ARCHITECT-ENGINEER (A-E) CIVIL STRUCTURAL IDIQ FOR NORTHERN & CENTRAL STATES OF INTERIOR US
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The US Forest Service is soliciting a non-personal A-E Multiple Award Indefinite Delivery, Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) services contract in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 36.6.

This announcement is a small business set-aside pursuant to FAR 19. The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this action is **541330,** the small business size standard is **$25.5M**.

The Forest Service intends to award at least (5) Indefinite Delivery Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contracts, with a performance period of (5) years from the date of award. The total amount for the contracts shall not exceed $8M.

These anticipated awarded IDIQ contracts will have a guaranteed minimum of $2,500 within the first (3) years of the contract. As the need arises, Firm-fixed price task orders will be issued during contract performance period.

PROJECT INFORMATION: The Architect-Engineer (A-E) Contractor shall provide design services and related work that includes but is not limited to civil, structural, water, waste water design and inspection services primarily for structures and other components of United States Forest Service transportation systems. Specific project requirements will be outlined in the individual task order descriptions and in subsequent pre-design meetings, briefings, or informational meetings. Engineering firms meeting the requirements described in this announcement are invited to submit responses.

The work required under this multiple award IDIQ includes furnishing all services, materials, supplies, support, labor, transportation, and performing all work necessary for various types of projects. In some cases, when stated in the individual task order description, FS will provide materials and supplies for forest-wide consistency.

Typical projects may require design, field inspection, surveying, load rating, or engineering review for: large & small road bridges, trail bridges, aquatic organism passage (AOP) structures & associated stream work, culverts, bottomless arches, and retaining walls. The work will include structures made of timber, steel, concrete, masonry, and earthen fill. Structure types may include large & small trusses; suspension bridges; large & small girder structures; arches; frames; and large & small culverts. Consultant services may also be needed for snow sheds, shelters, campgrounds, water distribution systems, stormwater systems, or wastewater systems.

This IDIQ may also include design services for minor facility maintenance or repairs associated with USFS offices, bunkhouses, warehouses and other buildings. Design services for major construction or reconstruction of Forest Service office buildings, bunkhouses, warehouses, and other occupiable structures is not a part of this requirement. Design and other consulting services may be related to new construction, condition inspection, decommissioning, reconstruction, rehabilitation, retrofit, repair, or maintenance activities. Subsidiary design services (such as surveying; geotechnical & hydraulic engineering services; and minor mechanical/electrical design) may be required to complete a task order are included within this scope.

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LOCATION: Projects will be located within the boundaries of Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado.

Facilities, National Forests, and National Grasslands within these boundaries, include, but are not limited to: Rocky Mountain Research Stations, National Technology and Development Programs, Bitterroot National Forest,• Beaverhead-Deer lodge National Forest, Custer Gallatin National Forest, Dakota Prairie National Grasslands, Flathead National Forest, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Idaho Panhandle National Forest, Kootenai National Forest, Lolo National Forest, Nez Perce –Clearwater National Forest, Bighorn National Forest, Black Hills National Forest, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest, Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, Thunder Basin National Grasslands, Nebraska-Samuel R. McKelvie National Forests; Buffalo Gap, Fort Pierre, and Oglala National Grasslands, Rio Grande National Forest, Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests, Pawnee National Grasslands, Pike and San Isabel National Forests, Comanche and Cimarron National Grasslands, San Juan National Forest, Shoshone National Forest, White River National Forest.

Please visit United States Forest Service (USFS) Home Page for location information - https://www.fs.usda.gov/

SELECTION CRITERIA: Following an initial evaluation of the qualifications and performance data submitted, the most highly qualified firms to provide the services required will be chosen for negotiation. The government anticipates at least (5) firms will be selected from this announcement. Selection of firms for negotiation shall be through an order of preference based on demonstrated competence and qualifications necessary for the satisfactory performance of the professional services required and listed below:

(1) Professional qualifications
(2) Specialized experience and technical competence in the type of work required
(3) Capacity to accomplish the work in the required time
(4) Past Performance on contracts with Government agencies and private industry
(5) Location in the general geographical area of the project and knowledge of the locality of the project where applicable

The Architect-Engineering firm must demonstrate its, and each key subcontractor's, qualifications with respect to the published evaluation factors for all services. Contractor qualifications will be assessed using the criteria outlined below.

Evaluation factors are in accordance with FAR 36.602-1. Specific evaluation factors include:

1. **Professional qualifications** necessary for satisfactory performance of the required services. The Offeror will address the qualification criteria listed in SF 330.

2. **Specialized experienced and technical competence t**he required expertise and engineering disciplines include, but are not limited to:

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•Manage a contract with multiple task orders running concurrently on multiple Forests across the Agency
• Provide preliminary and final road and bridge design services by engineers professionally licensed in the states where the projects are located
• Accurately estimate the cost of design and construction work
• Provide submittal review, construction support, and construction inspection services
• Provide bridge load ratings and bridge overload permit analysis
• Inspect, document, and provide condition reports for bridges and other structures
• Provide Bridge Inspection Team Leaders meeting the National Bridge Inspection Standards (NBIS) standards for that designation
• Provide bridge inspectors trained in Fracture Critical inspection techniques
• Provide engineers who are Bridge Inspection Team Leaders and are trained in rope-access methods for bridge inspection, and possessing advanced certifications from the Society of Professional Rope Access Technicians (SPRAT), the Industrial Rope Access Trade Association (IRATA), or similar organizations
• Provide rope access, work positioning, and rescue training to USFS bridge inspectors on projects where USFS and A/E personnel may be working concurrently
• Assemble customized arm's-length rope-access strategies for incorporation into Fracture Critical Inspection Plans for bridges suitable for such access methods. Such bridge types include trusses, tall girders, shallow girders, and suspension bridges.
• Manage UBIT (Under Bridge Inspection Truck) rental contracts
• Create customized databases and electronic field forms for bridge inspection asset management
• Consult the Forest Service regarding selection and development of a comprehensive Bridge Management System for our approximately 10,000 road bridge and major culvert assets nationwide
• Provide unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) access techniques to supplement field inspections
• Provide a comprehensive suite of non-destructive evaluation (NDE) services for bridge inspection
• Provide remotely operated underwater vehicles (ROV), or divers for underwater bridge inspection services
• Provide airport engineering capabilities for heliports, airstrips, or fire depots
• Provide highly complex, unique bridge designs for which there are no existing code provisions
• Perform Project Management
• Perform topographic surveying
• Provide low-volume roads engineering
• Engage in Best Management Practices for low-volume road drainage
• Provide fluvial geomorphic surveying, evaluation, and design
• Provide river mechanics and hydraulics engineering services
• Provide structural engineering services
• Provide water and wastewater engineering services
• Provide hydraulic engineering and hydrology services
• Provide environmental engineering services
• Provide geotechnical engineering services
• Provide landscape architecture services

- Provide construction support services including submittal review, and material testing
- Conduct meetings with groups ranging from forest supervisors, forest engineers, various specialists, as well as public meetings to answer project related questions

3. **Capacity** to accomplish the work in the required time. The offeror is to provide information regarding team ability and capacity to perform multiple tasks over a broad geographic area in a short field season. Firms demonstrating the ability to efficiently mobilize and respond to a broad variety of services located on multiple Forests will be rated higher than those having to travel considerable distances or have limited manpower resources for the field investigation and inspection portions of these services. Firms may be required to provide services in a very short turnaround window to meet construction or other critical deadlines.

4. **Past performance** Firm has excellent record of performing projects of record within the allotted contract time. Please submit records of satisfactory performance providing similar services to Federal and State land management agencies in the Northwestern part of the US during the past (3) years. Firms demonstrating a track record of customer satisfaction for similar work and similar conditions will be rated higher than firms that have not performed to customer satisfaction. Firms that do not have past performance information will be assessed a neutral rating.

Past performance will also be evaluated to assess performance risks associated with the contractor's ability to complete the proposed project. The Government may also use past performance information obtained from other than the provided sources identified by the offeror. Information obtained from the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) database located at https://www.cpars.gov is a source the government utilizes.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS: Active registration in System for Award Management (SAM) is required to respond to this notice. Failure to register initially in the SAM Database will render your firm ineligible for consideration; failure to update your registration yearly may render your firm ineligible for option year awards. For more information, check the SAM Website at: http://www.sam.gov.

Interested A-E firms with the capabilities to perform this work are invited to submit an electronic copy of their SF 330 (A-E Qualifications) to the contact listed below. The current SF 330 must be used and may be obtained from the following web site: Standard Form 330 - Architect-Engineer Qualifications (gsa.gov).

All fonts shall be at least 12 point or larger and pages shall be 8 ½" x 11". PART 1 OF THE SF 330 SHALL NOT EXCEED 75 PAGES. A task order executed under an IDC/IDIQ contract is a project. In Block G-26, along with the name, include the firm with which the person is associated. A PART II is required for each branch office of the Prime Firm and any Subcontractors that will have a key role in the proposed contract.

THIS IS A SPECIAL NOTICE NOT A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL. Submissions must be received no later than **1:30 P.M. Central Time (CDT) on 26 August 2026;** Late responses will not be accepted. Please email all required submissions to Crystal Amos, crystal.amos@usda.gov

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Technical questions regarding this announcement can be directed in writing (e-mail is acceptable) by **07 August 2026**, to crystal.amos@usda.gov

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION :

To avoid a conflict of interest, any contractor proposing as a prime may not have a subcontractor who is also proposing as a prime.

Phone calls and personal visits for the purpose of discussing this solicitation with contracting/project management and/or engineering personnel are not allowed.