NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION NORTHWEST ARKANSAS 10-YEAR TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms for the preparation a Transit Development Plan for the NWARPC Metropolitan Planning Area.

The work will generally consist of preparing a Fixed Route Transit Development Plan to include the following: Existing fixed route and ADA/demand response operations analysis, future fixed route and complimentary ADA/demand response service analysis, fixed route service concepts review, transit hub feasibility analysis, ridership forecasting on potential corridors utilizing FTA'S Simplified Trips-On-Project Software (STOPS), strategic planning, benchmarking transit survey, program and policy recommendations, funding analysis and policy, community and regional action plans, performance measures and targets, evaluation criteria, implementation plan, and development of a brochure/info graphic/dashboard.

Interested firms must furnish a Letter of Interest, together with primary contract information and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II. Five (5) sets of paper responses and a copy in pdf format on a Flash Drive must be submitted to:

Tim Conklin, AICP Transportation Programs Manager Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission 1311 Clayton, Springdale, AR 72762

Responses must be received no later than **4:00 p.m. (CDT) on Monday, August 27, 2018.** Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered. Questions about this request may be directed to Tim Conklin via e-mail at <u>tconklin@nwarpc.org</u> or by phone at (479) 751-7125.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and a request to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission 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, FTA and FHWA Guidance and any other Federal, State, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations.