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Request for Qualification Summary Page

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Section I – General Information

1.1 Background and Understanding

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization (MMMPO), hereafter referred to as MMMPO or MPO, is the federal and state designated regional transportation planning body for the urbanized areas in Monongalia County, West Virginia. The MMMPO coordinates the federally mandated transportation planning process in the Morgantown Urbanized Area.

Given the limited staffing of the MPO and the changing requirements resulting from the transportation legislation, the MPO is looking through this procurement to have available a set of resources that will support the MPO planning process and at times help to address key elements of the Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). We are seeking to have available innovative transportation analysis capability that will be required to support the MPO and to maintain our ability to provide appropriate leadership within the region.

Areas in which the MPO may require contractor support during the term of this procurement include:

- Travel Demand Modeling
- Traffic Study
- Traffic Count
- Traffic Impact Study for Proposed Development
- Special Studies, including Bicycle/pedestrian planning and facility design, land use modeling/scenario planning, freight movement planning, and economic impact studies.
- Development of engineering and designs for specific projects

The following scope of work will provide details on the kinds of analytic support that may be required.

1.2 Administrative/Contractual Information

1.2.1 Purpose

The purpose of this procurement is to make available to MMMPO qualified Consultant resources that will support the MPO planning process and ongoing responsibilities as well as a wide range of analyses that may be required to advance the MPO work program and to maintain the MPO's role as a regional transportation leader. This procurement follows all applicable processes

outlined in the MMMPO's Policy for Request for Proposal Process for Professional and Technical Services.

The Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d, et seq., and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered pursuant to this advertisement will afford minority business enterprises full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not discriminate on the grounds of race, color, sex or national origin in consideration for an award.

1.2.2 Point of Contact

The point of contact for purposes of this Request for Proposals (RFP) is the MMMPO Director hereafter referred to as Director or Procurement Officer as shown below:

Bill Austin, Executive Director
Morgantown Monongalia Metropolitan Planning Organization
243 High Street Room 026
Morgantown, WV 26505
Phone: 304-291-9571
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1.2.3 Question and Inquiries

The Director will accept written questions from prospective Responders. As reasonably as possible and appropriate, written responses will be prepared and distributed to all that have received or requested the RFP packet. Questions may be submitted by mail or, preferably, by e-mail to the Director.

*The director/staff **will not** respond to telephone inquiries and **will not** meet individually with any potential contractors.*

1.2.4 Pre-Proposal Meeting

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held at 10:30 A.M (EST/local time), on **Monday, August 29, 2022**. The meeting information is below:

Join from the meeting link
<https://morgantownmonongaliampo.my.webex.com/meet/baustin>
Join by Webex meeting number(access code): 215 843 093
Join by phone: 1-408-418-9388

While attendance at this meeting is not mandatory for those wishing to submit proposals, it is strongly encouraged.

1.2.4 Submission Deadline

In order to be considered, proposals must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Savings Time) on **September 26, 2022** and shall be submitted to the Point of Contact at the address as noted above. Responders submitting proposals by mail should allow sufficient mailing and delivery time to ensure timely receipt by the Director. Proposals arriving after the closing date and time shall be considered late and shall be rejected in accordance with applicable regulations. Electronic and fax proposal submissions will not be accepted.

The Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal must each be submitted in separately sealed envelopes or packages addressed to the Director and must be clearly marked with the full name and address of the Responder and the contents of the envelopes or packages, e.g., “Qualifications & Experience”, “Technical Proposal”, or “Financial Proposal”.

The Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal must each be submitted in three separately sealed envelopes and shall include an electronic copy (PDF format) on a USB drive. In addition to a USB drive, the Financial Proposal envelope must include One (1) bound hard copy original of the Financial Proposal.

1.2.5 Anticipated Schedule of Activities

Event	Date
Policy Board Approval of the RFP	August 18, 2022
RFP Advertisement	August 22, 2022
Start Accepting Proposals Pre-Proposal Meeting	August 30, 2022
Deadline for receipt of questions (3:00 p.m. EDT)	September 5, 2022
Written Response to Questions	September 9, 2022
Closing Date for Receipt of Proposals (3:00 p.m. EST)	September 26, 2022
Selection Committee Evaluation Period	
Transportation Technical Advisory Committee Review	October 11, 2022
Citizens Advisory Committee Review	October 13, 2022
Recommendation for Award to Policy Board	October 20, 2022

Award Date	October 27, 2022
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1.2.6 Interview

MMMPO may interview all qualified Responders. The term “qualified Responder” includes only those responsible responders who submitted proposals initially judged by the Exec. Director and Selection Committee to be reasonably eligible of being selected for award. Discussions shall be led by the Responder’s Team/Project Manager and will consist of an oral presentation by the Responder to the MMMPO Selection Committee, including questions from and discussions with the Committee. Responders shall be notified of the time, date and location of the discussions. A submission of a proposal does not guarantee a Responder the opportunity to be invited in for discussions.

The MPO retains the right, at its discretion, not to hold discussions with Responders and may award a contract on the basis of Technical and Financial Proposals as submitted if, in the judgement of the MPO Director and Selection Committee, the Responder is response demonstrates sufficient competition so that acceptance of an initial offer without discussion or negotiation would result in a fair and reasonable price.

1.2.7 Incurred Expenses

The MPO will not be responsible for any costs incurred by Responders in preparing and submitting a response to this RFP, any oral presentation(s), providing demonstrations, or for any other associated costs.

1.2.8 Multiple Proposals

A Responder may **not** submit multiple proposals in response to this solicitation. However, this does not preclude subcontractors (Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs) or others) from being on more than one Responder’s proposal.

1.2.9 Alternative Proposals

Alternative proposals to this RFP are allowable and should be addressed as outlined under Section 3.4 Alternative Proposals.

1.2.10 Compliance with Law

By submitting an offer in response to this RFP, the successful Responder(s) selected for award agrees that they shall comply with all Federal, State and local law applicable to their activities and obligations under the Contract.

1.2.11 Incorporation by Reference

All terms and conditions of the RFP and amendments thereto, all provisions of the successful Responder's proposal and submittals in response to the RFP and amendments thereto, and all applicable State and Federal Laws, statutory and regulatory provisions and orders shall be incorporated by reference and made a part of the contract to be entered into as a result of this RFP.

1.2.12 Contract Duration

The contract awarded through this RFP shall be effective for a period of **two (2) years** after Notice to Proceed. In addition to the 2-year base contract term, MMMPO reserves the unilateral option to renew this contract for two additional consecutive one (1) year periods.

Responders are to provide the proposed hourly rates per requested job category for the Years 1 and 2 and estimates for potential Years 3 and 4.

1.2.13 Time for Completion

Task Orders under this contract will be prepared and submitted on an on-call, as requested basis. Each individual Task Order will have specific deliverables, estimated cost and completion dates. Each individual Task Order will require a separate written notice to proceed from the procurement officer.

1.2.14 Task Order(s)

MMMPO will prepare the task order(s) in writing and forward to the contractor. The contractor shall respond to the MPO in writing with a complete scope of work and estimated time commitment (# of hours) for individuals required to perform the assigned task(s). Hourly rates for proposed staff (either prime or subcontractor staff) must be the same rates proposed (for the various labor categories) in the Responder's financial proposal. Rates other than those proposed and contractually agreed upon will not be accepted.

The MPO reserves the right to approve, disapprove or negotiate task order responses with regard to proposed individuals and/or the proposed time commitment (number of hours). Upon approval, the MPO will provide a written notice to proceed which will serve as the beginning of the project time schedule.

1.2.15 Multiple Successful Applications

The MPO may select up to 3 successful applications to provide the service as described.

Section II - Scope of Work

2.1 Task 1 through Task 4

The following tasks are intended to provide a general understanding for the potential tasks that could be part of this procurement. The details given below are only intended as examples for the purpose of completing the requirements of this RFP. The actual tasks will be developed at the time of the request for work to be completed. It should be noted that the list of these tasks does not ensure that work assignments will be guaranteed in each task. Work tasks will be developed on an as needed basis.

2.1.1 Task 1: Travel Demand Modeling

Provide the technical resources to ensure validation and calibration of the region's travel demand model as needed, including analysis of network alternatives and other activities associated with running and maintaining the model.

2.1.2 Task 2: Traffic Study

Provide the technical resources to perform traffic studies at problem intersections or roadway segments at planning and preliminary engineering level. The tasks include data collection and analysis, warrant evaluation, signal timing coordination and optimization, microsimulation, safety mitigation measures, and preliminary engineering design.

2.1.3 Task 3: Traffic Count

Provide the technical resources to perform and analyses traffic count, including annual traffic counts, turning movement counts, and pedestrian/bicycle traffic counts.

2.1.4 Task 4: Traffic Impact Study for Proposed Development

Provide the technical resources to perform traffic impact studies for proposed development, including data collection, land use analysis, travel forecast (trip generation, modal split, trip distribution, and trip assignment), traffic analysis, and traffic impact mitigation measure.

2.1.5 Task 5: Special Study

As the need arises, the MPO will initiate a special study to assist in the development of plans, reports or technical memorandums intended to evaluate specific problems or needs within the region. Examples of such studies include

- Bicycle/pedestrian planning and preliminary facility design

- Land use modeling/scenario planning
- Freight movement planning
- Economic impact studies.

This task is intended to ensure that appropriate resources are available to assist the MPO staff in completing potential special studies that may be initiated.

2.1.6 Task 6: Engineering & Design

Provide the technical resources to perform engineering and design tasks on roadway improvement projects, including intersection improvements, corridor improvements, and spot improvements for motor vehicles, pedestrians, and bicycles.

Section III – Responses to the RFP

A transmittal letter must accompany the **Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal**. The purpose of this letter is to transmit the proposal and acknowledge the receipt of any addenda. The letter is to be signed by the individual who is authorized to commit the Responder to the services and requirements as stated in the RFP. While there is no page limit requirement for the transmittal letter, brevity is encouraged.

The Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal must be submitted **in separate sealed packages** and must be clearly labeled appropriately as Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal and must bear the name and address of the Responder, the name of the RFP (“MMMPO General Transportation Planning Services Proposal”) and the submission date of the RFP (i.e., “07-01-2020”) on the outside of the package. Inside the package, an **electronic original on USB drive** shall be provided. In addition, the Financial Proposal package must also include one bound hard copy original. **All pages in the proposal should be sequentially numbered. There is a 25-page limit** requirement for the Qualifications & Experience, Technical Proposal and Financial Proposal. Brevity is encouraged.

3.1 Qualifications & Experience

All Responders must identify themselves and any proposed sub-contractors (other than DBE sub-contractors) in accordance with the following format:

- Name
- Address
- Telephone
- Contact Person with e-mail address and phone number
- Primary Business Expertise

3.1.1 References

Project References – Summaries or brief descriptions of projects performed by the prime contractor and/or subcontractors which are most related to the various requirements of this procurement should be included. Limit descriptions to those most relevant to this procurement and most representative of the team’s capabilities. Project experience should present and briefly describe relevant project experience for each task and subtask, with the performing organization clearly noted for each project description.

Client References - References must be for relevant projects completed within the past five (5) years. For each reference, provide a contact person’s name, title, phone number, fax number and email address for verification.

Sub-contractor(s) Role

An explanation of the role any subcontractor(s) may perform should be included under the Qualifications and Experience section of the response. A brief description of the subcontractor’s relevant experience and capabilities should be included.

Include Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Certification number, if applicable. Include non-DBE subcontractor(s) role in relationship to each task.

3.1.2 Understanding of the Scope of Services

Responders should submit a narrative indicating a thorough understanding of and recommendations for conducting the work specified in this RFP with illustrations of Responder understanding and a plan for accomplishing all of the activities to be performed.

3.1.3 Experience—Key Personnel

All key personnel (project manager, transportation planner and modeler) from the responder’s organization that are proposed to work under this contract must be included in the qualifications and experience proposal describing each individual’s qualifications, familiarity with and understanding of the elements of the Scope of Work, planning/design practices, programs, policies and procedures, and previous experience on similar type projects. In general, resumes (maximum of one page each) will be an acceptable format. However, additional information regarding special expertise or experience relating to the fulfillment of this RFP should be highlighted.

All key personnel (project manager, transportation planner and modeler) from any and all subcontractors proposed to be used to fulfill the requirements of this RFP shall also submit information describing each individual’s qualifications, familiarity with and understand of the elements of the Scope of Work, planning/design practices, programs, policies and procedures and previous experience on similar projects. In general, resumes (maximum of one page each) will be an acceptable format. However, additional information regarding special expertise or experience relating to the fulfillment of this RFP should be highlighted.

On certain projects the MPO may require that certain proposed key personnel be assigned to the project. In this instance, said key personnel will be identified in the approved Task Order Agreement. If one or more of the aforementioned personnel becomes unavailable for continuation of the work assignment, the consultant shall replace said individual(s) with personnel of substantially equal ability and qualifications. However, any changes to designated key personnel will require the prior written approval of the MPO designated Liaison. If acceptable, changes shall be affected without additional cost to the MPO and without formal modification of the Agreement.

3.1.4 Qualifications

The following employee classifications are to be assigned to the various projects performed under this contract depending upon the project scope. Not all classifications will be required for all project assignments. Required classifications will be determined prior to issuing the Notice to Proceed.

Project Manager

This position will be the MPO's point of contact with the Consultant. More than one project manager may be approved under this contract; though only one shall be assigned to a specific project. The hourly rate submitted on Attachment D shall be used for all project managers.

The Project Manager will be qualified to oversee all aspects of an assignment.

- a. Qualifications shall include:
- b. Minimum of seven (7) years of experience in related area.
- c. Minimum of two (2) years of project management experience in related area.
- d. Professional Engineer, AICP Certified Planner or Project Manager Professional, dependent upon the project assignment.

Design Engineer

This position will assist the Project Manager by developing preliminary to full construction designs and engineering for projects identified by the MMMPO. Qualifications shall include:

- a. Minimum of four (4) years of engineering experience, similar in nature to the work required by the assignment.
- b. Significant knowledge and experience with all applicable reference material and design software.
- c. Professional Engineer

Transportation Planner

This position will assist the Project Manager in completing assigned tasks. Typical areas of responsibility may include one or more of the following aspects of engineering: traffic analysis and design, travel demand modeling, air quality analysis and other activities associated with transportation planning. Qualifications shall include:

- d. Minimum of four (4) years of engineering experience, similar in nature to the work required by the assignment.
- e. Significant knowledge and experience with all applicable reference material and design software.
- f. Professional Engineer/EIT, AICP Certified Planner, or demonstration of appropriate skill set based upon experience.

Modeler

This position will assist the Project Manager/Transportation Planner in completing assigned tasks. Typical areas of responsibility may include both travel demand modeling and air quality analysis. Qualifications shall include:

- a. Minimum three (3) years of experience similar in nature to the work to be performed.
- b. Knowledge of and experience with all applicable reference material and design software.
- c. Knowledge of and experience with all applicable reference material and design software.
- d. Professional Engineer (PE) / Engineer in Training (EIT) registration, AICP Certified Planner, or demonstration of appropriate skill set based upon experience.

GIS Technician

This position will assist the Project Manager in completing the assigned tasks. This individual is primarily responsible for producing the finished drawings/Maps and performing appropriate analysis and data management. Qualifications shall include:

- a. Minimum three (3) years GIS experience on related projects.

Administrative

This position will assist the Project Manager in completing the assigned tasks. Typical responsibilities may include typing reports and providing copying and duplication services. There are no specific qualifications for this staff.

Should the Consultant find that additional employee classifications might be necessary; such information should be specifically addressed in the Financial Proposal Submittal.

3.2 Technical Proposal Instructions

Under separate sealed cover, the contractor must submit an electronic original on USB Drive of the Technical Proposal. For all tasks, any work previously performed within the MPO region should be highlighted.

Travel Demand Modeling

Technical response should describe the Responder's experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. Of particular interest will be the range and quality of the Responder's experience various travel demand models and in particular the TransCAD modeling software. Also of particular interest will be the ability of the Responder to modify the model to meet the particular needs of localities within the modeling region.

Traffic Study

Technical response should describe the Responder's experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. Of particular interest would be demonstration of 1) using transportation software and tools to collect data, analyze and evaluation traffic conditions, and identify solutions at intersection and corridor level. Innovative visualization is highly valued; 2) the ability to use effective strategies in reducing traffic hazard and improving operation efficiency; and 3) the ability to prepare such report in compliance with WV DOH standards.

Traffic Count

Technical response should describe the Responder's experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. The MPO will evaluate the responder's experience in performing and analyzing short term vehicle traffic counts (24-48 hours), vehicle turning movement counts, and pedestrian/bicycle counts. Of particular interest will be the Responder's experience with WV DOH traffic count data standard.

Traffic Impact Study

Technical response should describe the Responder's experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. Of particular interest would be demonstration of 1) using transportation software and tools to evaluate and visualize the impact of proposed development; and 2) appropriate use of the most recent ITE trip generation handbook and TRB Highway Capacity Manual; 3) the ability to identify effective traffic impact mitigation measures, and 4) at minimum the ability to prepare such report in compliance with WV DOH standards.

Special Study

Technical response should describe the Responder's experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. Of particular interest would be demonstration of knowledge and experience in 1) planning and designing for pedestrian

and bicycle facilities; 2) land use scenario planning; 3) freight movement planning; 4) economic impact studies. At minimum, the Responder should demonstrate the ability to prepare such report in compliance with WV DOH standards.

Engineering & Design

Upon receiving grant for implementing transportation project(s), the MMMPO would request Responder to perform engineer and design task for specific project(s). Technical response should describe the Responder’s experience relevant to this task and should describe how the Responder would tailor its relevant experience to this task. Of particular interest would be demonstration of knowledge and experience in 1) design pedestrian and bicycle facilities, as well as road improvements for motor vehicles; and 2) the visualization of engineering designs for community information.

3.3 Financial Proposal Instructions

3.3.1 Financial Proposal Format

Under separate sealed cover from the Qualifications & Experience and Technical Proposals and clearly identified with the same information noted on the Qualification & Experience and Technical Proposals, the Contractor must submit an electronic original on USB Drive and one (1) bound copy of the **Financial Proposal**. The Financial Proposal must contain all cost information in the format specified below.

Responders must enter an hourly labor rate for each category of labor being bid. Each Responder must quote a firm, fully loaded, fixed unit price that is inclusive of all costs, including all direct and indirect costs. See the tables included in this subsection.

The Contractor will be paid on the basis of the firm, fixed unit labor rates quoted in their price proposal and the actual hours expended on a given project by individuals in the various labor categories.

Hourly rates should be provided for the prime Contractor. No individual labor rates should be included for the subcontractors on the price proposal form. Any subcontractor expenses/fees must be incorporated into the hourly rates quoted by the prime contractor for the various requested labor categories.

Position	Assigned Staff	Hourly Rage
Project Manager		

Design Engineer		
Transportation Planner		
Modeler		
GIS Technician		
Administrative		

The Responder must submit the following with the Financial Proposal:

1. Evidence that the Responder has the financial capacity to provide the services.
2. Copies of the last two (2) year-end financial statements or best available equivalent report.
3. An analysis of those financial statements/reports.

3.4 Alternative Proposals

Should the Responder find that additional employee classifications are necessary or if they wish to propose a more innovative technical or pricing proposal approach, such information should be specifically addressed in the Technical Proposal in a separate section labeled Alternate Approach. Cost information for the same shall be added to the Financial Proposal in a separate section labeled Alternate approach.

Section IV – Evaluation and Selection Procedures

4.1 Evaluation Criteria

All Proposals submitted in response to this RFP will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

1. Organizational Expertise and Qualifications (Total Score 100)

- a. Ability to completely perform the activities as described in the RFP Scope of Work on time and within approved budgets. (20)
- b. Capacity, availability and responsiveness of Responder resources and personnel to meet expected project schedules and completion times of the MPO with regard to current commitments of the Responder. (20)
- c. Breadth of Responder technical resources and specialized expertise within the firm. (20)
- d. Relationship of prime and subcontractor(s). (20)
- e. Geographical relationship to the MMMPO region. (10)
- f. Information provided by Client references. (10)

2. Experience of Responder and Responder's personnel (Total Score 100)

- g. Prior experience of firm and key staff with Transportation Planning and Capital Programming. (50)
- h. Qualification of personnel to be assigned to this contract including relevant education, experience and training. Assurance of professional licenses, certifications, and registrations required under this RFP. (40)
- i. Previous experience on other MMMPO contracts. (10)

3. General Quality and adequacy of response to the Scope of Services (Total Score 100)

- j. Responders must demonstrate a complete understanding of and approach to the work to be performed. This should include examples of previous work performed by the firm as it relates to each task. (40)
- k. Quality and completeness of the proposal document submitted. (30)
- l. Ability to meet the procurement's goal and objectives. (20)
- m. Adherence to proposal instructions. (10)

4.2 Selection Process

A Selection Committee will be set up by the MMMPO to review all responses. The Selection Committee will first open and review each Responder's Qualifications & Experience.

If it is determined by the Selection Committee that a proposal has not met the standards and criteria listed in this RFP, the Responder shall be disqualified from further consideration.

If the Responder meets the criteria for Qualifications and Experience then the Selection Committee will open and review each Responder's Technical Proposal.

At the sole discretion of the Selection Committee, Responders may be required to make one or more oral presentations in order to clarify their proposals and to respond to the questions of the Selection Committee. Only those Responders whose proposals have been judged to be reasonably susceptible of being selected for award, or potentially so, will be invited to make oral presentations. Presentations may be scheduled as virtual meetings.

If required, these oral presentations will be scheduled at the convenience of the MPO after the initial review and as part of the overall evaluation of the proposals. Representations made during an oral presentation must be reduced to writing and shall become part of the Responder's proposal and are binding if the contract is awarded.

If it is determined by the Selection Committee that a proposal has not met the standards and criteria listed in this RFP the Responder shall be disqualified from further consideration.

If the Responder meets the criteria for the Technical Proposal, then the Selection Committee will open and review each Responder's Price Proposal. The Selection Committee will then select up to the 3 Responders with the lowest price proposals. However, the MPO reserves the right to select Responder(s) with higher price proposals if they provide a justifiably significant advantage to the MPO.