF CONTACT

The Procurement Officer's Designee in this RFQ, or a representative hereafter designated in writing by the Procurement Officer, is the ADMINISTRATION's single contact and source of information for this procurement.

The following rules of contact shall apply during the Contract procurement process, which begins upon the submittal of the SOQ, and will be completed with the execution of the Contract. These rules are designed to promote a fair, unbiased, and legally defensible procurement process. Contact includes face-to-face, telephone, facsimile, electronic-mail (e-mail), or formal written communication.

The specific rules of contact are as follows:

1. Section 11-205 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, prohibits and penalizes collusion in the State procurement process.
2. After submission of SOQs, neither a Proposer nor any of its team members may communicate with another Proposer or members of another Proposer's team with regard to the PROJECT or the Proposals. However, a Proposer may communicate with a Subcontractor that is on both its team and another Proposer's team, provided that each Proposer has obtained a written certification from the Subcontractor that it will not act as a conduit of information between the teams.
3. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by the Procurement Officer, a Proposer may contact the ADMINISTRATION only through the Procurement Officer and only in writing by e-mail and not orally. The Proposer's contacts with the ADMINISTRATION shall be only through a single representative authorized to bind the Proposer.
4. The Procurement Officer normally will contact a Proposer in writing through the Proposer's designated representative.
5. Neither a Proposer nor its agents may contact ADMINISTRATION employees, including ADMINISTRATION heads, members of the evaluation committee(s) and any other person who will evaluate SOQs, regarding the PROJECT, except through the process identified above.
6. Any contact by a Proposer determined to be improper may result in disqualification of the Proposer.
7. The ADMINISTRATION will not be responsible for or bound by: (1) any oral communication, or (2) any other information or contact that occurs outside the official communication process specified herein, unless confirmed in writing by the Procurement Officer.

c. PROPOSER QUESTIONS

The ADMINISTRATION will consider questions submitted in writing by Proposers regarding the RFQ, including requests for clarification and requests to correct errors. Project questions shall be submitted in letter format via e-mail with return confirmation receipt. No verbal requests or personal visits will be honored. All written contacts shall be addressed to:

*Ms. Sonal Sanghavi
Director, Office of Environmental Design
Maryland State Highway Administration
e-mail address: SHAPatuxent@sha.state.md.us*

Only e-mailed inquires will be accepted. No requests for additional information or clarification to any other ADMINISTRATION office, consultant, or employee will be considered. All responses shall be in writing and will be disseminated only by posting on SHA's website at www.roads.maryland.gov under "**Business Center**", **Contracts, Bids & Proposals**, Click "**Competitive Sealed Proposals**" under "**Construction Contracts**".

All responses to questions on the RFQ and addenda to the RFQ will be posted on this site. Responses to questions and addenda will not be mailed out.

Only requests received by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the date specified in **Section H** will be addressed. Questions will not be accepted by phone. Questions, which will only be accepted from the Proposer's primary or secondary contact, must include the requestor's name, address, telephone number, e-mail address, and the Proposer he/she represents.

A response to questions will be issued without attribution and posted sequentially on the SHA website. Multiple responses are anticipated. The last response will be posted not later than 5 calendar days prior to the SOQ due date.

d. RFQ ADDENDA

If necessary, the ADMINISTRATION will issue addenda to modify conditions or requirements of this RFQ. Addenda will be disseminated only by posting on the SHA website.

e. COSTS/STIPEND

Proposers are solely responsible for all costs and expenses of any nature associated with responding to this RFQ, including attending briefing(s) and providing supplemental information.

f. SUBSTITUTIONS

Proposers are advised that, in order for a Proposer to remain qualified to submit a Proposal after it has been placed on the Reduced Candidate List, its organization, including all Principal Participants, Specialty Subcontractors, and key management personnel identified in the SOQ, must remain intact for the duration of the procurement process. A Proposer may propose substitutions for participants after the SOQ submittal; however, such changes must be of equal or better qualifications and will require written approval by the ADMINISTRATION, which approval may be granted or withheld in the ADMINISTRATION's sole discretion. Requests for changes must be made in writing no later than thirty (30) calendar days prior to the due date for submittal of Proposals. The Proposer should carefully consider the make-up of its team, prior to submittal of the SOQ, to reduce the likelihood of occurrence of any such changes during the Proposal period and thereafter throughout the term of the Contract.

g. COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LAW

In connection with this RFQ and the Contract, Proposers shall comply with all applicable laws in all aspects in connection with the procurement process of this PROJECT and in the performance of the Contract.

B. DESIGN-BUILD TEAM SELECTION AND AWARD PROCESS

The PROJECT shall be awarded using the Competitive Sealed Proposal Method as defined in the Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR) 21.05.03. The intent of the ADMINISTRATION is to award the Contract to the Proposer that submits the Proposal that is determined to be the most advantageous to the State considering the evaluation factors set forth in the RFP.

Those DB Teams that respond to this RFQ that meet in all respects the conditions for this request shall be evaluated by a team of employees of the ADMINISTRATION. The purpose of the evaluation will be to determine past performance, experience and capabilities of DB Teams to undertake this PROJECT plus their overall understanding of the PROJECT. The factors which will be used to evaluate the Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) have been described herein (see Section "C" Contents for SOQ Submission, Subsection "b" Evaluation Factors) and shall be listed in descending order of importance.

Once the SOQ evaluations are completed, a reduced candidate list (RCL) of those DB Teams considered most highly qualified shall be developed. The RCL will be determined based on an evaluation of the factors set forth herein. In order to be eligible for evaluation, SOQs submitted in response to this RFQ must include a response to each pass/fail and technical evaluation factor. If there is sufficient interest by qualified DB Teams and the ADMINISTRATION is satisfied that there will be an acceptable level of response then a Request for Technical and Price Proposal (RFP) shall be made to only the RCL.

Those DB Teams who have made the RCL shall be notified in writing and shall be supplied with the RFP Package. This package shall include all materials necessary for

DB Teams to fully understand the legal, technical and price requirements for this PROJECT.

Those DB Teams that do not make the RCL shall be notified in writing.

The purpose of the RFP is to allow the ADMINISTRATION to select the Design-Builder. The RFP will provide specific instructions on what to submit, the evaluation factors, the requirements for evaluation, and the evaluation rating guidelines for the RFP step of the procurement.

The Technical Proposal and the Price Proposal responses to the RFP shall be submitted in separate sealed packages on the date and time to be specified. The proposals shall not be publicly opened but shall be taken to a secure location to be specified at the time and date indicated in the RFP packages. The proposals shall be opened in the presence of at least two of the ADMINISTRATION's employees who shall compile a register of received proposals. Responses to the RFP Proposals not delivered at the location, date and time specified shall be returned unopened.

The Technical Proposal and the Price Proposals shall be evaluated by independent teams of ADMINISTRATION employees. The evaluation of the Price Proposal shall be based on the total contract scope and price, and shall include all pay items, engineering, design, construction, labor, equipment and materials. The evaluation of the Technical Proposals shall be based on multiple technical factors listed in the RFP in descending order of importance. For the purpose of the RFP evaluation, when determining which DB Teams submittal is the most advantageous to the State, the Technical Proposal is weighted greater than the Price Proposal.

Upon completion of the Technical and Price Proposal evaluation, the ADMINISTRATION may elect to conduct discussions with each DB Team that makes the RCL. The purpose of these discussions is two-fold; first so that the ADMINISTRATION fully understands what is being offered by the DB Team and second, so that the ADMINISTRATION has an opportunity to identify any critical weakness in a DB Teams proposal i.e. (inconsistency with ADMINISTRATION's expectation).

The ADMINISTRATION reserves the right to award the contract without entering into discussions.

Upon completion of the technical discussions, the DB Teams may be asked to submit best and final offers (BAFO) at a time and date to be specified. The notification of the time and date shall be in writing after the completion of all technical discussions. The BAFOs shall be evaluated and will be part of the final determination when recommending a DB Team for award. The selected team shall be notified of the recommendation.

The unsuccessful teams shall also be notified in writing and provided an opportunity for a debriefing.

NOTE: All materials, conferences, proposals and other matters related to this PROJECT shall remain confidential until the contract is executed with the successful DB Team. However, the ADMINISTRATION does reserve the right to use the knowledge of good ideas of one team in discussions with the successful Team.

a. ORGANIZATIONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

The Proposer's attention is directed to 23 CFR Section 636 Subpart A and in particular to Subsection 636.116 regarding organizational conflicts of interest. Section 636.103 defines "organizational conflict of interest" as follows:

Organizational conflict of interest means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the owner, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage.

The Proposer is prohibited from receiving any advice or discussing any aspect relating to the PROJECT or the procurement of the Contract with any Person with an organizational conflict of interest, including, but not limited to, the Persons identified in Section B.b.

In addition, participation by any of the following Persons on more than one Proposer's team shall be deemed an organizational conflict of interest disqualifying the affected Proposers: a Principal Participant, Designer, subconsultant responsible for performing more than 15% of the design or subcontractor responsible for performing more than 30% of the construction, or an Affiliate of any such Person. All Proposers affected by the conflict of interest will be disqualified, even if a Proposer is unaware of the conflict of interest, or if the Person or Affiliate causing the conflict is intended to have a different or lesser role than that described above.

By submitting its SOQ, each Proposer agrees that, if an organizational conflict of interest is thereafter discovered, the Proposer must make an immediate and full written disclosure to the ADMINISTRATION that includes a description of the action that the Proposer has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, the ADMINISTRATION may, at its discretion, cancel the Contract. If the Proposer was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the Contract and did not disclose the conflict to the ADMINISTRATION, the ADMINISTRATION may terminate the Contract for default.

b. Restrictions on Participation in Design-Build Contracts

An individual or entity that has received monetary compensation as the lead or prime design consultant under a contract with the ADMINISTRATION to develop the concept plan and/or have been retained to perform construction phase services on behalf of the state, or a person or entity that employs such an individual or entity, may not submit a technical proposal or a price proposal for this procurement and is not a responsible bidder under COMAR 21.06.01.01. The technical proposal or price proposal from such an

individual or entity will be rejected pursuant to COMAR 21.06.01.01 and COMAR 21.06.02.03.

The following is a list of consultants and/or subconsultants that have received monetary compensation under a contract with the ADMINISTRATION as the prime consultant to develop the concept plan, has been retained by the ADMINISTRATION to perform construction phase services on the behalf of the state for this procurement, or has received payment in excess of \$500,000. SHA makes no representations regarding the completeness of the list:

- A. Coastal Resources Inc.
- B. McCormick Taylor, Inc.
- C. Findling, Inc.
- D. Indam Engineers, Inc.

In addition, the State Ethics Commission administers the provisions of the State Ethics Law, including § 15-508 of the State Government Article that contains various restrictions on participating in State procurements. Any questions regarding eligibility must be appealed to the Commission.

No official or employee of the State of Maryland, as defined under State Government Article, §15-202, Annotated Code of Maryland, whose duties as such official or employee include matters relating to or affecting the subject matter of this contract, shall during the pendency and term of this contract and while serving as an official or employee of the State become or be an employee of the Consultant or an entity that is a subcontractor on this contract.

No official or employee of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), during his tenure or for one year thereafter shall have any interest, direct or indirect, in this Contract or the proceeds thereof, regardless of whether they participated in matters relating to this contract while in the employ of the MDOT.

c. CONTENT FOR SOQ SUBMISSION

Parties interested in being considered for award of this design–build project and entering into a design-build contract with the ADMINISTRATION shall submit a SOQ, alone or with others, as the design–build team. The design–build team may also include other parties as subconsultants, subcontractors and suppliers in their SOQ submittal that they are committing at this time as part of the design–build team. At least the lead design firm and lead constructor must be included at this time.

This Section describes the following items:

- The information items to be included in the SOQ,
- Evaluation factors to be utilized by the ADMINISTRATION with respect to such information items
- The selection approach that the ADMINISTRATION will utilize for SOQ submittals

The objective of the RFQ step of the procurement is to create a Reduced Candidate List of the most highly qualified Proposers with the general capability (technical, financial, and management), capacity and experience necessary to successfully undertake and complete the Work. The Design-Builder will have primary responsibility to plan, design, manage, and control, the PROJECT and to complete the PROJECT on or ahead of schedule. The ADMINISTRATION has set high responsibility standards for the Design-Builder that are reflected in the technical evaluation factors of this RFQ and will be reflected in the RFP and the Contract.

EVALUATION FACTORS FOR THE SOQ

Pass/Fail Factors

- **Responsiveness to RFQ:** The SOQ does not deviate from the RFQ requirements in any material respect.

The ADMINISTRATION may allow certain deficiencies in the SOQs relating to the above factor to be corrected through clarifications, as described below, but shall have no obligation to do so.

Technical Evaluation Factors

The technical evaluation factors are:

- **Team Experience/Qualifications and Past Performance**

Demonstrated experience relevant to the size, complexity, and composition of the anticipated PROJECT and the experience of Principal Participants, Designer, and other subcontractors and consultants with an emphasis on stream restoration experience, design-build and environmental , and construction techniques using innovative designs and practices.

- **Team Organization**

The proposed organization for the PROJECT, including the percent share for Principal Participants, with emphasis on lead design firm(s), lead construction firm, specialty subconsultants and subcontractors.

The ratings assigned to the technical evaluation factors will be compiled to determine an overall quality rating for the SOQ. The ratings of each of the technical evaluation factors and the overall technical rating for the SOQ will be arrived at through a consensus process. Numerical scores will not be assigned.

Quality ratings for each technical evaluation factor and the overall technical rating for the SOQ will be based on the following quality rating criteria:

EXCEPTIONAL ~ The Proposer has provided information relative to its qualifications which is considered to significantly exceed stated objectives/requirements in a beneficial way and indicates a consistently outstanding level of quality. There are essentially no weaknesses.

GOOD ~ The Proposer has presented information relative to its qualifications which is considered to exceed stated objectives/requirements and offers a generally better than acceptable level of quality. Weaknesses, if any, are very minor.

ACCEPTABLE ~ The Proposer has presented information relative to its qualifications, which is considered to meet the stated objectives/requirements, and has an acceptable level of quality. Weaknesses are minor and can be corrected.

UNACCEPTABLE ~ The Proposer has presented information relative to its qualifications that contains significant weaknesses and/or deficiencies and/or unacceptable level of quality. The SOQ fails to meet the stated objectives and/or requirements and/or lacks essential information and is conflicting and/or unproductive. Weaknesses/deficiencies are so major and/or extensive that a major revision to the SOQ would be necessary and/or are not correctable.

The evaluators may also use a plus (+) or minus (-) suffix to further differentiate the strengths or limitations within a technical rating.

Relative Importance of the Technical Evaluation Factors

The technical evaluation factor of Team Experience/Qualifications and Past Performance is more important than Team Organization.

Any SOQ that receives an overall rating of Unacceptable in one or more technical evaluation factors will receive an overall SOQ rating of Unacceptable and shall not be included in the RCL.

d. REQUESTS FOR CLARIFICATION

The Proposer shall provide accurate and complete information to the ADMINISTRATION. If information is not complete, the ADMINISTRATION will either declare the SOQ non-responsive or notify the Proposer, who may be allowed to participate further in the procurement of this PROJECT if all information required is provided within the timeframe established by the ADMINISTRATION. Any insufficient statements or incomplete affidavits will be returned directly to the Proposer by the ADMINISTRATION with notations of the insufficiencies or omissions and with a request for clarifications and/or submittal of corrected, supplemental or missing documents. If a response is not provided, the SOQ may be declared non-responsive.

The ADMINISTRATION may waive technical irregularities in the form of the SOQ of the Proposer that do not alter the quality or quantity of the information provided.

The ADMINISTRATION may, at its sole discretion, request clarifications and/or supplemental information from a Proposer regarding its SOQ, at any time prior to finalizing the Reduced Candidate List. All clarification requests and responses shall be in letter format in writing by e-mail. Responses shall be limited to answering the specific information requested by the ADMINISTRATION.

Proposers' e-mail follow-up responses (and confirmed by mail) to inquiries by the ADMINISTRATION shall be submitted to the address(es) indicated below or as otherwise specified in writing by the ADMINISTRATION. Responses shall be submitted to:

Ms. Sonal Sanghavi
Director, Office of Environmental Design
Maryland State Highway Administration
e-mail address: SHAPatuxent@sha.state.md.us

In the event a material error is discovered in the RFQ during the SOQ evaluation process, the ADMINISTRATION will issue an Addendum to all Proposers that have submitted SOQs, requesting revised SOQs based upon the corrected RFQ.

e. DETERMINATION OF THE REDUCED CANDIDATE LIST

The ADMINISTRATION will establish a Reduced Candidate List (RCL). Based on evaluation of the SOQs, the RCL will consist of the top most highly qualified Proposers. The unsuccessful teams shall be notified in writing and provided an opportunity for a debriefing.

f. CHALLENGES

The decision of the ADMINISTRATION on the Reduced Candidates List and the subsequent award of the Contract shall be final and shall not be appealable, reviewable, or reopened in any way, except as provided in Section E of this RFQ. Persons participating in the RFQ phase of this procurement shall be deemed to have accepted this condition and the other requirements of this RFQ.

C. CONTENTS FOR SOQ SUBMISSION

a. COVER LETTER (2 pages maximum)

The cover letter includes mandatory information requirements. The Cover Letter will not be part of the evaluations.

The cover letter must be addressed to:

Ms. Norie A. Calvert, Director
Office of Procurement and Contracts
Maryland State Highway Administration
Fourth Floor, C-405
707 North Calvert Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

The SOQ submittal cover letter must be signed by individual(s) authorized to represent the Major Participant firm(s) and the lead Constructor firm(s). A Major Participant is defined as the legal entity, firm or company, individually or as a party in a joint venture or limited liability company or some other legal entity, that will be signatory to the Design-Build Contract with the ADMINISTRATION. Major Participant(s) will be expected to accept joint and several liability for performance of the Design-Build Contract. Major Participants are not design subconsultants, construction subcontractors or any other subcontractors to the legal entity that signs the Design-Build Contract.

If the design-build contracting entity will be a joint venture, or some other entity involving multiple firms, all Major Participant firms involved must have an authorized representative sign the cover letter.

The cover letter shall include the following:

- a. Names, main role and license or certification information of all Major Participant firms and the lead constructor and design firms if not a Major Participant firm, and other firms that are now being committed to the design-build team. You must include at least your lead design firm and your lead constructor firm in the design-build team at this time.
- b. The primary and secondary individual contacts for the Major Participant firm(s) with address, phone number, and E-mail address where all communications from the ADMINISTRATION should be directed for this RFQ phase.
- c. Include an affirmative declaration that indicates to the best knowledge and belief of each Major Participant Firm, including the lead design firm if not a Major Participant firm, the information supplied in the SOQ is true and accurate.
- d. Include a declaration that each Major Participant firm(s) and the lead design and lead constructor firm, if not a Major Participant firm, are prepared to provide the necessary financial, material, equipment, labor and staff resources to perform the PROJECT.
- e. Include a declaration by the Major Participants that signatories are affirming their intent to enter into a legal organization that shall constitute the DB Team.

- f. Include a general authorization for the ADMINISTRATION to confirm all information contained in the SOQ submittal with third parties, and indicate limitations, if any, to such authorization.

b. EVALUATION FACTORS

I. Team Experience/Qualifications and Past Performance (Page limits by subsection)

The Design-Builder must demonstrate their experience on comparable projects with detailed descriptions. Information that is not detailed or relevant will not be considered acceptable. The information for each staff member shall be relevant to the role and function they will perform on this PROJECT. The resumes for key staff must identify the function the staff member will fulfill on this PROJECT and include their role or function on relevant projects. The ADMINISTRATION strongly recommends that the primary and secondary contacts are key staff members.

A. Lead Design firm experience: (11 pages max)

a. Experience and qualifications documentation

- i. Submit resumes of the following key design firm management and staff, highlighting their relevant experience on similar type projects.
 - 1. Project Design Manager - Shall be a Maryland registered Professional Engineer who is an owner or employee of the lead design firm and shall have a minimum of ten (10) years demonstrated experience in managing design for projects of similar scope and complexity as this PROJECT. Emphasize stream restoration design experience of similar size, type and complexity. Emphasize Design-Build experience.
 - 2. Hydrologic/Hydraulic Design Engineer – Shall be a Maryland registered Professional Engineer with a minimum of ten (10) years demonstrated experience related to water resources engineering including hydrology and open channel hydraulic modeling investigations, analysis and design. Additional emphasis shall be placed on experience with design and permitting of similar scope and size as this PROJECT. Emphasize experience coordinating necessary permits as well as coordination with the associated regulatory agencies.

3. Geotechnical Engineer - Shall be a professional Engineer registered in the State of Maryland with a minimum of ten (10) years experience in geotechnical investigations and design that included work of similar scope and size. Specific experiences include but not limited to: experience in subsurface investigation and geotechnical design for stream restoration and related environmental projects, interpretation of geotechnical subsurface information, soil laboratory testing, utility load testing including ASTM C-500 or related tests, geotechnical analysis, groundwater infiltration, and other soil testing.

4. Stream Restoration Specialist - Stream Restoration Specialist shall have a minimum of ten (10) years of demonstrated experience in developing restoration plans for stream, floodplain, wetland or forest projects that include work of similar scope and size of as this PROJECT. Emphasize stream restoration design, permitting, stream ecology experience, and landscaping experience.

Resumes shall be a maximum of **one (1) page** each and shall follow attached Form A-1. Form A-1 is included as part of the maximum page limit for this section.

- ii. Using attached Form A-2, past Project Description, provide a listing of three (3) projects that highlight design experience relevant to this PROJECT, which the lead design firm performed over the last ten (10) years. One (1) additional page per project will be allowed to display a plan view of the final design of the overall project. The plan view should be printed on an 11 x 17 size page and should show that the example project is of similar size, type and complexity as the PROJECT. Provide detailed information why design schedules or design budgets were not met. Design-build experience is preferred. Use **one (1) form** per project.

B. Lead Constructor firm experience: (6 pages max)

a. Experience and qualifications documentation

- i. Submit resumes of the following key construction firm management and staff, highlighting their relevant experience on similar type projects.

1. Design-Build Project Manager - Shall have a minimum of ten (10) years demonstrated experience in construction and management of construction on stream restoration projects

with similar size, type of work, and complexity as this PROJECT, emphasize Design-Build experience and project management experience. Emphasize experience in coordination of concurrent design and permitting.

2. Construction Manager - Shall have a minimum of ten (10) years demonstrated construction experience in stream restoration projects similar in nature to the PROJECT, and include environmental sensitivity, utility coordination, community sensitivity and maintenance of stream flow. Emphasize experience in coordination of concurrent design and permitting.

Resumes shall be a maximum of **one (1) page** each and shall follow attached Form A-1. Form A-1 is included as part of the maximum page limit for this section.

- ii. Using attached Form A-2, past Project Description, provide a listing of three (3) projects that highlight construction experience relevant to this PROJECT, which the lead constructor firm performed over the last ten (10) years. Provide detailed information why project completion dates or construction costs were not met. Use **one (1) form** per project.
- iii. **Erosion and Sediment Control Quality Assurance rating:**
(Note: the following information shall be excluded from the maximum page requirement set for this Section B.)

Provide record of Erosion and Sediment Control ratings for all projects ongoing or completed within the last four (4) years, using the attached Erosion Sediment Control Quality Assurance Ratings – Past Performance Form. The ADMINISTRATION will evaluate past performance on the Quality Assurance ratings on projects where the Lead Constructor Firm was the prime contractor. Past performance will be evaluated for any project ongoing or completed within the last four (4) years. Lead Constructor Firms that do not have previous experience with the ADMINISTRATION shall provide evidence of satisfactorily implementing erosions and sediment on any project ongoing or completed within the last four (4) years.

- iv. **Environmental violations:** (Note: the following information shall be excluded from the maximum page requirement set for this Section B.)

Describe the circumstances surrounding any environmental violations received in the last five (5) years for which your firm received a fine or a stop work order imposed by either the Owner or a Regulatory agency.

II. Team Organization (2 pages maximum)

- A. **Organization chart:** Organization chart: Provide an organizational chart, not to exceed 11" x 17" showing the functional structure of the Design-Builder Team. Indicate on said chart the person's names, position titles, and firm affiliations in various organization functions. The chart shall indicate the key staff positions as defined above, including additional positions, but not limited to, Environmental Compliance Manager, Environmental Specialist, Landscape Architect, Project Utilities Coordinator, Construction Quality Manager. The chart shall also reflect field construction functions, including, design discipline leads, construction management and supervision leads and other key organizational functions.
- B. **Organization structure:** Explain how the Design-Build Team will be structured to function as an **integrated entity**. Your explanation should include, but not be limited to, discussion on how construction staff will be involved in the design activities and how design staff will be involved in construction activities.

D. SOQ SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

One original and seven (7) copies of the complete SOQ shall be submitted as specified in this Section.

The SOQ shall match the organization as outlined in this RFQ to the maximum extent practicable. Each submittal shall conspicuously reference the RFQ section number corresponding to the submittal (e.g., I. Team Experience). The Design Build Proposal shall be on 8½" x 11" pages using a minimum font size of 12 point, accompanied by finding tools, such as tables of contents and dividers to make the submittals easily usable.

The SOQ may be submitted in container(s) of the Design-Build Team's choice provided the material is neat, orderly, and incapable of inadvertent disassembly. Loose leaf binders are allowable as long as all pages are numbered consecutively. Each container shall be clearly marked as follows:

Design-Build Team's Name

Statement of Qualification

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The SOQ must be submitted no later than **August 21, 2012 prior to 12 noon** (prevailing local time). The SOQ must be delivered to the following location:

Ms. Norie A. Calvert, Director
Office of Procurement and Contracts
Fourth Floor, C-405
707 N. Calvert Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

E. PROTESTS

This solicitation and any subsequent Contract will be administered in accordance with Maryland's Procurement Law, including the dispute provisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Code. Protests must be resolved pursuant to COMAR 21.10.02.

A protest must be in writing and filed with the Procurement Officer. Oral objections, whether or not acted upon, are not protests.

a. TIME FOR FILING

A protest based on alleged improprieties in the solicitation, which are apparent before the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, shall be filed before the closing date for receipt of initial proposals. A protest based on alleged improprieties that did not exist in the initial proposal, but which are incorporated in the solicitation, shall be filed not later than the next closing date for receipt of proposals following the incorporation. For this procurement, the SOQ Due Date is considered the closing date for receipt of initial proposals.

Any other protest shall be filed no later than seven (7) days after the basis for the protest is known or should have been known, whichever is earlier.

b. CONTENT OF WRITTEN PROTEST

Name and Address of Protestor.

Bid or Contract number.

Reasons for protest.

Supporting exhibits, evidence or documents to support protest.

All offers/proposals shall be irrevocable until final administrative and judicial disposition of a protest.

F. RIGHTS AND DISCLAIMERS

a. ADMINISTRATION RIGHTS

The ADMINISTRATION may investigate the qualifications of any Proposer under consideration, may require confirmation of information furnished by a Proposer, and may require additional evidence of qualifications to perform the Work described in this RFQ. The ADMINISTRATION reserves the right, in its sole and absolute discretion, to:

1. Reject any or all SOQs;
2. Issue a new RFQ;
3. Cancel, modify, or withdraw the RFQ;
4. Issue addenda, supplements, and modifications to this RFQ;
5. Modify the RFQ process (with appropriate notice to Proposers);
6. Appoint an Evaluation Committee and evaluation teams to review SOQs,
7. Approve or disapprove the use of particular subcontractors and/or substitutions and/or changes in SOQs;
8. Revise and modify, at any time before the SOQ due date, the factors it will consider in evaluating SOQs and to otherwise revise or expand its evaluation methodology. If such revisions or modifications are made, the ADMINISTRATION will circulate an addendum to all registered Proposers setting forth the changes to the evaluation criteria or methodology. The ADMINISTRATION may extend the SOQ due date if such changes are deemed by the ADMINISTRATION, in its sole discretion, to be material and substantive;
9. Seek or obtain data from any source that has the potential to improve the understanding and evaluation of the SOQs;
10. Waive weaknesses, informalities, and minor irregularities in SOQs;
11. Disqualify any team that changes its SOQ (following submittal) without ADMINISTRATION written approval;
12. Retain ownership of all materials submitted in hard-copy and/or electronic format; and/or
13. Refuse to receive or open an SOQ, once submitted, or reject an SOQ if such refusal or rejection is based upon, but not limited to, the following:

- i. Failure on the part of a Principal Participant to pay, satisfactorily settle, or provide security for the payment of claims for labor, equipment, material, supplies, or services legally due on previous or ongoing contracts with the ADMINISTRATION (or State);
- ii. Default on the part of a Principal Participant or Designer under previous contracts with the ADMINISTRATION (or State);
- iii. Unsatisfactory performance by the Proposer, a Principal Participant, and/or Designer under previous contracts with the ADMINISTRATION (or State);
- iv. Issuance of a notice of debarment or suspension to the Proposer, a Principal Participant and/or Designer;
- v. Submittal by the Proposer of more than one SOQ in response to this RFQ under the Proposer's own name or under a different name;
- vi. Existence of an organizational conflict of interest under Section B.a, or evidence of collusion in the preparation of a proposal or bid for any ADMINISTRATION design or construction contract by (a) the Proposer, Principal Participant or Designer and (b) other proposers or bidders for that contract; and/or
- vii. Uncompleted work or default on a contract in another jurisdiction for which the Proposer or a Principal Participant is responsible.

b. ADMINISTRATION DISCLAIMERS

The RFQ does not commit the ADMINISTRATION to enter into a Contract, nor does it obligate the ADMINISTRATION to pay for any costs incurred in preparation and submission of the SOQs or in anticipation of a Contract. By submitting an SOQ, a Proposer disclaims any right to be paid for such costs.

The execution and performance of a Contract pursuant to any subsequent RFP is contingent upon sufficient appropriations and authorizations being made by the General Assembly of Maryland, or the Congress of the United States if federal funds are involved, for performance of a Contract between the successful Proposer and the ADMINISTRATION.

In no event shall the ADMINISTRATION be bound by, or liable for, any obligations with respect to the Work or the PROJECT until such time (if at all) as the Contract, in form and substance satisfactory to the ADMINISTRATION, has been executed and authorized by the ADMINISTRATION and approved by all required authorities and, then, only to the extent set forth in a written Notice to Proceed. In submitting an SOQ in response to this RFQ, the Proposer is specifically acknowledging these disclaimers.

G. DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE (DBE) PROGRAM AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

a. POLICY

The ADMINISTRATION shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or sex in the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) assisted contract or in the administration of 49 CFR Part 26. The Proposers shall take necessary and reasonable steps to ensure that businesses owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals are provided with a fair opportunity to participate in this PROJECT.

b. DBE PARTICIPATION GOAL

By submitting a SOQ in response to this RFQ, an Offeror agrees that, if included on the Reduced Candidate List (RCL), it shall comply with the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) provisions of the Contract. These provisions are consistent with the applicable portions of the Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) provisions of the State Finance and Procurement Article of the Maryland Code. In this RFQ, the terms DBE and MBE have the same meaning.

Each Proposer on the RCL will be required to make a good faith effort to achieve the established DBE participation goal and provide evidence of such efforts in the Proposal. Such efforts must continue throughout the evaluation of Proposals, Contract award, and Contract performance.

Only MDOT certified MBEs can be utilized to achieve the Contract's DBE goal

The overall DBE participation goal will be 10% of the total Contract price. Additionally, because of the MDOT certification requirement for DBE's, firms are encouraged to submit paperwork for certification as soon as possible.

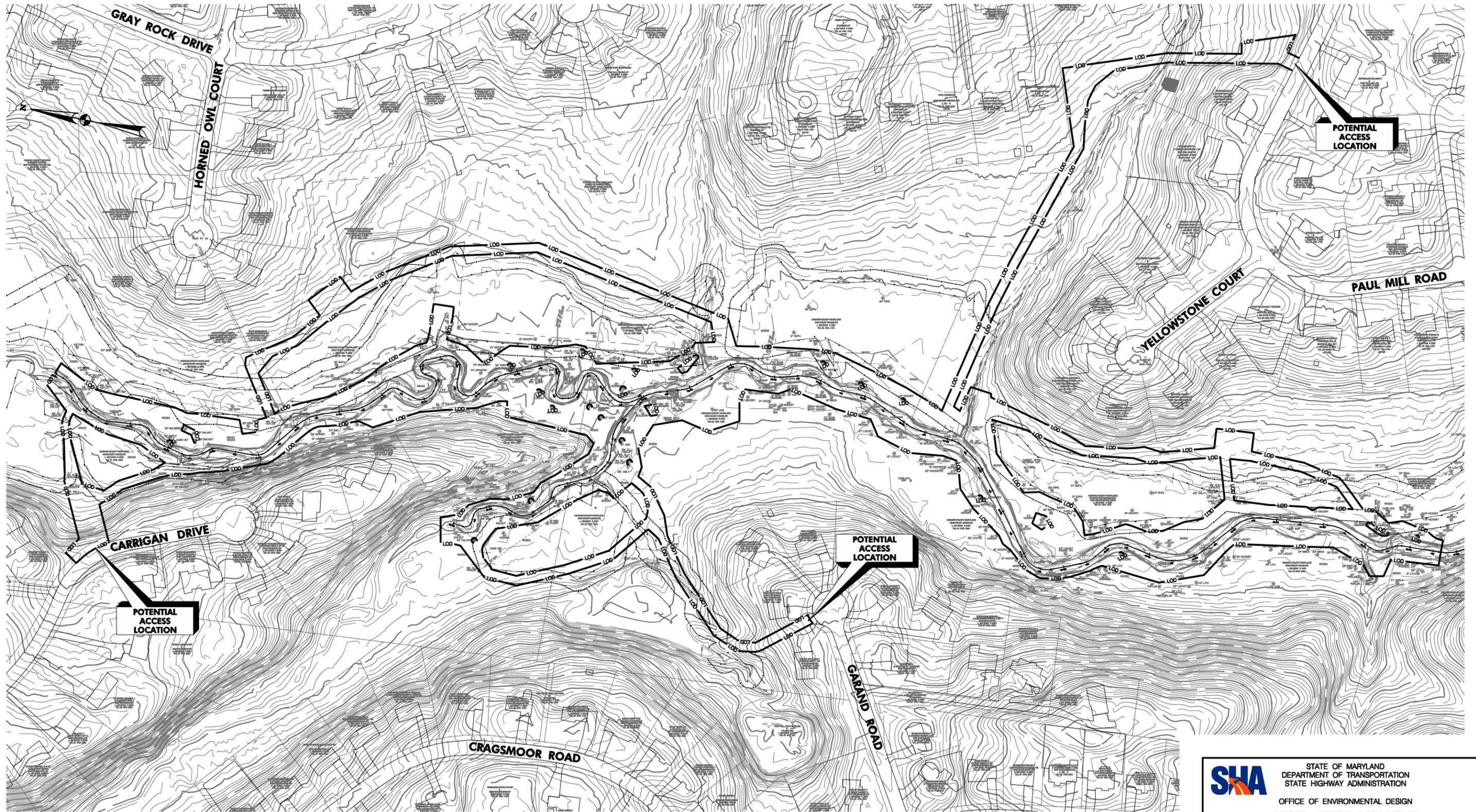
The Design-Builder's shall make a good faith effort to achieve DBE participation in professional services for this contract of no less than **2%** percent of the total Contract price. The goal shall include efforts to achieve DBE participation in performance of professional services under the Contract (including design, supplemental geotechnical investigations, surveying and other preliminary engineering; quality control as defined in the Contract; environmental compliance activities; utility coordination; permitting; and public information). The DBE professional services participation shall be attributed to the overall contract goal noted above.

c. SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

There will be no small business enterprise goals for this PROJECT.

H. PROPOSED PROCURMENT SCHEDULE

Issue RFQ	July 24, 2012
Final Date for Receipt of Proposer's Questions	August 7, 2012
SOQ submittal to the ADMINISTRATION	August 21, 2012
Reduced Candidate List (RCL) Notified	September 11, 2012
Issue RFP	September 18, 2012
Selection of Successful Bidder	Mid- November 2012



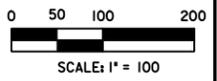
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ACCESS PLAN SHEET

SCALE	1" = 100'	DATE	JULY, 2012	CONTRACT NO.	
DESIGNED BY	LEN/DAF	COUNTY	HOWARD COUNTY		
DRAWN BY	WJW/MER	LOGMILE			
CHECKED BY	SBL	HORIZONTAL SCALE	N/A		
F.A.P. NO.	SEE TITLE SHEET	VERTICAL SCALE	N/A		
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* Potential Access Locations have not been finalized through Right of Way or permitting. All access points may not be viable.



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