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Thursday, October 12, 2017

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

For Professional Engineering Services

English River Watershed Management Authority

National Disaster Resiliency - Iowa Watershed Approach

Watershed Improvement Project

On behalf of Iowa County, Iowa, the English River Watershed Management Authority (WMA) Board of Directors is requesting qualifications to provide engineering design and construction services to implement a watershed improvement project funded through the Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) initiative. The project's focus is on local, voluntary partnerships to install best management practices that reduce storm water runoff and improve water quality.

The English River WMA, is working in partnership with Iowa County, Iowa which has been awarded funding for this project through the Iowa Watershed Approach (IWA) project of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as administered by the Iowa Economic Development Authority (IEDA). Noteworthy IWA partners include the Iowa Flood Center, the USDA/NRCS, Iowa DNR, Department of Homeland Security, East Central Iowa Council of Governments (ECICOG), Iowa State University, and the University of Northern Iowa. Target areas for implementation are in Iowa and Poweshiek Counties.

Depending on landowner interest levels, the English River WMA may choose to work with more than one engineering firm. Selected firms will be responsible for the following services in coordination with project partners: site survey, design and specifications; obtaining permits for individual projects; project bidding; pre-construction and construction progress meetings to include appropriate project partners; construction administration; project monitoring with site inspections; and final inspection/sign-off.

The Board will review only information submitted in the written responses. No interviews will be conducted, and staff are unable to meet with firms individually. Project Coordinators will address questions by phone and email, and will routinely update the Frequently Asked Questions document on our website at www.englishriverwma.org, as questions are presented.

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Additional documents (such as evaluation criteria and Frequently Asked Questions) are available at www.englishriverwma.org, or you may contact Project Coordinators Jody Bailey or Ben Curtis at 319-656-2310, or jbailey@englishriverwma.org or bcurtis@englishriverwma.org.

Please send 5 hard copies of your response to:

English River Watershed Management Authority 511 C Ave, P.O. Box 1213 Kalona, IA 5224

Responses are due no later than: Thursday, October 26th, 2017 at 4:00 PM

A committee will review responses and make a recommendation to the English River WMA Board of Directors at their November 16th meeting. Contract award will be with grantee Iowa County dependent upon grant/loan awards and satisfactory negotiations of contract terms. The Engineering services contract will include incorporation of federally required provisions of the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Engineering firm(s) selected must possess a "DUNS" number, as required by CDBG provisions in order to verify eligibility through IEDA (i.e., not barred from federal participation).