

**CITY OF UNION GAP
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

PROPOSAL TITLE: Regional Beltway Connector Project
PROPOSAL DUE DATE: June 2, 2016

The City of Union Gap, Washington (“City”) is soliciting proposals from consulting firms with expertise in Civil and Structural Engineering Design. This agreement will be for approximately 18 months in duration with the option for the City to extend it for additional time and money if necessary. Consultants will be considered for the following project. The City reserves the right to amend terms of this “Request for Proposal” (RFP) to circulate various addenda, or to withdraw the RFP at any time, regardless of how much time and effort consultants have spent on their responses.

Project Description

The work to be performed by the CONSULTANT consists of providing professional services to prepare Plan, Specifications and Estimate (PS&E) for the New Regional Beltway Connector Project. The proposed new Beltway connector will establish a federally designated arterial from Main Street near the Interstate 82 and US 97 Interchange (South Union Gap Interchange) to the existing Union Gap and Yakima County east/west arterial, Ahtanum Road. This new Beltway arterial will provide a limited access route through currently undeveloped commercial and industrial property in Union Gap to Ahtanum Road.

The proposed new Beltway will provide an alternative for motorist traveling through Union Gap to or from Interstate 82 (I-82) or US 97. Currently, vehicles must use the heavily traveled Main Street and Valley Mall Boulevard arterials, through the City’s active commercial districts, in order to connect to Ahtanum Road. The new Beltway will particularly reduce freight/truck traffic on Main Street and the eastern end of Ahtanum Road. This is extremely important as the current travel route passes through an existing elementary school zone on Ahtanum Road.

The primary purpose of the regional Beltway connector is to efficiently move traffic and freight between the South Union Gap Interchange and Ahtanum Road thereby improving travel to and from the western areas of Union Gap and the Upper Yakima Valley.

To achieve this primary goal, the Beltway must connect to the I-82/US 97 Interchange via an above grade structure crossing over the existing BNSF tracks. It is recommended to be a limited access four-lane arterial with no driveways and few intersecting roads. Access to properties adjacent to the Beltway will require use of interior roadway systems that connect to the arterial at controlled intersections. Discussions with adjacent property owners regarding potential future development identified roundabouts as being the preferred intersection design. Roadway cross sections may also include a separate 12 foot wide joint bicycle/pedestrian pathway and/or an 8 foot wide sidewalk.

This project consists of a two step approach (“agreement”). The first agreement, preliminary engineering services up to 30%. The successful firm shall develop the project engineering to a

preliminary state that provides a starting point for environmental resource agency permitting; starts BNSF on the buy-in process; and provides a cost-certain construction estimate. Deliverables from this step include 30% Plan, Elevation and Typical Section drawings for the bridge and plan, grade and typical section drawings for the roadway. Also included in this step would be a geotechnical investigation report, utility conflict report, determination of R/W needs, Bridge Type Size and Location report and 30% Level Construction Cost Estimate.

The second agreement would be to complete the final design. This step concludes with PS& E that is ready to include in an advertisement for contractor bid. Deliverables from this step include plans and construction Specifications, final approval of the environmental documents, BNSF crossing permit, R/W plan preparation, bridge load rating & bridge inventory documents in accordance with WSDOT, NBIS and AASHTO Manuals, latest editions. At the discretion of the City, this final design step may be a contract modification to the 30% PE contract or a new RFP.

The City also reserves the right to retain the services of the successful firm(s) for any subsequent phases (R/W, CN) associated with this/these project(s).

Specific project cost estimates shall not be requested until a consultant has been selected.

Evaluation Criteria

Submittals will be evaluated and ranked based on the following criteria:

- 1) Qualification of Proposed Project Manager
- 2) Qualifications/Expertise of Firm
- 3) Ability to meet schedule
- 4) Approach to project
- 5) Familiarity with WSDOT/FHWA standards
- 6) Past Performance/References.

Submittal

Submittals should include the following information: Firm name, phone and fax numbers; Name of Principal-in-Charge and Project Manager; and Number of employees in each firm proposed to project.

Please submit FIVE copies of your Proposal to: *Karen Clifton, 107 W. Ahtanum Road, Union Gap WA 98903, no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 2, 2016.* Submittals will not be accepted after that time and date. Any questions regarding this project should be directed to Dennis Henne, dhenne@cityofuniongap.com

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Information

This material can be made available in an alternate format by emailing dhenne@cityofuniongap.com) or by calling 509.225.3524.

Title VI Statement

The City of Union Gap in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally

assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

All prospective consultants must be advised that federally funded projects will be held to Federal EEO requirements. Consultants will also be held to ADA and Civil Rights language for the employing Agency.

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