Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Fairhope of Baldwin County, Alabama, in the City of Fairhope offices, 555 South Section St. Fairhope, Alabama, until 10:00A.M. November 17, 2010, and then publicly opened thereafter, for furnishing professional services required by the City of Fairhope and described as follows:

**PS002-11 ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER & SEWER STUDY**

Questions or comments pertaining to this proposal must be presented in writing, sent as e-mail or faxed to the attention of the Purchasing Manager, Daniel P. Ames, P.O. Drawer 429, 555 South Section St., Fairhope, Al 36532, e-mail: dan.ames@cofairhope.com, fax number: 251-990-0125, Seventy Two (72) hours prior to the proposal opening or will be forever waived.

All proposals must be on blank forms provided in the Proposal Documents.

The City of Fairhope is an Equal Opportunity Employer and requires that all contractors comply with the Equal Employment Opportunity laws and the provisions of the Contract Documents in this regard. The City also encourages and supports the utilization of Minority Business Enterprises on this and all public proposals.

All proposals, with their guarantee (when required), must be enclosed in a sealed, opaque envelope, clearly identified on the outside as a “Sealed Proposal with Item Name, Proposal Number, City of Fairhope’s Name and Address and Bidder’s Name and Address. Each proposal must be in a separate envelope. Proposals made out in pencil will not be accepted.

Failure to observe the instructions contained herein will constitute grounds for rejection of your proposal. The City reserves the right to accept or reject all proposals or any portion thereof whichever is in the best interest of the City of Fairhope.

The company that is awarded the proposal must have Workman’s Compensation Insurance on all of its employees if work is done on City premises. General Liability Insurance must be maintained to hold the City harmless in the event of an accident. Proof of Workman’s Compensation Insurance if work is done on City premises and General Liability Insurance specifying coverage must accompany this proposal packet. See specifications for details.

No proposals will be considered unless the vendor, whether resident or non-resident of Alabama, is properly qualified to submit a proposal for this type of work in accordance with all applicable laws of the State of Alabama. Where applicable, this shall include evidence of holding a current license from the State Licensing board for General Contractors, Montgomery, Alabama, as required by Chapter 8 of Title 34, of the Code of Alabama, 1975. In addition, non-residents of the State if a corporation, shall show evidence of having qualified with the Secretary of State to do business in the State of Alabama.

Daniel P. Ames,

Purchasing Manager

Posted: 11-03-10
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR
THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS
RFQ NO. PS002-11
WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS STUDY
MAYOR
Timothy M. Kant, Mayor
FAIRHOPE CITY COUNCIL
Lonnie L. Mixon, Council President
CITY OF FAIRHOPE
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
Relating to

Professional Engineering Services for Water and Sewer Systems Study
City of Fairhope Water & Sewer Departments

Background

The City of Fairhope, Al is located in Baldwin County Al., on the shore of Mobile Bay. The City's Sewer Department owns, operates and maintains a wastewater treatment facility, the City of Fairhope Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) with a rated capacity of four (4) million gallons per day (MGD). The City's sewer collection systems consists of approximately one hundred twenty five (125) miles of sewer and force main pipelines, ranging in size, ranging in size from 4-inch to 18-inch diameter. In addition, sixty five (65) pump stations complete the City's sewer infrastructure. The current population served is approximately 25,500. The WRP treatment train includes screening, grit removal, activated sludge with nitrification and denitrification and secondary clarification. The WRP is a Schreiber GRO, with Trojan UV disinfection. The WRP is located 300 N. Church St., Fairhope, Al. Flows are fed into the plant by three trunk lines. The water system consists of ten water supply wells with a total combined capacity of 7,650 gallons per minute. Treatment for all wells consist of: aeration for the oxidation of iron and manganese; The addition of lime for pH adjustment, phosphate for corrosion control, fluoride for dental health, and chlorine for disinfection. The storage facilities include five storage tanks with a total combined storage capacity of 6,600,000 gallons, one 500 gallons per minute booster station. The distribution system includes 397 miles of water main, of these 75 miles are of cast/ductile iron, 320 miles of PVC, and 2 miles of Asbestos Cement. Total customer connections are 15,500.

Purpose

The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is issued as contained in this document. The City of Fairhope, Alabama (City) is soliciting written proposals from professional civil engineering firms experienced in the development of a comprehensive Water & Sewer Master plan as defined in the following pages. The City of Fairhope reserves the right to split the Master plan into two parts, one study Water, one study Sewer. The City also reserves the right to select more than one Professional Engineering firm. Attached to the back of this RFP is a sample agreement that the successful proposers will be requested to execute.

Location / Layout

City of Fairhope Water Reclamation Facility 300 N. Church Street, Fairhope, Alabama 36532. The Water facilities are in various locations. Specific locations will be detailed to awarded firm.

Scope of Work

The City is seeking an experienced consultant who will provide the professional services required to complete this project.
The overall objectives of the Water & Sewer Master plan are:

1. To provide a comprehensive document that will perform a condition assessment of the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), and drinking water systems. The awarded firm will complete the Water Reclamation Plant study first.

2. The above assessment must include an evaluation of the existing data, including the Thompson Engineering, Inc. and Volkert Inc. studies.

3. Assess current City maintenance standards and make recommendations for improvement.

4. Develop hydraulic models of the City's sewer system and drinking water system.

5. Develop a capital improvement program that addresses existing deficiencies, future growth and replacement of Water & Sewer facilities that have reached their defined useful life.

6. Develop a financial structure for future improvements, replacements, and operations of the Water & Sewer systems, with five, ten and fifteen year benchmarks. Develop a schedule of cost for construction of improvements.

7. Identify those portions of the Water & Sewer systems that are at capacity under existing conditions and provide a database that will permit the identification of those portions of the Water & Sewer systems that will become overloaded as additional development occurs.

8. Establish priorities for Capital improvements that will address existing City deficiencies and provide for additional growth that is allowed by the City's land use master plan.

9. To have this study completed with all submittals, including recommendations, transmitted to the City No later than ninety (90) calendar days after award.

10. The successful consultant will work closely with the Project Coordinator Dan McCrory, as well as other City officials.

11. The awarded firm will perform professional services only, and will not be a participant in any construction associated with this study.

**Time Line**

1. The City shall request from selected firms (minimum of three, if possible) for each project that they submit a technical approach or project understanding, scope of services, and other details the City will use to evaluate and select the firm the City determines to be most qualified for specific projects. Interviews or decisions may be required during evaluation of technical proposals.
2. A committee of six (6) consisting of the Mayor, City Administrator, Purchasing Manager, Electric Superintendent, and one (1) member of City Council, and the Superintendent of the Water & Sewer Department will evaluate and rank the design professionals the committee feels are most qualified to provide the required service(s).

3. The City shall then negotiate a contract with the firm ranked by the City as most qualified.

4. Should the City not be able to negotiate a contract with the firm ranked most qualified then the City shall terminate the negotiations and enter into negotiations with the next most qualified firm. This negotiation process may continue and be repeated until the City is able to successfully negotiate a contract.

5. This procedure may also be suspended when the City Council determines an emergency exists.

6. Qualifications of any sub-consultant(s) used to obtain qualification in the various areas are to be included in the firm's statement of qualifications.

7. Upon final RFQ submittal and review by the City of Fairhope, the Fairhope City Council will award the contract.

Request for Qualifications

Ten (10) copies of the proposal must be submitted by the deadline. These copies will be provided to the City of Fairhope for review and recommendation to the City of Fairhope City Council.

Format

Statement of Qualifications should include, but is not limited to, the following:

1) Cover letter and letter of interest (LOI) identifying the projects for which the firm is requesting consideration. List (ten) water and sewer projects of similar nature to scope of work, include references. It shall be vitally important to highlight any and all projects the firm has managed relating specifically to water and sewer studies.

2) Name of firm, address and telephone number. A primary contact with phone number and email shall also be provided.

3) Names, qualifications, and experience of a principal/owner (contractual authority), a municipal services project manager, and key personnel (Task Manager) who would be assigned to a City of Fairhope project. This information should include but not be limited to the following for each individual (a one page limit for each).

a) Number and type of projects in which each individual has been involved (no project should be more than 5 years old). Include reference contact information.
Again, the focus of this task should highlight any and all work performed in the landfill management and closure arena.

b) Key personnel are defined as registered professional engineers, heavily experienced site inspectors, soils testing labs and any other applicable resources related to projects of this nature. Again, the focus of this activity should highlight those personnel with expertise in the landfill management and closure arena.

5) Number and composition of staff that is readily available for City of Fairhope projects, including a table of organization by name to key personnel. Composition of staff should be broken into professional, and technical. Description of the firm’s ability to generally respond to the City’s project needs.

6) Name of responsible firm member and a Municipal Services Project Manager. It is the City’s expectation that this individual will be available to manage any project for which the firm may be selected. The only acceptable reason for this person to not be available for a Fairhope contract is the individual is no longer with the firm. It is the design firms’ responsibility to advise the City of any changes in this individual’s ability to be available for a Fairhope contract.

7) A statement detailing the firm’s Quality Assurance Program.

8) All necessary information required of the attached CITY OF FAIRHOPE: EXHIBIT A: QUALIFICATION STATEMENT EVALUATION.

Selection Procedure

The selection of the Consultant will be completed by the City of Fairhope City Council at a regular Council meeting. Preliminary review will be performed in compliance with the City Council approved selection procedure, by the selection committee. The awarded firm will be selected without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. The committee will recommend to the Fairhope City Council the firm that scores the highest in the evaluation process. The Committee will conduct interviews with the top five (5) scoring firms, prior to a final recommendation. The Fairhope City Council reserves the right to interview selected firm(s) prior to making a final decision. The Council will authorize the Mayor to proceed with executing a contract with their selected firm.

Notification

The City of Fairhope will not be responsible for costs incurred by anyone in the submittal of proposals or for any cost incurred prior to contract execution; The Request for Qualifications is not to be construed as a contract or as a commitment of any kind;

All responses shall be held confidential from other parties by the City to the extent allowable by law. However, confidential or sensitive information should not be included if the applicant wants to protect that information;
The use of subcontractors as described by the Consultant in the Request for Qualifications and subsequent approved and signed contract with the City of Fairhope is allowed in this project;

The selected Consultant is responsible for billing and paying of any subcontractors they employ on the project; The selected Consultant is responsible for insurance requirements;

The City of Fairhope reserves the sole right to: 1) evaluate the qualifications submitted; 2) waive any irregularities within; 3) select candidates for the submittal of more detailed qualifications and presentation; 4) accept any submittal or portion of a submittal; and/or 5) reject any or all submittals, solely at its discretion.

**Application Deadline**

10:00 a.m. on Wednesday November 17, 2010
Submit RFQs To:

Daniel P. Ames, Purchasing Manager
P.O. Box 429
555 South Section Street
Fairhope, AL 36533
251-990-0199
Email: dan.ames@cofairhope.com
CITY OF FAIRHOPE: EXHIBIT A:
QUALIFICATION STATEMENT EVALUATION

Qualifications

Proposal Evaluation Form

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Rating: 1-poor, 2-fair, 3-good, 4-excellent, 5-superior
Weighting Factors (1-5) can be adjusted for each Contract according to the need and priorities of the City of Fairhope.
SAMPLE CONTRACT

CONTRACT DOCUMENTS
AND
SPECIFICATIONS
FOR
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES
FOR
THE CITY OF FAIRHOPE
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENTS

RFQ NO. PS002-11

WATER AND SEWER SYSTEMS STUDY

MAYOR
Timothy M. Kant, Mayor

FAIRHOPE CITY COUNCIL
Lonnie L. Mixon, Council President

Set No. ______
CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES

THIS CONTRACT, made and entered into this ______ day of ____________, 20 ___, by and between the City of Fairhope, Alabama (hereinafter called "CITY") acting by and through its governing body, the FAIRHOPE CITY COUNCIL, and of ________, Alabama (hereinafter called the "PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER"),

WITNESSETH:

That in consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements herein contained, the parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

1.0 DEFINITIONS:

The following terms shall have the following meanings:

COUNTY: Baldwin County, Alabama

CITY: Fairhope, Alabama

PROJECT: Professional Engineering Services related to a water and sewer systems study
1.1. The CITY hereby employs the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER and the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER agrees to perform for the CITY those professional services as hereinafter set forth in connection with the following:

PROJECT NUMBER: PS002-11

PROJECT NAME: ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WATER & SEWER STUDY

PROJECT INFORMATION: Professional Engineering Services to conduct a detailed master plan for future development of the water and sewer infrastructures.

1.2. The PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER will begin work on the professional services outlined herein upon execution of the Contract and shall pursue the work in a timely manner.

1.3. For the purpose of this contract, the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER represents to the CITY that it possesses a Certificate of Authorization issued by the State Board of Licensure for the State of Alabama under the CODE OF ALABAMA, Section 34-11-19 and further certifies that it has the professional, technical, and administrative personnel with the specific experience and training necessary to provide the services as may be required by the CITY. Furthermore, the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER will meet all current licensing and certifications necessary to perform the scope of work.
PART TWO

PROJECT SCOPE

2.0 The PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER will be responsible for:

1. To provide a comprehensive document that will perform a condition assessment of the Water Reclamation Plant (WRP), and drinking water systems. The awarded firm will complete the Water Reclamation Plant study first.

2. The above assessment must include an evaluation of the existing data, including the Thompson Engineering, Inc. and Volkert Inc. studies.

3. Assess current City maintenance standards and make recommendations for improvement.

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9. To have this study completed with all submittals, including recommendations, transmitted to the City No later than ninety (90) calendar days after award.

10. The successful consultant will work closely with the Project Coordinator Dan McCrory, as well as other City officials.

11. The awarded firm will perform professional services only, and will not be a participant in any construction associated with this study.
2.1 The **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER** shall submit the initial entire project plan to the City of Fairhope via hard copy (10 sets) and electronically transmitted in **Microsoft Word 97-2003 format.**

**PART THREE**

**PAYMENT**

3.0. The **CITY** agrees to pay the **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER** as compensation for such professional services in accordance with the rates as indicated on Exhibit “A”, **FEE SCHEDULE**, attached to this document.

3.1. All other expenses actually and necessarily incurred such as, but not limited to, telephone calls, extra reproductions of prints or photographs of drawings, specifications and other documents required for the proper execution of the extra services so required by the **CITY** shall be paid for at cost. These payments shall be due and payable from time to time as the services are performed, or as the expenses are incurred.

3.2. If this **PROJECT** is suspended or abandoned by the **CITY** for good cause other than under the provisions of Paragraph D hereunder, or for cause beyond the reasonable control of the **CITY**, then the **CITY** shall pay the **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER** for the services theretofore rendered on the **PROJECT**, such payment to be based as far as possible on the fee as established in this agreement, and the portion of the **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER’S** services which were completed before the **PROJECT** was suspended or abandoned.
3.3. In the event of failure by the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER to perform any and/or all of the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER obligations in a prompt and efficient manner satisfactory to the CITY, the CITY will have the right to summarily terminate this agreement by giving the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER written notice of such termination, after which the CITY may employ PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER services of its choice to complete the PROJECT and the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER will reimburse the CITY any additional costs which may result for such termination and employment of other PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER services. Failure by the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER to furnish the required services, or to perform any other specific duty required by this contract shall constitute cause for termination by the CITY under this provision. Failure by the CITY to exercise this right to so terminate this agreement for any such default by the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER shall not constitute a waiver by the CITY of its right to so terminate this contract for any subsequent default.

PART FOUR

INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE

The PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER shall be responsible for all damage to life and property due to activities of the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER and the sub-contractors, agents or employees of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER in connection with their service under this AGREEMENT. The PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER specifically agrees that the subcontractors, agents, or employees of PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER shall possess the experience, knowledge and character necessary to qualify them individually for the particular duties they
perform. Further, it is understood and agreed by PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER to the fullest extent permitted by law, the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the CITY, and its agents and employees from and against claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorneys’ fees, arising out of or resulting from performance of the work, provided that such claim, damage, loss or expense is attributable to bodily injury, sickness, disease or death, or to injury to or destruction of tangible property (other than the work itself) including loss of use resulting there from, but only to the extent caused in whole or in part by the negligent acts or omissions of the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER or anyone directly or indirectly employed by PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER or anyone for whose acts PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER may be liable. Such indemnity shall not be limited by reason of any insurance coverage provided.

The PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER, at its sole expense, shall obtain and maintain in force the following insurance to protect the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER and the CITY for all acts performed pursuant to this agreement. The limits and coverage specified are the minimum to be maintained and are not intended to represent the correct insurance needed to fully protect the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.

All insurance will be provided by insurers licensed to conduct business in the State of Alabama and shall have a minimum A.M. Best rating of A-VII and must be acceptable to the CITY. Self-insured plans and/or group funds not having an A.M. Best rating must be submitted to the CITY for prior approval.

**NO WORK IS TO BE PERFORMED UNTIL PROOF OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY.**
(a) **Worker’s Compensation and Employers Liability**

Part One: Statutory Benefits as required by the State of Alabama

Part Two: Employers Liability

$1,000,000 Each Accident

$1,000,000 Each Employee

$1,000,000 Policy Limit

(b) **Commercial General Liability**

Coverage on an Occurrence Form with a combined single limit (Bodily Injury and Property Damage combined) as follows:

- Each Occurrence: $1,000,000
- Personal and Advertising Injury: $1,000,000
- Products/completed Operation Aggregate: $2,000,000
- General Aggregate: $2,000,000

Coverage to include:
- Premises and operations
- Personal Injury and Advertising Injury
- Products/Completed Operations
- Independent Contractors
- Blanket Contractual Liability
- Broad Form Property Damage

The **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER** shall name the **CITY**, its employees and agents as additional insured in all applicable categories.

Liability insurance as required by this contract to provide cross-liability coverage.

(c) **Automobile Liability**

Covering all Owned, Non-Owned, and Hired vehicles with a Combined single limit (bodily injury and property damage combined) of $1,000,000 each accident. The policy shall name the **CITY** as an Additional Insured.
(d) **Professional Liability (Errors & Omissions)**

Coverage shall be maintained during project duration and for two (2) year after completion and acceptance by the CITY.

Limits of Liability

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**Certificate of Insurance**

A certificate of Insurance evidencing the above minimum requirements must be provided to and accepted by the CITY PRIOR to commencement of any work on the Contract. Each policy shall be endorsed to provide thirty (30) days written notice of cancellation to the CITY. The project number on which the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER is working must be included in the description section of the certificate.

**PART FIVE**

**REVIEWS AND SUBMITTALS**

The CITY will review all submittals made during the contract period. The purpose and scope of this review will be limited to determination of the work for the sole purpose of approving intermediate payments to the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER and to otherwise determine contract compliance for the purpose of approving fee requests and determining the PROJECT costs. The CITY is relying on the skill, care, experience, diligence and professional expertise of the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER to perform the required work with the degree of care and skill ordinarily used by members of the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER profession in this locality. It is not the intent nor is it the responsibility of the CITY to exercise independent judgment or to verify the calculations, assumptions, and methods by the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER.
6.0. This Contract shall be effective on the date of its execution.

6.1. The CITY and the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER each binds itself, its successors and assigns, to all covenants of this agreement. Except as above, neither the CITY nor the PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER shall assign, sublet or transfer his or its interest in this agreement without the written consent of the other party hereto and concurrence therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this contract in triplicate on the day and year first above written.

CITY SIGNATURES

CITY OF FAIRHOPE

BY: ____________________________ ATTEST: ________________________
    TIMOTHY M. KANT            LISA A. HANKS
    MAYOR                       CITY CLERK

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER SIGNATURES

IF CORPORATION

________________________________________
CORPORATION NAME

BY: ____________________________

As Its ____________________________

ATTEST: ____________________________
As Its ______________________

NOTARY FOR THE CITY:

STATE OF ALABAMA ]

COUNTY OF MOBILE ]

I, ____________________________, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that Timothy M. Kant and Lisa A. Hanks, whose names as Mayor and City Clerk, respectively, of the City of Fairhope, are signed to the foregoing conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that,

being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on this the ___ day of ____________20 ___.

NOTARY PUBLIC ____________________________

My Commission Expires ____/_____/_____

NOTARY FOR CORPORATE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER:

STATE OF ________]

COUNTY OF ________]

I, ____________________________, a Notary Public in and for said State and County, hereby certify that ________________________________ and
______________________________, whose names as ___________________________ and ___________________________ respectively, of ___________________________ are signed to the foregoing (corporation) conveyance and who are known to me, acknowledged before me on this day, that, being informed of the contents of the conveyance, they as such officers and with full authority, executed the same voluntarily on the day the same bears date.

Given under my hand and notarial seal on this the _____ day of _____________20___.

NOTARY PUBLIC _________________________________

My Commission Expires _____/_____/_____
EXHIBIT “A”

PAY RATE SCHEDULE

INSERT FEE SCHEDULE HERE AFTER DETERMINED WITH AWARDED FIRM

END OF SAMPLE CONTRACT