

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
FOR
PROFESSIONAL DESIGN SERVICES**

RFP No. 001-2023

Packet No. 1



Project Name: Flora Vista Water System Improvements
Phase 1

Contracting Agency: Flora Vista Mutual Domestic Water
Association

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For information and suggestions on how to fill out this RFP, please refer to the "OWNER'S MANUAL FOR QUALIFICATIONS-BASED SELECTION (QBS)" at www.ptabnm.org.

NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)

Qualifications-based competitive sealed proposals for professional design services will be received by the Contracting Agency, FVMDWA for RFP No. 001-2023

The Contracting Agency is requesting proposals for professional

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| <input type="checkbox"/> architectural services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> engineering services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> surveying services | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architectural services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> planning services | |

for: Flora Vista Water Systems Improvements Phase 1

Project No. 001

Proposals will be received at 2C road 3499 in Flora Vista NM 87415 until 18th of September 2023, 2:00pm.

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFPs) can be obtained in person at the office of Flora Vista Mutual Domestic Water Association at 2C road 3499 or will be mailed or emailed upon request to person's name at phone or email.

A mandatory non-mandatory pre-proposal meeting will will not be held on 8th of September at 1:30 PM at our office located at 2C Road 3499 Flora Vista NM 87415.

Interviews may be held will not be held for this project after the evaluation of proposals is completed.

PURCHASING AGENT:

Flora Vista Mutual Domestic Water Association

Date: 4/19/2023

(for Contracting Agency's Use Only)

Newspaper: <u>Farmington Daily Times</u>	Publish: <u>Engineering RFP</u>	P.O. No. <u>N/A</u>
Newspaper: <u>Albuquerque Journal</u>	Publish: <u>Engineering RFP</u>	P.O. No. <u>N/A</u>
Newspaper: <u>Durango Herald</u>	Publish: <u>Engineering RFP</u>	P.O. No. <u>N/a</u>

[Note: This Notice is issued pursuant to the requirements of § 13-1-104 NMSA 1978 and must be published not less than 10 calendar days prior to the date set for the receipt of proposals (§ 13-1-113) and published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area.]

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

We are seeking a engineering services to plan and design line upgrades, replacement and extensions in the Flora Vista Water service area which will include Old Aztec Highway, Road 3263, Road 3536 and Road 3125. These projects will being done in phases depending on funding.

2. SCOPE OF WORK

The Offeror shall perform the following professional services:

2.1 Provide standard **Basic Design Services**, consisting of:

Architects/Landscape Architects

- Programming Phase
- Schematic Phase
- Design Development Phase
- Construction Documents Phase
- Bidding and Negotiations Phase
- Construction Administration Phase
- Post-Construction Phase

Surveyors

- Property Boundary Survey
- Topographic Survey
- Easement Survey
- Right-of-Way Survey
- Inspection Report

Additional Services

- Environmental Documentation
- Permitting
- Grant Administration
- Right-of-Way Acquisition

Engineers

- Study and Report Phase (PER)
- Preliminary Design Phase
- Final Design Phase
- Bidding and Negotiations Phase
- Construction Administration Phase
- Operational Phase

Planning Studies

- Comprehensive Plan
- Strategic (i.e. issue specific) Plan
- Mapping and/or Zoning
- Other Planning Tasks

2.2 **Periodic** or **Full-time** observation during construction.

2.3 Other (list):

- _____
- _____
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- _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

1. DEFINITIONS AND TERMS

- 1.1. **Addendum:** a written or graphic instrument issued prior to the opening of proposals, which clarifies, corrects, or changes the Request for Proposals. Plural: addenda.
- 1.2. **Consultant:** means the Successful Offeror awarded the Agreement/Contract.
- 1.3. **Determination:** means the written documentation of a decision of the procurement officer including findings of fact required to support a decision. A determination becomes part of the procurement file to which it pertains (§ 13-1-52 NMSA 1978).
- 1.4. **Offeror:** any person, corporation, or partnership legally licensed to provide professional design services in this state who chooses to submit a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals.
- 1.5. **Procurement Manager:** means the person or designee authorized by the Contracting Agency to manage or administer a procurement requiring the evaluation of proposals.
- 1.6. **Request for Proposals:** or "RFP" means all documents, including those attached or incorporated by reference, used for soliciting proposals (§ 13-1-81 NMSA 1978).
- 1.7. **Responsible Offeror of Proposer:** means an offeror or proposer who submits a responsive proposal and who has furnished, when required, information and data to prove that the proposer's financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services described in the proposal (§ 13-1-83 NMSA 1978).
- 1.8. **Responsive Offer or Proposal:** means an offer or proposal that conforms in all material respects to the requirements set forth in the request for proposals. Material respects of a request for proposals include, but are not limited to, price, quality, quantity or delivery requirements (§ 13-1-85 NMSA 1978).
- 1.9. The terms **must, shall, will, is required, or are required**, identify a mandatory item or factor that will result in the rejection of the offeror's proposal.
- 1.10. The terms **can, may, should, preferably, or prefers** identify a desirable or discretionary item or factor.

2. REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DOCUMENTS

- 2.1. COPIES OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
 - A. A complete set of the RFP may be obtained from the Contracting Agent.
 - B. A complete set of the RFP shall be used in preparing proposals; the Contracting Agency assumes no responsibility for errors or misinterpretations resulting from the use of an incomplete set of the RFP.
 - C. The Contracting Agency in making copies of RFP available on the above terms, does so only for the purpose of obtaining proposals on the Project and does not confer a license or grant for any other use.
 - D. A copy of the RFP shall be made available for public inspection and shall be posted at the Administration Building of the Contracting Agency.
- 2.2. INTERPRETATIONS
 - A. All questions about the meaning or intent of the RFP shall be submitted to the Procurement Manager of the Contracting Agency in writing. Replies will be issued by Addenda mailed or delivered to all parties recorded by the Contracting Agency as having received the RFP. Questions received less than five days prior to the date for opening of proposals will not be answered. Only questions answered by formal written addenda will be binding. Oral and other interpretations or clarifications will be without legal effect.
 - B. Offerors should promptly notify the Contracting Agency of any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error, which they may discover upon examination of the RFP.
- 2.3. ADDENDA
 - A. Addenda will be emailed, mailed, faxed, or hand delivered to all who are known by the Contracting Agency to have received a complete copy of the RFP.
 - B. Copies of Addenda will be made available for inspection wherever RFPs are on file for that purpose.
 - C. No Addenda will be issued later than five days prior to the date for receipt of proposals, except an Addendum withdrawing the RFP or one which includes postponement of the date for receipt of proposals.
 - D. Each Offeror shall ascertain, prior to submitting the Proposal, that the Offeror has received all Addenda issued and shall

acknowledge their receipt in the Proposal Cover Letter.

3. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL PROCEDURES

3.1. NUMBER, FORM AND STYLE OF PROPOSALS

- A. Offerors shall provide 7 copies of their proposal to the location specified on Page 2 on or before the closing date and time for receipt of proposals.
- B. All proposals must be typewritten on standard 8-1/2" x 11" paper and bound on the left-hand margin.
- C. A maximum of 50 pages, not including front and back covers, cover letter, table of contents, Resident Business or Resident Veteran Business Certificates/Certification Form, and Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form.
- D. The proposal must be organized in the following format and must contain, as a minimum, all listed items in the sequence indicated:
 - 1) Cover Letter
 - 2) Response to Evaluation Criteria included in this RFP.
 - 3) Other supporting or resource material
- E. Any proposal that does not adhere to this format, and which does not address each specification and requirement within the RFP, may be deemed non-responsive and rejected on that basis.
- F. Offerors may request in writing nondisclosure of confidential data. Such data should accompany the proposal and should be readily separable from the proposal in order to facilitate eventual public inspection of the non-confidential portion of the proposal. A request stating the entire proposal is confidential will not be acceptable. Only matters, which clearly are of a confidential nature, will be considered.
- G. Any cost incurred by the Offeror in preparation, transmittal, and presentation of any proposal or material submitted in response to this RFP shall be borne solely by the Offeror.

3.2. SUBCONSULTANTS

- A. The Offeror shall list and state the qualifications for each subconsultant the Offeror proposes to use for all subcontracted work.
- B. The Offeror is specifically advised that any person or other party to whom it is proposed

to award a subcontract under this proposal, must be acceptable to the Contracting Agency after verification by the Contracting Agency of the current eligibility status, including, but not limited, to suspension or debarment by the Contracting Agency.

3.3. PREQUALIFICATION PROCESS

A business may be pre-qualified by the Purchasing Agent as an Offeror for particular types of service. Mailing lists of potential Offerors shall include but shall not be limited to such pre-qualified businesses (§ 13-1-134 NMSA 1978). For purposes of this RFP, if pre-qualification is utilized, special instructions will be attached as an exhibit to this RFP.

3.4. DEBARRED OR SUSPENDED CONTRACTORS

A business (contractor, subcontractor or supplier) that has either been debarred or suspended pursuant to the requirements of § 13-1-177 through § 13-1-180, and § 13-3-11 through § 13-4-17 NMSA 1978 as amended, shall not be permitted to do business with the Contracting Agency and shall not be considered for award of the contract during the period for which it is debarred or suspended with the Contracting Agency.

3.5. SUBMITTAL OF PROPOSALS

- A. Proposals shall be submitted at the time and place indicated in the Notice of Request for Proposals and shall be included in an opaque sealed envelope marked with the Project title and name and address of the Offeror and accompanied by the documents listed in the Request for Proposal.
- B. The envelope shall be addressed to the Purchasing Agent/Procurement Officer of the Contracting Agency. The following information shall be provided on the front lower left corner of the envelope: project title, project number, RFP number, date of opening, and time of opening. If the proposal is sent by mail, the sealed envelope shall have the notation "SEALED PROPOSAL ENCLOSED" on the face thereof.
- C. Proposals received after the date and time for receipt of proposals will be returned unopened.
- D. The Offeror shall assume full responsibility for timely delivery of proposals at the Purchasing Agent's office, including those proposals submitted by mail. Hand-delivered proposals shall be submitted to the Purchasing Agent or the Purchasing Agent's designee and will be clocked

in/time stamped at the time received, which must be prior to the time specified.

- E. After the date established for receipt of proposals, a register of proposals will be prepared which includes the name of each Offeror, a description sufficient to identify the service, the names and addresses of the required witnesses, and such other information as may be specified by the Purchasing Agent.
- F. Oral, telephonic, or telegraphic proposals are invalid and will not receive consideration.

3.6. CORRECTION OR WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

- A. A proposal containing a mistake discovered before proposal opening may be modified or withdrawn by an Offeror prior to the time set for proposal opening by delivering written or telegraphic notice to the location designated in the RFP as the place where proposals are to be received.
- B. Withdrawn proposals may be resubmitted up to the time and date designated for the receipt of proposals, provided they are then fully in conformance with the RFP.

3.7. NOTICE OF CONTRACT REQUIREMENTS BINDING ON OFFEROR

- A. In submitting this proposal, the Offeror represents that the Offeror has familiarized itself with the nature and extent of the RFP dealing with federal, state, and local requirements, which are a part of these RFP.
- B. Laws and Regulations: The Offeror's attention is directed to all applicable federal and state laws, local ordinances and regulations, and the rules and regulations of all authorities having jurisdiction over the services of the project.

3.8. REJECTION OR CANCELLATION OF PROPOSALS

This RFP may be canceled, or any or all proposals may be rejected in whole or in part, when it is in the best interest of the Contracting Agency. A determination containing the reasons therefore shall be made part of the project file (§13-1-131 NMSA 1978).

4. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

4.1. RECEIPT, OPENING AND RECORDING

- A. Proposals received on time will be opened publicly or in the presence of one or more

witnesses and the name of the Offeror and address will be read aloud.

- B. The names of all businesses submitting proposals and the names of all businesses, if any, selected for interview shall be public information. After an award has been made, final ranking and evaluation scores for all proposals shall become public information. (§13-1-120 NMSA 1978). The contents of any proposal shall not be disclosed so as to be available to competing Offerors during the negotiation process (§ 13-1-116 NMSA 1978).

4.2. PROPOSAL EVALUATION

- A. Proposals shall be evaluated on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications for the type of service required and shall be based on the evaluation factors set forth in this RFP. Price, including costs or fees, cannot be considered in the evaluation of proposals for professional services (architecture, engineering, surveying, and landscape architecture, §13-1-120 NMSA 1978). For the purpose of conducting discussions, proposals may initially be classified as:
 - 1) Acceptable,
 - 2) Potentially acceptable, that is, reasonably assured of being made acceptable, or
 - 3) Unacceptable (Offerors whose proposals are unacceptable shall be notified promptly).
- B. The Contracting Agency shall have the right to waive technical irregularities in the form of the proposal of the Offeror, which do not alter the quality or quantity of the services (§ 13-1-132 NMSA 1978).
- C. If an Offeror who otherwise would have been awarded a contract is found not to be a responsible Offeror, a Determination that the Offeror is not a responsible Offeror, setting forth the basis of the finding, shall be prepared by the Purchasing Agent/Procurement Manager. The unreasonable failure of the Offeror to promptly supply information in connection with an inquiry with respect to responsibility is grounds for a determination that the Offeror is not a responsible Offeror (§ 13-1-133 NMSA 1978). Businesses, which have not been selected, shall be so notified in writing within twenty-one days after an award is made (§ 13-1-120 NMSA 1978).
- D. Selection Process: (§ 13-1-120 NMSA 1978).

- 1) An evaluation committee composed of representatives selected by the Contracting Agency will perform an evaluation of proposals. The committee shall evaluate statements of qualifications and performance data submitted by at least three businesses in regard to the particular project and may conduct interviews with and may require public presentation by all businesses applying for selection regarding their qualifications, their approach to the project, and their ability to provide the required services.
- 2) If fewer than three businesses have submitted a statement of qualifications for a particular project, the committee may:
 - a) Rank in order of qualifications and submit to the local governing body for award those businesses which have submitted a statement of qualifications; or
 - b) Recommend termination of the selection process and sending out of new notices of the proposed procurement pursuant to § 13-1-104 NMSA 1978.

4.3. NEGOTIATIONS (§13-1-122 NMSA 1978)

- A. The Contracting Agency's designee shall negotiate a contract with the highest qualified business for the services contemplated under this RFP at compensation determined in writing to be fair and reasonable. In making this decision, the designee shall take into account the estimated value of the services to be rendered and the scope, complexity and professional nature of the services.
- B. Should the designee be unable to negotiate a satisfactory contract with the business considered to be the most qualified at a price determined to be fair and reasonable, negotiations with that business shall be formally terminated. The designee shall then undertake negotiations with the second most qualified business. Failing accord with the second most qualified business, the designee shall formally terminate negotiations with that business.
- C. The designee shall then undertake negotiations with the third most qualified business.
- D. Should the designee be unable to negotiate a contract with any of the businesses selected by the committee, additional businesses shall be ranked in order of their

qualifications, and the designee shall continue negotiations in accordance with this section until a contract is signed with a qualified business or the procurement process is terminated and a new RFP is initiated.

- E. The Contracting Agency shall publicly announce the business selected for award.

4.4. NOTICE OF AWARD

After award by the local governing body, a written notice of award shall be issued by the Contracting Agency after review and approval of the proposal and related documents by the Contracting Agency with reasonable promptness (§ 13-1-100 and § 13-1-108 NMSA 1978).

5. POST-PROPOSAL INFORMATION

5.1. PROTESTS

- A. Any Offeror who is aggrieved in connection with a solicitation or award of a Agreement may protest to the Contracting Agency's Purchasing Agent and the Chief Administrator/Clerk in accordance with the requirements of the Contracting Agency's Procurement Regulations and the state Procurement Code. The protest should be made in writing within 24 hours after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto, but in no case later than 15 calendar days after the facts or occurrences giving rise thereto (§ 13-1-172 NMSA 1978).
- B. In the event of a timely protest under this section, the Purchasing Agent and the Contracting Agency shall not proceed further with the procurement unless the Purchasing Agent makes a determination that the award of Agreement is necessary to protect substantial interests of the Contracting Agency (§ 13-1-173 NMSA 1978).
- C. The Purchasing Agent or the Purchasing Agent's designee shall have the authority to take any action reasonably necessary to resolve a protest of an aggrieved Offeror concerning procurement. This authority shall be exercised in accordance with adopted regulations, but shall not include the authority to award money damages or attorneys' fees (§ 13-1-174 NMSA 1978).
- D. The Purchasing Agent or the Purchasing Agent's designee shall promptly issue a determination relating to the protest. The determination shall:
 - 1) State the reasons for the action taken; and

2) Inform the protestant of the right to judicial review of the determination pursuant to § 13-1-183 NMSA 1978.

E. A copy of the determination issued under § 13-1-175 NMSA 1978 shall immediately be mailed to the protestant and other Offerors involved in the procurement (§ 13-1-176 NMSA 1979).

5.2. EXECUTION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT

The Agreement shall be signed by the Successful Offeror and returned within an agreed time frame after the date of the Notice of Award. No Agreement shall be effective until it has been fully executed by all of the parties thereto.

5.3. NOTICE TO PROCEED

The Contracting Agency will issue a written Notice to Proceed to the Consultant.

5.4. OFFEROR'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

Offeror to whom award of an Agreement is under consideration shall submit, upon request, information and data to prove that their financial resources, production or service facilities, personnel, and service reputation and experience are adequate to make satisfactory delivery of the services described in the Request for Proposals (§ 13-1-82 NMSA 1978).

6. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS

Resident Business Preference or Resident Veteran Business Preference (required by House Bill 93, 2016):

Points will be awarded based on Offeror's ability to provide a copy of a current Resident Business certificate or Resident Veteran Business certificate.

6.1 Resident Business Preference

For the Offeror to receive a Resident Business Preference, the business shall submit, with this proposal, a copy of a valid Resident Business certificate issued by the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department. The application for preference may be downloaded at the following website:

<http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/forms-and-publications/pages/recently-updated.aspx>.

An Offeror who qualifies as a Resident Business shall receive a 5% preference added to the total possible points of the selection process.

6.2 Resident Veteran Business Preference

For the Offeror to receive a Resident Veteran Business Preference, the business shall complete, sign, and include with the proposal the attached certification form, along with a copy of a valid Resident Veteran Business Preference certificate issued by the New Mexico Taxation & Revenue Department. The application for preference may be downloaded at the following website:

<http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/forms-and-publications/pages/recently-updated.aspx>.

Offerors seeking a Resident Veteran Business Preference will be evaluated as follows:

- A. Resident Veteran Businesses with annual gross revenues of up to \$3M shall receive a 10% preference added to the total possible points of the selection process.

Preference points are added only once to the total possible points of the overall selection process.

Example: A selection process has total possible points of 1,000 points. Five proposals are received: one from a Resident Business, one from a Resident Veteran Business, and three non-resident businesses. The Resident Business would receive 50 points (5% of 1,000 possible points) and the Resident Veteran Business would receive 100 points (10% of 1,000 possible points) which would be added to the total of their evaluated scores, thereby making it possible for the highest possible total points to be 1,100.

An additional example of the scoring process is attached to this RFP.

Note: Neither the Resident Business Preference nor the Resident Veteran Business Preference can be awarded for any project/contract if it includes federal funds.

6.3 Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form

The Offeror shall submit, with its proposal, the signed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form with the name(s) of applicable public official(s) filled in on the form.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GOVERNING LAW

The Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of New Mexico as the same from time to time exists.

2. INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS

The Consultant (design professionals) and the Consultant's agents and employees are independent Contractors and are not employees of the Contracting Agency. The Consultant and Consultant's agents and employees shall not accrue leave, retirement, insurance, bonding, use of Contracting Agency vehicles, or any other benefits afforded to employees of the Contracting Agency as a result of the Agreement.

3. BRIBES, GRATUITIES AND KICK-BACKS

Pursuant to §13-1-191 NMSA 1978, reference is hereby made to the criminal laws of New Mexico (including § 30-14-1, § 30-24-2, and § 30-41-1 through § 30-41-3 NMSA 1978) which prohibits bribes, kickbacks, and gratuities, violation of which constitutes a felony. Further, the Procurement Code (§ 13-1-28 through § 13-1-199 NMSA 1978) imposes civil and criminal penalties for its violation.

4. STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONTRACTING AGENCY AND CONSULTANT (Design Professional)

The form of agreement required by the funding agency or issued by the Contracting Agency will be used for this project. Copies are available and may be reviewed upon request.

5. FEES

A lump sum fixed fee for Basic Services will be negotiated with the Offeror selected.

Additional Services may also be negotiated with the Offeror selected.

6. FUNDING

This solicitation is subject to the availability of funds to accomplish the work.

7. DESIGN PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

All work shall be under the direction of the applicable design professional legally licensed and registered by the State.

8. PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

The Offeror will will not be required to carry professional liability (errors and omissions) insurance. If required to carry such insurance, the amount of coverage will be 1,000,000 dollars.