

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services
USDA NRCS Bridge and Pipe Replacement/Renovation Project

The City of Luling has been awarded funding through the 2025 USDA – NRCS program for bridge and pipe replacement/renovation. These services are being solicited to assist the City of Luling in the administration and implementation of the awarded grant, which will support the necessary infrastructure improvements for the City of Luling. Accordingly, the City of Luling is seeking to contract with a qualified engineering firm to provide services including design, bidding, and construction oversight for the project.

Please submit your proposal of services along with a statement of qualifications for the proposed services to the email address below:

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Grants Administrator | City of Luling

Email: grants@cityofluling.net

Proposals must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24th, 2025**. The City of Luling reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals or firms that submit proposals, in accordance with the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises, and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

The City of Luling is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

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The City of Luling is seeking to enter into an engineering services contract with a state-registered engineer. The following outlines this request for qualifications.

I. Emergency Watershed Protection Project# 5117 in Caldwell County, Texas for implementation of recovery measures for the Channel degradation and rock rip rap protection failure on an outfall pipe along the San Marcos River also known as the Zedler Mill Project located in Luling, Texas. With funding of project, the engineering contract will encompass all project-related engineering and surveying services to the City of Luling, including but not limited to the following:

- Preliminary and final design plans and specifications;
- Preparation of the bid packet;
- Permitting assistance;
- Coordination with NRCS project managers and engineers;
- Environmental compliance assistance;
- Conduct all field testing and inspections (interim and final); and
- Other special services.

The selected engineering firm will also be responsible for ensuring compliance with all USDA – NRCS engineering and environmental guidelines, including NRCS conservation practices standards, applicable federal and state environmental regulations, and any required reporting under the USDA grant agreement.

II. Statement of Qualifications - The City of Luling is seeking to contract with a competent engineer firm, registered to practice in the State of Texas, that has had experience in the following areas:

- Experience with USDA-NRCS or other federally funded infrastructure projects;
- Understanding of NRCS conservation engineering practices;
- Federally-funded construction projects; and
- Ability to assist in federal grant compliance and reporting.
- Engineering firm is not debarred or suspended from the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) of the System for Award Management (SAM) www.Sam.gov .

As such, please provide within your proposal a list of past local government clients, as well as resumes of all personnel that will or may be assigned to this project if you receive the engineering services contract award.

Also, please provide a copy of your current certificate of insurance for professional liability and your status in the SAM EPLS system.

III. Evaluation Criteria - The proposals received will be evaluated and ranked according to the following criteria:

<u>Criteria</u>	<u>Maximum Points</u>
General Experience	50
Experience with Federally Funded Projects	10
Capacity to Perform	20
Work Performance	<u>20</u>
Total	100

IV. For this RFQ, Respondent's qualifications will be evaluated and the most qualified Respondent will be selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation.

- For costs of engineering negotiations must occur after the initial selection of the engineer as price cannot be used as a selection factor. (See 2 CFR 200.320(d)(5) and Texas Government Code § 2254.004)

V. Affirmative Action/EEO: The City of Luling is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer and strives to attain goals for Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) as amended. Section 3 Residents and Business Concerns, Minority Business Enterprises, Small Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

VI. Proposals must be submitted in both electronic format (PDF via email) and hard copy (three printed copies) in a sealed package

VI. Deadline for Submission – Email via .pdf format and three (3) sealed proposals received will be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on Monday, February 24th, 2025** at the following email address and location:

Attn:
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