



Request for Qualifications
City Engineering Services

City of Simonton, Texas

35011 FM 1093
Simonton, Texas 77476

RFQ Release Date – Thursday, April 14, 2022

RFQ Due Date –12:00 pm, local time, Thursday, April 28, 2022

Overview

The City of Simonton (City) is soliciting responses from firms with professional qualifications and experience in providing municipal engineering services. Statements of qualifications will be accepted from individuals, firms, or groups of firms who can demonstrate they have the resources, experience, and qualifications to provide a range of engineering services. It is the City's intent to obtain engineering services on an on-call basis to act on behalf of the City for engineering related activities associated with City planning, infrastructure assessment, floodplain administration, construction and maintenance. The successful firm will provide a single person who will serve as the City's Principal Engineer, Engineer of Record and primary contact. The span of services requested herein need not be provided solely through or by that individual but may be provided by any number of qualified individuals within the firm selected. Sub- contractors to the successful firm may provide services to the City with approval of the City when services outside of general services are required.

For the purpose of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ), the term City Engineer will be used hereafter to refer to the successful firm.

The City Engineer will be required to provide most of the engineering service requested at or through their own facilities. The city does not provide an office or technical support for the work of the City Engineer. Limited office space is available at the City of Simonton City Hall for occasional work or meetings as needed.

Background

The City of Simonton is located in north western Fort Bend county with an estimated population of 971 residents. Simonton is conveniently located 45 miles west of Houston, 136 miles east of Austin, and 168 miles southeast of San Antonio. Simonton is surrounded by rivers and creeks, live oaks and abundant wildlife; Simonton is located in the midst of the Brazos River Valley and coastal gulf prairie. It has the best of two worlds - a peaceful rural setting with starlit skies at night and yet the proximity to Houston and the world-famous medical center.

Simonton is a Type A, General Law City with a Mayor-Council form of government, with a City Manager that serves as the administrative head of the city. The City Council consists of the Mayor and five Councilmembers elected at-large to staggered, two-year terms. Annually, the City Council selects one of its members to serve as Mayor Pro Tem.

Scope of Services

In preparing a response to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ), the City Engineer shall address the following specific components that should be included in the scope of work. The final scope of work will be coordinated with the City staff and the selected City Engineer.

1. General Services
 - a. The City Engineer shall be capable of performing numerous disciplines such as general civil engineering, planning, surveying, landscape architectural design, construction management, environmental reviews, floodplain management, or at a minimum have the ability to coordinate with firms that provide such services.

- b. The City Engineer will review and provide professional services for a variety of issues including plat review, right-of-way requirements (acquisitions, dedications, and easements), site development and subdivision plans, drainage and flood control, subdivisions and planned unit development agreements.
 - c. The City Engineer shall manage capital projects with regard to engineering, budget and cost management, compliance with state and federal regulations, contract administration, construction management, construction engineering and inspection, and quality assurance and material testing.
 - d. The City Engineer shall recommend regulations and ordinances pertaining to engineering and development matters.
 - e. The City Engineer shall serve as the City's Floodplain Manager and perform all required evaluations, recommendations, and reporting in that role.
 - f. The City Engineer will review and verify development within the City Limits and ETJ is designed and constructed in accordance with approved development agreements
2. Drainage Reviews
 - a. The City Engineer will perform all drainage reviews of site development within the City limits and ETJ areas as required by and in compliance with TCEQ regulations.
 - b. The City Engineer shall oversee the storm water management program, coordinate with other entities, and prepare and present studies and updates on engineering matters.
 3. Environmental Services and Regulatory Agency Interactions:
 - a. The City Engineer will provide technical review of and answer inquiries relating to site, building, subdivision, improvement, land disturbance, floodplain development, and construction plans, and escrows relating to various projects proposed by applicants to be developed in the City, to ensure that such conform to City Code of Ordinances and all State and Federal regulations.
 4. CAD and GIS Capabilities
 - a. Must have computer aided drafting and geographical information system experience and capabilities and will, upon request, provide electronic files to the City.
 5. Work Product, Reporting and Communication
 - a. The City Engineer will be expected to provide the City with copies of all work products without limitation, to include reports, analyses, correspondence, plans, drawings, and any other document produced in connection with the relationship with the City in printed and electronic form as requested. The City shall own all rights, title, and interest, including all copyrights and intellectual property rights to all documents that are created in connection with the relationship with the City.
 - b. The City Engineer will be expected to attend periodic meetings of the City Council in addition to meeting with City Staff and permit applicants.
 6. Professional Engineer Requirement
 - a. The selected firm must assign to the City a minimum of one (1) staff person who is a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the State of Texas and a certified floodplain Administrator.
 7. Other Considerations
 - a. The City Engineer will be expected to attend periodic meetings of the City Council in addition to meeting with City Staff and permit applicants.

- b. The City of Simonton prefers firms that specialize in representing municipal entities.
- c. The City Engineer must commit to provide services to the City in a timely manner.
- d. The City contracts with Bureau Veritas for all building permits. The City Engineer will not be required to review building permits except for floodplain and site drainage related items.
- e. The City Engineer will review and provide feedback on future development agreements and/or modifications to existing Development Agreements.

Response Content

Responses must adhere to the requirements outlined in this section. The original statement of qualifications and each subsequent copy must be submitted on paper, properly bound, and appropriately labeled in the following order:

1. **Introduction:** Provide a cover letter and introduction including the name and address of the firm with the name, address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the contact person who will be authorized to make representations for the organization. An Executive Summary shall be provided with an overview of the statement of qualifications, its highlights, and the approach to engineering services.
2. **Service Approach:** A general description of the firm's approach to engineering services and a detailed task plan that addresses the scope of services.
3. **Scope of Work and Schedule:** Discuss each task outlined in the "Scope of Work" section above.
4. **Qualifications:** Describe the firm's resources, experience and capabilities as follows:
 - a. Provide an outline of the firm's background, qualifications, and ability to perform the scope of services required.
 - b. Provide a list and/or organizational chart of the firm to identify the person(s) who will be primarily responsible for contact with the City.
 - c. Identify all key personnel, relevant qualifications and experience, and their level of effort toward completing all needed tasks.
5. Provide a brief outline of the firm's current workload, staffing and ability to meet the schedule and deadlines.
6. **References:** Identify at least two (2) similar clients that the firm currently provides service to, preferably municipal governments in Texas. Each project listed shall include the name of the agency, project manager, phone number, and description of work performed. Past City Engineering services may also be submitted for consideration.
7. **Additional Data:** This section will be limited to five (5) pages. Responses may include any other information the City Engineer deems essential to the evaluation of the statement of qualifications.
8. **Summary of Insurance Coverage**
9. **Completed Conflict of Interest Questionnaire**
10. **Completed Form 1295- Certificate of Interested Parties**

Response Submittal

To be considered, please submit six (6) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy, on a USB drive, of your statement of qualifications to:

City of Simonton

Attn: City Secretary
35011 FM 1093
Simonton, Texas 77476

Responses received after the due date of April 28 at 12:00 p.m. local time will not be considered.

Questions regarding this request for qualifications may be directed to City Secretary, City of Simonton, 35011 FM 1093, Simonton, TX 77476 or by email at: emolina@simontontexas.gov

Review and Selection Procedure

The City Council will evaluate each statement of qualifications and select a City Engineer. The following evaluation criteria and their respective weights will be used in selecting a City Engineer:

Evaluation Criteria	Points
Firm’s experience in the delivery of successful City Engineering services to meet the defined scope of work	20
Qualifications	20
Service approach and methodology	30
Knowledge of local issues in the City of Simonton and the surrounding region	10
References: Two (2) required	10
Knowledge of applicable local, state and federal regulations including but not limited to those regarding floodplain development, building codes, environmental quality, and drainage.	10

The City of Simonton reserves the right to reject any and all responses and to waive any informality in responses received.

Insurance Requirements:

For the duration of the appointment, the service provider must maintain Commercial General Liability insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, Professional Liability Insurance with limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence if available to a professional engaged in consultant's regular course of business, Automobile Liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1,000,000 per accident, and Workers Compensation Insurance as required by the State of Texas.

Service Provider shall maintain liability insurance in an amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, naming the City as an additional insured, covering any such unauthorized disclosure of Protected Information caused by a defect or failure of the Software or any electronic communication system maintained or controlled by Service Provider.

The City reserves the right to establish that these insurance requirements be met and complied with prior to any contractual agreement is entered into. The cost of such insurance is the service provider's responsibility. Failure to comply could result in non-award of the contract.

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR
THE CITY OF SIMONTON, TEXAS**

THE CITY OF SIMONTON

Proposal Request No.2022-01

Simonton, Texas 77476

Telephone (281) 533-9809

The City of Simonton, in accordance with Section 2254.004, Texas Government Code, is requesting qualifications for city engineering services. It is the policy of the City of Simonton to purchase services in accordance with Section 2254.004, Government Code. It is understood that the City of Simonton City Council reserves the right to arrive at such determination by whatever means deemed appropriate and shall be the sole judge in the matter. Instructions for Qualification Statements can be found on the City of Simonton Website at simontontexas.gov or by contacting the City via email at emolina@simontontexas.gov or by mail at the address listed above.

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