

Notice of Request for Proposals to Provide Water Quality

Planning Services

The Region 8 Planning and Development Council (PDC) has received an EPA 604(b) sub-grant funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act from the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a strategic approach for improving wastewater treatment in rural areas of eastern West Virginia. The Region 8 PDC will carry this program out in conjunction with the Region 9 PDC. The PDCs propose engaging a planning consultant to develop a detailed approach to improving wastewater treatment quality using a proven wastewater planning framework of assessment, education, recommendation development and prioritization. The effort will focus on the Opequeon Creek, Sleepy Creek, and South Branch River watersheds in Berkeley, Grant, Morgan, and Pendleton Counties. The effort includes partnership building, assessing of current conditions, developing realistic and effective approaches to treating wastewater in rural areas, and implementation of an educational program. Interested parties should request a copy of the project's proposed work program from the Region 8 PDC to obtain details on the services required from the planning consultant.

Procurement of services will comply with the procurement policies of the Region 8 PDC and the State of West Virginia for procurement by request for proposal. The PDC will award the contract on a fixed fee basis. All consultants interested in being considered for this project must submit a proposal detailing qualifications, technical expertise, management/staffing capabilities and related prior experience. The aim of the competitive process is to objectively select the firm who will provide the highest quality of service at a realistic fee. Accordingly technical qualifications and experience will be weighed heavily during the review of proposals. The highest rated respondents will be interviewed and the organization judged most qualified will be asked to prepare a final proposal, which would include fees for said services.

Please submit all requested information to Kenneth Dyche, Region 8 PDC, PO Box 849, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847, 304-257-2448 no later than 4:00 p.m. on June 4, 2010. This notice extends the deadline for submission of proposals by three weeks. Interested firms are urged to contact the Region 8 PDC at 304-257-1221 or e-mail: kdych@regioneight.org for a copy of the project's proposed work program, grant conditions, and suggested proposal format.

Attention is directed to the fact that the PDCs will undertake the project with federal resources from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded EPA 604(b) Water Quality Program as sub-granted by the WV DEP. The selected firm will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Orders 11246, 11625, 12138, and 12432, Conflict of Interest Statement, Access to records provisions, and other rules and regulations related to the use of federal funds, including those contained in ARRA and the EPA 604(b) water quality program.

The PDCs will afford full opportunity for disadvantaged business enterprises to submit a show of interest in response to this invitation and will not discriminate against any interested firm or individual on the

grounds of race, creed, color, sex, age, handicap or national origin in the contract award. The Region 8 PDC welcomes proposals from disadvantaged businesses.