

HIGHWAY 79 CORRIDOR AUTHORITY

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS RFQ No. 2022-2

FOR:

FINANCIAL, ACCOUNTING, AND BUDGET SERVICES

Proposal Due Date/Time: January 18, 2023 @ 3:00 PM EST

The Highway 79 Corridor Authority (the “Authority”) is seeking proposals from qualifying consulting firms and individuals to provide comprehensive financial, accounting, and budget services.

The Authority is a special district government entity created in order to own, operate, and maintain water and wastewater utility facilities within a certain defined geographic area existing within portions of Washington County, Holmes County, and the City of Bonifay. The Authority recently completed the construction and installation of approximately 2.3 miles of water and sewer infrastructure. These infrastructure improvements, along with corresponding planning and zoning changes are designed to draw new businesses and development to the Corridor Area and generate a positive economic impact.

The Authority requires a firm or person capable of providing comprehensive financial services to the Authority, including financial management, accounting, budget development and preparation, auditing, payment processing, and record-keeping services in accordance with GAAP and GASB requirements for government accounting and applicable Florida law, and other related tasks.

Sealed proposals for the above-described services will be received at 1500 Mahan Drive, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, until **January 18, 2023, at 3:00 PM Eastern Standard Time**, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids received after said time will be returned unopened.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal, you **must** obtain the complete Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”) package, which contains additional information regarding this solicitation and instructions related to filing a proposal, from the Authority’s website at www.79project.com/or by contacting Tammy Peters, Government Services Group, Inc. at (850) 681-3717.

All inquiries and requests for clarification concerning the RFQ shall be submitted in writing and in accordance with the RFQ. Verbal clarifications will not be provided.

The Authority reserves the right to waive informalities in any bid; reject any or all proposals, in whole or in part; re-bid a project, in whole or in part; and to accept a proposal that, in its judgment is the lowest and best bid of a responsible bidder. The Authority does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, marital status and disability/handicapped status in employment or provision of service.

ADA – Special Accommodations: Any person requiring accommodations by the Authority due to a disability should call Tammy Peters, Government Services Group, Inc. at (850) 681-3717 at least five (5) days prior to any pre-response conference, response opening, or meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact Tammy Peters via the Florida Relay Service, which can be reached at 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).