

Request for Statement of Qualifications

for

Environmental Consulting Services

Introduction:

RCAC is accepting Statement of Qualifications for professional environmental consulting services for Little Avenue Force Main and Lift Station improvements and Water Distribution System improvements for the City of Gridley.

The City of Gridley has a population of approximately 6500 and is located in the Central Valley on State Highway 99, in Butte County California, approximately 30 miles south of Chico, in the Feather River Watershed. Gridley is a historic town, with an area of approximately 2 square miles at 95 ft elevation above sea level. The City is applying for State and Federal funding for essential water and sewer system upgrades. (California PWS # 0410004 and WDR # r2006-0127)

Purpose of the Project

The City seeks to apply for construction funding under the State's Drinking and Clean Water State Revolving Funds (DWSRF and CWSRF) to accomplish both water and wastewater projects (described below). The Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC) is contracted by the State Water Resource Control Board's (State Water Board) Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) to provide technical assistance in contracting environmental review services for these projects.

Little Avenue Force Main and Lift Station Improvements

The project will replace approximately 2,800 feet of two parallel and undersized sewer force main pipes (4" & 6" diameter) with a new 10" diameter force main pipe that ties into the City's primary 16" diameter force-main to the treatment facility. The existing pipes had a failure and sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) in winter of 2017, caused by a break in the old pipe at an unknown connection to the force-main. The project will also include upgrades to the lift station including new valves and piping to accommodate a single larger pipe as well as the installation of a new permanent backup generator and telemetry alarm system. The alarm system will replace the existing warning light system, which requires nearby residents to call the city for notification of a problem when the warning light is lit. The addition of telemetry will greatly reducing the chance of a SSO for this system.

Water distribution system improvements

The city has very old water lines throughout the distribution system. Some of which are 2-inch and 4-inch cast iron pipe. The 2-inch pipe needs to be upsized to a minimum of 6-inch diameter and the 4-inch should be upsized to a 10-inch diameter pipe. The pipe upsizing project includes the following:
Replace approximately 8,800 feet of 2-inch pipe with 6" PVC pipe, and approximately 37,350 feet of 4-inch pipe with 10 "PVC pipe and associated valves and fittings required. Replace 25 fire hydrants, valves, and service connections, reconnect services with new service connection assemblies and complete road trench repairs.

Work for both projects will take place in existing roadways and public right of way. All new pipe will be installed with 3 feet of cover from the top of pipe to finished grade.

The environmental work will be part of the planning phase in preparation for construction. The selected firm for the environmental portion of the project will be required to complete all relevant permitting and assessment and initial study for CEQA and all federal cross-cutters for DFA.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The Environmental Section within DFA requires the documents listed below to complete the environmental review:

- 1. Draft and Final Environmental Documents** – Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, Notice of Exemptions, as appropriate for the project
- 2. All comments** – Submit comments that were received during the public review period and the Lead Agency’s responses to those comments
- 3. Adopted Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan** – this is separate from, and in addition to, the identification of mitigation measures in the CEQA document
- 4. Resolution/Minutes** – these document that the applicant adopted or certified the CEQA document, made CEQA findings, and approved the project
- 5. Date-stamped copy of the Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption** – these result after filing of the document with the County Clerk and the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research
- 6. Completed Environmental Package** – this is a component of the Funding Application.
(Once the State Water Board receives all the required documents and determines them to be adequate to make its own findings, the environmental review for the funding application will be completed)
- 7. Coordination and supervision of sub-consultant specialists** as required for this project, including but not limited to biological resources, cultural resources, and hazard assessments. The City may also choose to retain its own consultants for technical studies such as traffic and cultural studies
- 8. Attendance and Coordination of meetings** - CEQA presentations and consultation with the public in scoping meetings and public hearings
- 9. Collaboration and coordination with City staff and various consultants** - as well as state and local agencies, as required
- 10. Advise City staff and consultants on CEQA procedures**, requirements and substantive issues, including the public noticing process, filings with state and local agencies, and the feasibility of specific mitigation measures

REQUIREMENTS OF THE WORK -Each Consultant must be prepared and equipped to provide such services in a timely manner and level of effort to meet critical, and at times unpredictable, time deadlines and schedules. COMPLIANCE WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS-Consultant’s proposal must set forth Consultant’s understanding of all applicable CEQA, NEPA, SHPO, OPR, NAHC, PRC, BCAG, Health and Safety laws, guidelines, and requirements including Cal/OSHA Title 8, the CAL-EPA (and local ordinance and/or other applicable zoning or planning ordinances/regulations) relative to the work to be undertaken as well as Consultant’s ability and experience in and readiness for meeting these critical markers in alignment with Environmental services.

Your Statement of Qualifications should include the following information:

- 1) Name, address and brief description of firm.
- 2) Resumes of key personnel to be assigned to this project.
- 3) A one-page narrative as to firm's interest, particular abilities and qualifications related to this project.
- 4) Description of other projects conducted by this firm and key personnel pertinent to this project. Include reference contact information.
- 5) Examples of knowledge, expertise and/or experience with other related work.

One copy of your Statement of Qualifications should be forwarded to the following Email address LStonestreet@Rcac.org 707-890-2294 and must be received no later than 8 p.m. on 12/15/18

Questions can be directed to Linda Stonestreet at the above contact information.

Your firm will be evaluated on the following considerations;

Knowledge – The consultant should have specialized education or training in the aspect of public water system planning as it relates to environmental review of smaller water and wastewater systems.

Experience – The consultant should have professional environmental review experience with similar projects for a similar size system.

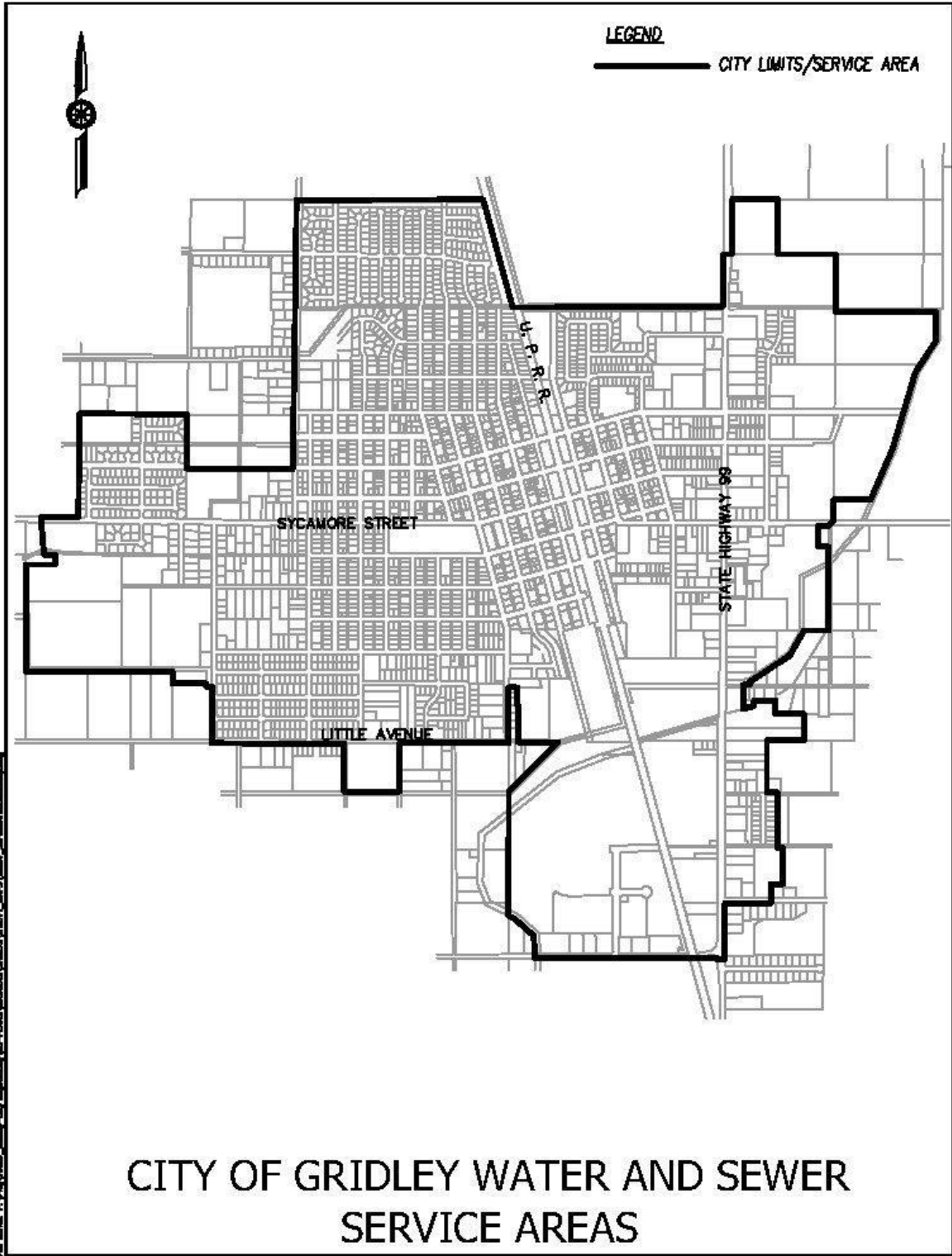
Ability to Serve – The consultant should demonstrate that sufficient uncommitted time and other resources are available to perform the services within the time needed by the city.

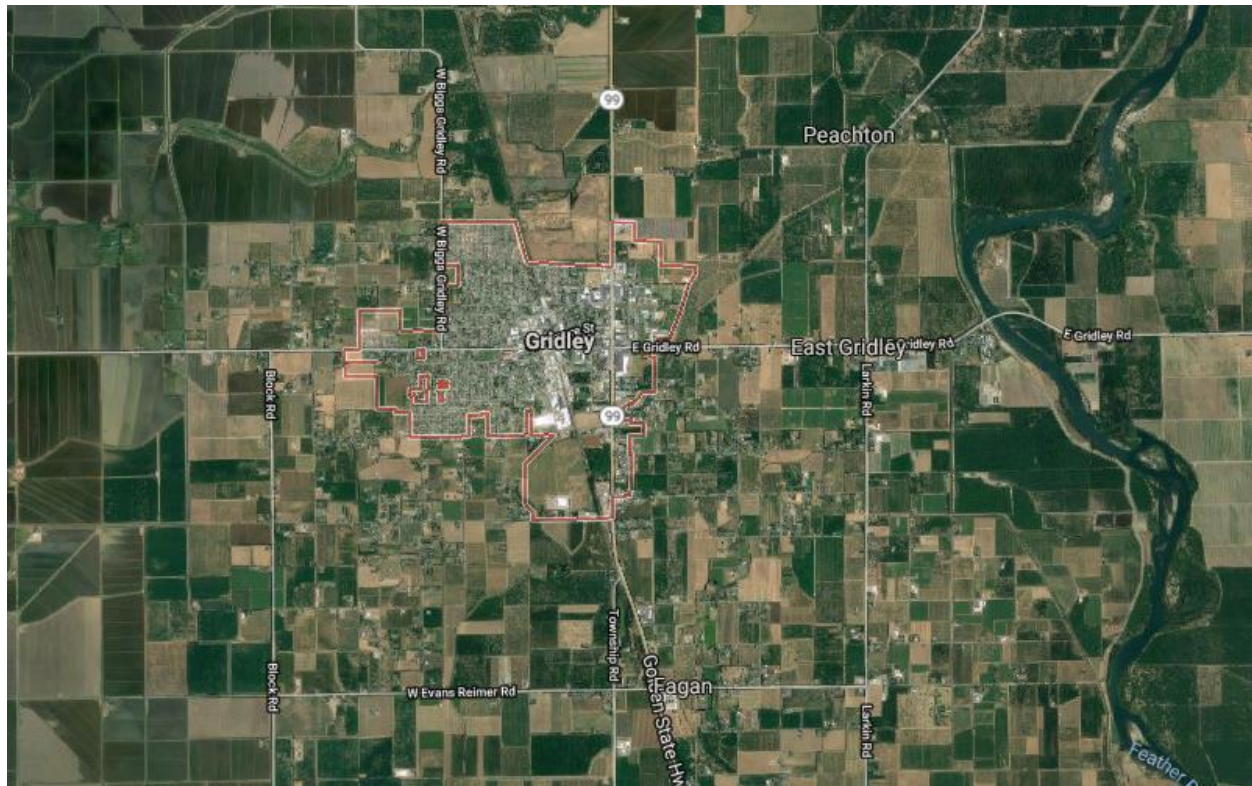
Communication – The consultant should demonstrate the ability to communicate in a thorough and timely manner as needed to keep the city engineer fully and satisfactorily informed.

References – the consultant should provide three or more references from previous clients for water and or wastewater system environmental services performed. In addition to a contact person, please provide information about the type of project, the year the project was undertaken, the total actual versus estimated cost of the project.

Schedule

Request for Qualifications Available	Nov 27 th 2018
SOQ Due	Dec 15 th 2018
Consultant Short List	Dec 17 th 2018
Consultant Interviews	Dec 20 th 2018
Consultant Selection & negotiation	Dec 27 st 2018
Tentative Project Start	Jan 18 th 2019 Tentative completion 5/1/19





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