

**Perform Hydrologic & Hydraulic Services and Transportation Planning Services for
Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure – North Study Area
Request for Proposals**

Questions and Responses

Question #1: Are the vendors on the provided “DBE-Listing-GLO” pdf the preferred subconsultants to be used to meet the HUB goal requirement? Many of the firms on the current list have been bought or have graduated from their DBE status. Is there an updated list available? Or, are other firms acceptable if they have the correct qualifications?

Response: NCTCOG will accept any firm with verified certification as a HUB.

Question #2: Could you provide the SOP from the West Study Area? It was referenced in the scope of work for Task 1 that the North Study Area’s work must be based off of it.

Response: The SOP from the West Study Area is under development and will not be available before proposals are due to be submitted.

Question #3: Please confirm that contractors currently part of TSI project team are eligible to submit qualifications for this opportunity.

Response: Firms currently under Contract for the TSI Project are not precluded from responding to this RFP.

Question #4: Is Scope #2 for the optional H&H services intended to be awarded with this selection, or will that be at some point in the future?

Response: If NCTCOG chooses to award Scope #2, it will be awarded concurrently to Scope #1.

Question #5: Will NCTCOG select different firms/teams to perform each of the scopes described in RFP, or is the intent to select a single firm/team for the project?

Response: NCTCOG will select the firm who is most qualified, which could be one firm or multiple firms.

Question #6: If NCTCOG seeks multiple firm selections, would NCTCOG require firms/teams on Scopes 1 and 3 to be independent of each other?

Response: No, the same firm could be awarded a Contract for scope 1 and 3.

Question #7: Is NCTCOG open to awarding the three scopes to different consultants?

Response: Respondents to Scope #1 should also respond to Scope #2. Only one consultant will be awarded Scopes #1 and #2, should NCTCOG award the option.

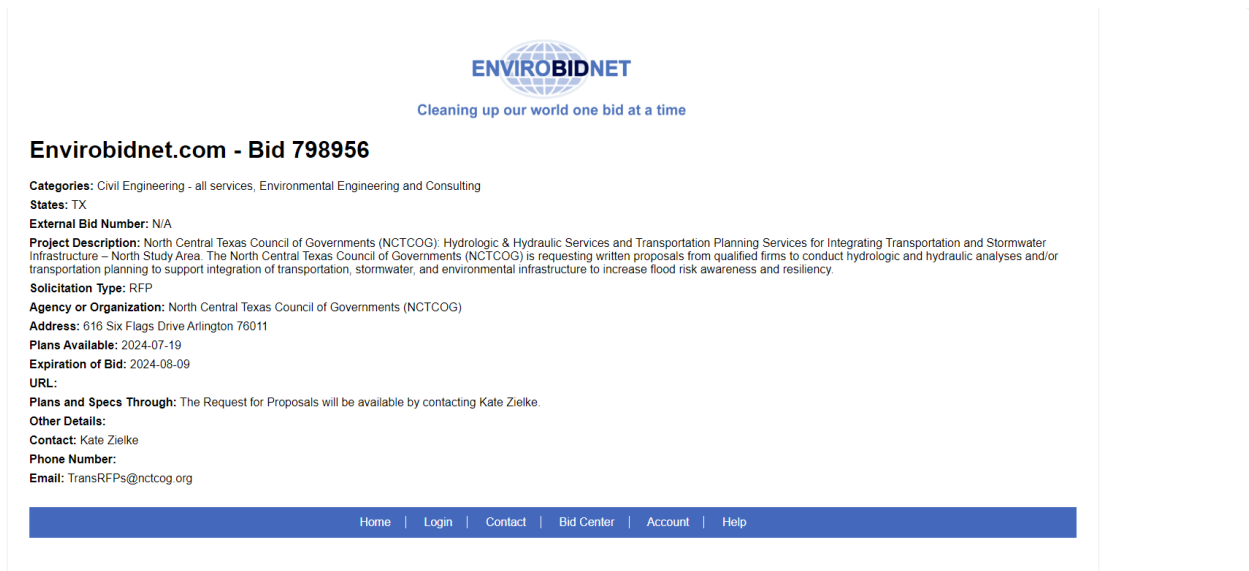
Question #8: What H&H contractor is being used for the West Study Area?

Response: Freese and Nichols is under contract for H&H work in the West Study Area.

Question #9: Who is on the selection committee?

Response: NCTCOG does not provide this information. The selection committees will be composed of individuals with appropriate education, experience and familiarity with the work of this contract.

Question #10: I am interested in obtaining the RFP for the NCTCOG: Hydrologic & Hydraulic Services and Transportation Planning Services for Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure – North Study Area (see attached notification).



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- Categories:** Civil Engineering - all services, Environmental Engineering and Consulting
- States:** TX
- External Bid Number:** N/A
- Project Description:** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG): Hydrologic & Hydraulic Services and Transportation Planning Services for Integrating Transportation and Stormwater Infrastructure – North Study Area. The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) is requesting written proposals from qualified firms to conduct hydrologic and hydraulic analyses and/or transportation planning to support integration of transportation, stormwater, and environmental infrastructure to increase flood risk awareness and resiliency.
- Solicitation Type:** RFP
- Agency or Organization:** North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG)
- Address:** 616 Six Flags Drive Arlington 76011
- Plans Available:** 2024-07-19
- Expiration of Bid:** 2024-08-09
- URL:**
- Plans and Specs Through:** The Request for Proposals will be available by contacting Kate Zielke.
- Other Details:**
- Contact:** Kate Zielke
- Phone Number:**
- Email:** TransRFPs@nctcog.org

At the bottom of the page, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, Login, Contact, Bid Center, Account, and Help.

Response: These are available at <https://www.nctcog.org/trans/funds/overview>.

Question #11: Based on the language in the RFP, it doesn't seem like terms & conditions are subject to negotiation—just the work plan and costs.

- a. Are the terms & conditions of the contract subject to negotiation? And if so, should proposers submit redlines with our proposals?

Response: Minor modifications to terms & conditions will be allowed at NCTCOG's discretion. Proposers should include any comments on the terms and conditions in their proposal.

Question #12: Scope #1 Task#1 (1.1.2) – Can the number of recurrence intervals and scenarios run for the West Study area, or an anticipated number of recurrence intervals and scenarios be provided for this scope?

Response: Approximately five recurrence intervals will be run for both current and future scenarios.

Question #13: Scope #1 Task#1 (1.1.3d)- Have the storms required for storm shifting been established or will that information need to be gathered by the consultant?

Response: The storms will be identified in collaboration with project partners once the H&H work is underway.

Question #14: Scope #1 – Approximately 20% of the hydrology will be completed, but 90% of the hydraulics will be completed as well under Scope #1. How is the necessary hydrology being completed to perform 90% of the hydraulics?

Response: The remaining 90% of the hydrology will be conducted by project partners if the option is not awarded; it will be conducted by the consultant if the option is awarded.

Question #15: Scope #2 Task #1 (2.1.1)- How much of the North Study area has been completed by USACE?

Response: H&H work has not yet begun for the North Study Area.

Question #16: Scope #2- Approximately 80% of the hydrology will be completed under Scope #2 for the TSI North Study Area. Is this 80% is being transitioned from USACE to the consultant?

Response: This 80% of hydrology work will be completed by the consultant if the option is awarded. H&H work has not yet begun in the North Study Area.

Question #17: Can a breakdown be provided of sub-areas included in Scope #1 vs Scope #2?

Response: This has not yet been determined.

Question #18: Scope #1 – Exhibit B is referenced but has not been provided.

Response The language “Exhibit B” was included in error. Please instead refer to language describing Scope #1 Tasks #1-#5.

Question #19: Scope #1 – Do the foundational H&H datasets listed in the RFP (the Interagency Flood Risk Management (InFRM) Watershed Hydrology Assessment and Base Level Engineering models, current/future land use information, hydraulic structure data) cover all the North Study Area such that new models and data are not anticipated to be created?

Response The study will produce new models by enhancing existing models with additional data and incorporating future land use scenarios.

Question #20: Scope #1 Task #3 – Can additional detail be provided regarding the level of support required for the subtasks that are listed as support tasks.

Response The consultant will be one of several partners collaborating on these tasks. The consultant will provide the H&H modeling that underlies these tasks.

Question #21: Scope #1 Task #3 – Can more detail be provided on the difference between subtask 1.3.5 and 1.3.6?

Response Task 1.3.6 provides additional detail for task 1.3.5

Question #22: Scope #3 Task #2 – Can the anticipated stakeholders be identified, and additional detail be provided regarding the level of support required for these subtasks?

Response: Stakeholders include cities, towns, and counties; developers and real estate professionals; transportation agencies; and others with an interest in flood risk reduction, integrating stormwater and transportation infrastructure, and green stormwater infrastructure or nature-based solutions. NCTCOG is the lead agency for stakeholder engagement. The consultant will provide PowerPoint slides and may present those slides at some meetings conducted by NCTCOG. The majority of meetings are virtual. NCTCOG will design and produce outreach materials, but the consultant may provide brief narrative, charts, and possibly visuals to support the narrative for these materials.

Question #23: Scope #3, Task 1 – Would field tasks be included within the “environmental planning efforts” bucket?

Response Field tasks will not be required.

Question #24: Scope #3 – Would USACE coordination be included?

Response: NCTCOG has not yet finalized the project partners for the TSI North Study Area. The consultant will coordinate with several of the project partners.

Question #25: Scope #3 – Would environmental planning also include tasks associated archeological and historic resources, hazmat, and threatened and endangered species? If so, would field tasks be required?

Response: The environmental planning work will be limited to the tasks described in the scope. Field tasks will not be required.

Question #26: Can you provide the report for the West Study Area?

Response: Due to the project timeline, a report will not be available until Summer 2026. The H&H work for the North Study Area will be a combination of 1D and 2D models.

Question #27: Are there any additional add ons or areas to the project? Or is this the entirety of the project? Previously we understood that USACE would serve as project manager for one portion and NCTCOG for another?

Response: As of now, we do not have funding to expand the project, although cities outside the West and North study areas have expressed an interest in the project. The original intent was for USACE to be project managers for the North Study Area, but it was decided that NCTCOG should continue on as the project manager in the North in addition to being the project manager in the West Study Area.

Question #28: Do you expect to adjust the submittal due date?

Response: No. The submittal date is firm due to the grant timeline.

Question #29: Is there a page limit?

Response: Proposals should be printed double-sided and include a footer containing consultant firm name, page number, and total pages in the proposal (e.g., Planning Firm - 1 of 20). Minimum font size should be 11 points. The

proposal response is limited to a total of 17 double-sided pages (total of 34 pages), not including the cover letters, cover pages, and compliance documentation forms. Any supplemental materials such as resumes, project sheets, and/or brochures are limited to five (5) double-sided pages (total of 10 pages) of the total proposal page count.

Question #30: If one team applies to both RFPs, would this be a single interview process or how would that work?

Response: Interviews would be kept separate as the selection criteria differs.