

Notice to Engineering Firms Comprehensive Update of Arkansas Water Plan

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission (ANRC) will engage an engineering firm or firms to assist in the comprehensive revision of the Arkansas Water Plan (AWP). Selection will start in January 2012. Work is scheduled to begin in March 2012. Issue identification, recommendations, and a draft plan to be submitted for rulemaking under the Ark. Admin. Procedure Act will be complete by November 2014.

The Request for Qualifications, including a complete Scope of Work is posted at www.anrc.arkansas.gov.

Updating the AWP will include initial process scoping, resource assessments of surface and ground water supplies, water demand assessments, identification of data needs, projection of future water needs and challenges, identification of new or alternative water sources, and integration of input from the public, interested groups, and state and federal agencies in recommending management responses.

Respondents will be evaluated based on written submissions and interviews on their knowledge of water supply, demand, quality, conservation, and infrastructure policy; state water planning experience; familiarity with Ark. water agencies; and stakeholder involvement integration experience.

Interested firms must submit the following documents to ANRC by 4:30 PM, Monday, January 23, 2012:

1. Letter of Interest. A letter of interest displaying a clear understanding of the project, including a positive commitment to complete the work in the specified time-period, and briefly summarizing why the respondent should be selected. Address and contact information for each party in a proposed joint venture must be included.
2. Statement of Qualifications. Statement of qualifications documenting the relevant qualifications of the firm or firms, as well as information summarizing the relevant qualifications of the personnel involved as follows:
 - a. Qualifications, Experience and Competence of Respondent: Information must be included summarizing and documenting the qualifications, experience and competence of the firm or firms in relation to the contractual services anticipated. Examples, summaries, or lists of previous water resource planning work will be helpful to the Commission.
 - b. Personnel Qualifications and Availability: Respondents must identify and summarize the relevant experience of personnel that would actually provide the anticipated contractual services. The Commission will consider the qualifications of these individuals when ranking the Respondents.

Interested firms must file the information described above by postal mail (not electronic mail) or hand delivery by 4:30 PM, Monday, January 23, 2012 to:

Arkansas Natural Resources Commission
Attention: Edward Swaim
101 East Capitol Avenue, Suite 350
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Inquiries: 501-682-3979 and edward.swaim@arkansas.gov Commission website: www.anrc.arkansas.gov

Pursuant to Ark. Code 22-9-203, the State encourages all small, minority, and women business enterprises to submit bids for capital improvements. Encouragement is also made to all general contractors that in the event they subcontract portions of their work, consideration is given to the identified groups.