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To: Interested Contractors

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From: Denver Service Center

Subject: Sources Sought Notice

Reference: GLAC 307606, Design-Build Replace Swiftcurrent Water Distribution System, Glacier National Park, Montana - GAOA

This is a Sources Sought Notice (SSN) for the purpose of conducting market research. Proposals are NOT being requested, nor accepted at this time. Responses are being requested from both large and small businesses.

Purpose: The purpose of this notice is to gain knowledge regarding the type of interested businesses and their qualifications. The National Park Service (NPS) will use information obtained through this notice to develop an acquisition strategy.

The Government will consider the responses in the market research being conducted, and in the making of any set-asides for both requirements, which are anticipated to be separate projects.

System for Award Management: Respondents should be registered and certified in www.Sam.gov.

Additional Information: No proposal package, solicitation, specification, or drawings are available with this notice.

Cost Reimbursement: Response to this announcement is strictly voluntary; no reimbursement will be made for any costs associated with providing information in response to this source sought announcement or any follow-up information requests.

North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code: 237110- Water and Sewer Line and Related Structures Construction

Small Business Size Standard: \$39.SM

Solicitation: The NPS anticipates issuing a request for proposal for each project in the **Summer of 2023**.

Bonding: The NPS anticipates bid, performance and payment bonds will be required.

Project Description:

This project is located in Glacier National Park, Montana. The surrounding area is rural with limited staging areas. The Park will remain open during construction, thus contract activities and logistics must be structured and scheduled to minimize visitor impact. The site requires protective measures to ensure the surrounding area remains undisturbed. There are seasonal/other shutdowns mandated through the construction season.

Project Scope:

Below is some basic project background **and current conceptual scope** being developed for the RFP. The final RFP scope **may vary**.

GLAC 307606, Replace Swiftcurrent Water Distribution System:

This project will be completed utilizing a design-build contract. This project will replace the water system at Swiftcurrent. The effort will include removal and replacement of the well pump and main water line from the existing well. A new well will be installed to serve as a second water source and shall be connected with a new water main line. The existing water storage tank will be rehabilitated, and a new water storage tank will be constructed to ensure the system has adequate fire suppression capacity. A dedicated storage tank supply and distribution main will be added to the system, supporting water systems that serve concessionaires, campgrounds, administrative facilities, and picnic areas.

A new telemetry system and new meters will be installed to improve water system monitoring, and the chlorination building will be rehabilitated. To further improve system reliability during power outages, a new generator building will be constructed and a new emergency generator with a new automatic transfer switch will be installed.

Where asbestos cement pipe is found or if existing underground pipe conflicts with the design of the new system it will be demolished, and disturbed pavement and natural landscape areas will be restored to pre-construction condition. This includes the access road to the storage tanks.

The existing water system in Swiftcurrent was installed over 50 years ago and is well beyond estimated design life. These underground pipe systems supply various concession properties, a campground, multiple residences, and a picnic area, serving over 100,000 visitors per year. Concessions properties include a motel, rental cabins, a restaurant, and a general store. Equipment is aged and failing. Existing leaks are reported, requiring maintenance staff to spend limited time and funding, chasing leaks from location to location, including the loss of approximately 20,000-30,000 gallons of water per day, with unknown cause. The current systems were installed with single points of failure. A single point of failure is a part of a system that, if it fails, will stop the entire system from working. At current design, the water system capacities are insufficient to meet current or anticipated demands for domestic water provision or fire protection. Fire flow minimums are not attainable due to inadequate existing pipe size. Through completion of this project, the Park will have a reliable water system for approximately 50 years. Deferred maintenance of this system will be eliminated. Improved fire flow of the water system will add to the protection and preservation of various historic structures in the area. The health and safety of visitors and employees will be improved through the establishment of a reliable fire protection capability.

Glacier National Park currently utilizes a great deal of its funding and resources to the maintenance of high priority assets, such as water systems. Water systems are important to the mission of the park as visitors and staff alike will make use of this resource. Completion of this project will provide a more reliable system that will meet or exceed capacity requirements for domestic water provision and fire protection for years to come. Ongoing costs to the NPS for repairs will be significantly reduced, allowing for fund savings to be directed to improve visitor experiences. Fire safety measures will be enhanced through improved fire flow capabilities, larger capacity and an improved distribution network of the Park's water system. Additional water storage will ensure sustainable water service for Park operations.

NOTE* Dates for winter exclusion are January 01 through March 31 each year, which are weather dependent. ABSOLUTELY NO winter work is permitted between January 1 and March 31 each year.

Magnitude of Construction for project: Above \$10M

This project will include, but is not limited to:

- Review Schematic Design preferred alternative which will be provided by the NPS.
- Upon award, determine and provide an overall Project Schedule, including design and construction work and proposed meetings.
- Inspect noted fireplaces for wood stove additions.

- DB Contractor shall test all buildings for radon prior to construction, including buildings already fitted with radon mitigation systems. DB contractor shall retest all buildings after building envelope improvements. Buildings that test positive for radon after the second test shall have a radon mitigation system installed.
- Submit DB Design Development and DB Construction Documents for review and approval.
- Construction of the project.
- Provide as-constructed drawings.

Submittal Contents: Firms interested in these projects should possess the following specialized skills and experience and address these specialized skills and experience in their responses to this Notice, a submission of no more than 3 projects shall suffice to show experience and skills. Interested (small and large) businesses should submit the following information:

- (1) Company name, DUNS number, address, point of contact, telephone number, and email address.
- (2) Business type: Classification as a Small Business under the above listed NAICS, Small Business Administration (SBA) certified Historically Underutilized Business Zone (HUBZone), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB), SBA certified Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB), Economically Disadvantaged Woman Owned Small Business (EDWOSB). The size of a small business firm includes all parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, etc.-see 13 CFR 121.108.) Misrepresentation of size status can result in penalties.
- (3) Statement regarding your company's bonding capacity. Letters from bonding companies are REQUIRED at this time to confirm bonding capacity for up to \$15M.
- (4) In addition, businesses may submit existing marketing materials such as capability statements and brochures.
- (5) Contractors shall demonstrate experience with design build-projects to include relationships with Architecture and Engineering (A/E) firms and successfully utilizing the design build construction method. These projects must be of relevant scope and complexity and demonstrate a completion value as identified above for each project and shall demonstrate the following:
 - a. Experience performing the work:
 - Potable Water Systems: Water Treatment, Distribution, Potable Storage, Wells
 - Wastewater: Wastewater Treatment, Lift Stations, Force Mains
 - Power Systems: High Voltage, Medium Voltage, Transformers, Conductors, Switches
 - Telecom & SCADA: Underground Fiber, Infrastructure Local SCADA System
 - b. Relevance of project experience to this project:
 - Maintain existing utilities services while installing new services for short, limited utility outage for cut over of old to new system.
 - Municipal utilities systems
 - Work for National Park Service or other federal agencies.

Submittal Due Date/Time: 4:00 p.m. Mountain Time, **March 03, 2023**

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