BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS WAGON WHEEL ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that Benton County Government (County) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms for the design of the replacement of the Wagon Wheel Road bridge over Spring Creek in Benton County, Arkansas. This procurement process is based upon Title 23 Code of Federal Regulations Part 172 – Procurement, Management, and Administration of Engineering and Design Related Services.

The work will generally consist of providing surveys, environmental studies, geotechnical studies, hydraulic studies, roadway and bridge design and plans, right of way plans, bid phase services and construction engineering and inspection services. This project includes federal-aid funds and all work will be reviewed and approved by the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT). All work and contract requirements shall conform to requirements of the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), ARDOT and the County.

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II should be addressed to:

Terry Lewis Benton County 215 E. Central Ave., Room 302 Bentonville, AR 72712

Five (5) sets of paper responses and a copy in pdf format on a Compact Disc (CD) or USB Drive must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, June 25, 2018. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

The objective is to select the most qualified firm that best meets the needs of the County in the area of design related services. To accomplish this objective, the selection committee will evaluate each consultant based on the following:

No.	Evaluation Criteria	Maximum Points
1	Professional staff including the education, experience, number of personnel available, licensure and registration, and any partnerships with sub-consultants	10
2	General and professional reputation, including responsiveness to civil rights and equal employment opportunity requirements and opportunities	10
3	Past work performance*	10
4	Experience with projects of a similar nature as those advertised	10
Total Points for LOI		40

^{*}Past performance or evaluations from other clients will be considered when the firm has not worked for the County previously.

After a review of all letters of interest received, the selection committee will prepare a short list of consultant firms. Selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit detailed proposals for further evaluation.

This advertisement and any resulting contract shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Arkansas. Any proceeding relating to any cause of action of any nature arising from or relating to this advertisement or contract may be brought only before the appropriate forum in Benton County, Arkansas. All information received by the County regarding this advertisement is restrictive and will not be available before final contract execution of the project.

The County complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA Guidance and any other Federal, State, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations.