



REQUEST FOR ANNUAL STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

A. General Information

Rogers Water Utilities (RWU) is seeking annual Statements of Qualifications for engineering, land surveying, architectural, and financial auditing professional services for the period of January 20th, 2025 – December 31st, 2025.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for RWU to reimburse responding firms for any expenses incurred in the preparation of a SOQ in response to this request. The Utility reserves the right to increase or decrease the scope of work related to this project as outlined in this RFQ after a firm is selected to accommodate changes in the needs of the Utility and serve the best interests of the Utility.

B. Submittal Requirements

To be considered one hard copy and one electronic copy of the SOQ must be received, as outlined in section III of this RFQ, by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, 2025**. RWU reserves the right to reject any or all SOQs submitted.

C. Evaluation and Selection

As needs arise for a particular project, SOQs submitted will be evaluated by a committee consisting of RWU staff. During the evaluation process, RWU reserves the right, where it may serve RWU's best interest, to request additional information or clarifications from responders, or to allow corrections of errors or omissions.

Review of Proposals:

1. The committee will review the SOQ's after the submittal deadline date as the need for professional services arises.
2. The SOQ's will be reviewed and rated relative to the evaluation criteria established for a particular project or task. Said evaluation criteria are attached to this RFQ.
3. If necessary, the committee may seek additional information from one or more responsive firms.
4. The Committee shall select three qualified firms, and then select the firm considered the best-qualified and capable of performing the desired work and negotiate a contract for the project with the selected firm. Staff reserves the right to authorize the selection of the firm(s) through the Rogers Waterworks and Sewer Commission prior to contract negotiation.

II. NATURE OF SERVICES REQUIRED

A. Description of Services

Professional services may be required in the areas of:

- construction inspection
- geotechnical evaluation
- structural evaluation
- design of electrical systems
- design of water distribution systems
- design of wastewater collection / treatment infrastructure
- hydraulic modeling of water and wastewater
- storage tanks / protective coating systems
- programming of telemetry systems
- surveying
- architectural design of buildings and facilities
- right-of-way / easement acquisition
- other related areas.

Professional services by a firm of certified public accountants to include:

- Audits of the June 30 financial statements of the business-type activities of the Water Department and the Sewer Department, component units of the City of Rogers, Arkansas, and the related notes to the financial statements in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.
- Audits of compliance applicable to major federal award programs in accordance with the requirements of the Single Audit Act and the Uniform Guidance.
- Certain nonattest services:
 - Adjusting or correcting journal entries to be reviewed and approved by management.
 - A draft of the Water Dept and Sewer Dept financial statements and related notes.
 - A draft of the Water Dept and Sewer Dept schedule of expenditures of federal awards.
 - Preparation of a federal audit clearinghouse submission.

III. SUBMISSION OF STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

Interested and qualified firms or teams are invited to submit one hard copy and one electronic copy of materials that demonstrate their experience in performing related projects.

Submittals shall EITHER be mailed to:

Rogers Water Utilities
Attn: Engineering Dept.
P.O. Box 338
Rogers, AR 72757

OR submittals shall be delivered to:

Rogers Water Utilities

Attn: Engineering Dept.
601 S. 2nd St.
Rogers, AR 72756

Electronic submittals may EITHER be submitted on digital media along with the hard copy at the address above, or emailed to briansartain@rwu.org.

All submittals must be received no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 17th, 2025.**

IV. ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

Any information or material provided beyond that requested in this RFQ may not be considered by the Utility.

V. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following is a description of items to receive consideration in the evaluation of response for providing professional services to Rogers Water Utilities. Following each description are the evaluation points associated with the item with a total of 100 possible points. Wherever used, "page" refers to single-sided, single spaced, 11-point minimum font printed 8-1/2 x 11-inch pages.

Prefacing the qualifications statement shall be an Executive Summary of three (3) pages or less, providing a summation of the statement and bearing the signature of an authorized individual. This Statement of Qualifications shall be limited to no more than 20 pages of text and graphics (23 pages of text and graphics including the executive summary).

Company Information 30 points

Include company background, years in business, and the primary nature of work which the company is engaged. Include a listing of relevant projects completed by the firm within the last 5 years. In addition, Utility may consider history of firm in complying with project programs, schedules, and budgets on previous RWU projects.

Key Personnel & Team Structure 30 points

Include a brief description of responsibilities, project experience, and summary resumes of key professional personnel, as well as the general organizational structure of the typical project team.

Project Approach & Schedule 20 points

RWU is interested in the company's general approach to project data collection, analysis, and design, as well as project scheduling and ability to meet deadlines.

Creativity and Innovation 10 points

Highlight any unique or non-traditional strategies, techniques, or equipment that the company has implemented to bring additional value to clients.

Firm's Proximity and Familiarity with the Area

10 points

Provide the location and function of all offices that may be involved in a particular project. Please describe in detail the company's experience and familiarity with the area, highlighting any projects or other community involvement in the Northwest Arkansas region.

VI. EVALUATION AND SELECTION

The Statement of Qualifications will be reviewed by the selection team and the firms will be ranked according to their composite totals. The detailed evaluation of the qualification statements may include an interview with RWU. Selection and award of the contract may be made with or without interviews. The most qualified will enter into negotiations with RWU as to the terms, conditions, and compensation for performance of the work.

In the event that the negotiations between the most qualified firm and Rogers Water Utilities cannot be accomplished to the satisfaction of Rogers Water Utilities, then the RWU shall reserve the right and authority to undertake negotiations with the second (and subsequently the third) most qualified firm. Negotiations will continue in this sequence until a mutually acceptable agreement has been reached, or until the top three firms are rejected.

VI. CONTACT INFORMATION

Questions concerning this RFQ should be directed to:

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Rogers Water Utilities
601 S. 2nd Street
Rogers, AR 72756
(479) 936-5426 Direct
Email- briansartain@rwu.org

Questions related to audit services should be directed to:

Jered Sigmon
Controller
(479) 936-5405 Direct
Email- jeredsigmon@rwu.org

VII. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Statement of Qualifications expenses shall be borne by the submitting firm. The selection process will conform to the provisions outlined in Arkansas Code Annotated 19-11-801.

Contractual agreements with selected firms require acknowledgement the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 25-1-1002 by certifying that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott

Israel. Selected firms shall also acknowledge the requirements of Ark. Code Ann. § 25-1-1002 by certifying that they do not, and will not for the duration of the contract, boycott energy, fossil fuel, firearms, and ammunition industries.

RWU and the Rogers Water and Sewer Commission reserve the right to reject any or all submittals and to waive any informalities. Nothing herein shall prohibit RWU from issuing a separate RFQ for a particular project if warranted by the project's scope and technical requirements.