



July 14, 2025

Sonoma County Water Agency Supplement to Request for Statements of Qualifications

Deadline for Submission

2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2025

**RE: SUPPLEMENT NO. 02 TO REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR
ENGINEERING SERVICES**

This Supplement forms a part of and modifies the Request for Statements of Qualifications dated July 1, 2025.

Modified text is indicated as follows: Double-underline designates text to be inserted; ~~strikeout~~ designates text to be deleted.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. Modify Paragraph 1.1 as follows:

1.1 Sonoma County Water Agency and its affiliated sanitation districts (Sonoma Water) invite Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from firms interested in providing engineering services. A list of qualified firms will be developed and used over the next five years. Sonoma Water is requesting Statements of Qualifications for the below engineering services. Submit a single SOQ for all or some of the engineering services.

- a. Geotechnical/Geophysical
- b. General Civil/Water and Wastewater Infrastructure
- c. Mechanical
- d. Electrical
- e. Structural/Seismic
- f. Cathodic Protection
- g. Construction Inspection
- h. Creek and Restoration Design
- i. Construction Management Services
- j. Other Engineering Support Services

2. PASS/FAIL REQUIREMENTS

- 2.1. No changes.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. No changes.

4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

- 4.1. Modify Paragraph 4.1 as follows:

Professional civil, mechanical, electrical, geotechnical, or structural engineering license valid in California is mandatory for each type of engineering services the firm provides. A professional engineering license is not mandatory for cathodic protection (Paragraph 1.1.f) or other engineering support services listed in Paragraph 1.1.b-j where the services do not include civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering. A civil engineering license will suffice for the Structural/Seismic Engineering and Geotechnical/Geophysical service categories so long as it is consistent with state requirements to practice within areas of competence; the "Board Rules and Regulations Relating to the Practices of Professional Engineering and Professional Land Surveying," California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 5, §§ 400-476; and the "Regulations Relating to the Practices of Geology and Geophysics," California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 29, §§ 3000-3067.

5. PREVAILING WAGES

- 5.1. No changes.

6. LOCAL SERVICE PROVIDER PREFERENCE

- 6.1. No changes.

7. LIVING WAGE

7.1. No changes.

8. SUBMITTAL OF SOQS

8.1. No changes.

9. EVALUATION

9.1. No changes.

10. CONTACTS

10.1. No changes.

11. QUESTION(S)/ANSWER(S)

11.1. Sonoma Water responses to questions are for the purposes of interpretation and clarification of the Request for Statements of Qualifications and shall not be construed as changing, superseding, or contradicting any express term in the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Questions received are listed below.

- a. Question: Is there a contract value limit for firms who complete work under this RFQ process?

Answer: Answered in prior Supplement.

- b. Question: What future projects would be addressed by firms selected by this RFQ process?

Answer: This Request for Statements of Qualifications process is to evaluate qualifications to create a list of qualified consultants. Specific work is unknown and, therefore, the need for future work is unknown.

- c. Question: Is it anticipated to use the list to complete work in the 2024-2029 CIP? Are there any priority projects?

Answer: This Request for Statements of Qualifications process is to evaluate qualifications to create a list of qualified consultants. Specific work is unknown and, therefore, the need for future work is unknown.

- d. Question: Will future RFPs, available to firms not on the list, be released for projects in the CIP?

Answer: This Request for Statements of Qualifications process is to evaluate qualifications to create a list of qualified consultants. Specific work is unknown and, therefore, the need for future RFPs is unknown.

- e. Question: Could we submit for multiple service areas? Would it require multiple submissions?

Answer: Answered in prior Supplement.

- f. Question: Could we meet with someone from Sonoma Water prior to July 23 so we can best understand the future needs of Sonoma Water?

Answer: Please submit SOQ per the information provided in the Request for Statements of Qualifications.

- g. Question: Is there a contract ceiling amount or anticipated value?

Answer: Answered in prior Supplement.

- h. Question: We work with subcontractors to perform supporting services like geotechnical and surveying. Should we include those subs in our SOQ, do you have on-call agreements/contracts with geotechnical and surveying firms with whom you would contract directly, or would we be able to propose subs on a project-by-project basis?

Answer: Please do not include qualifications of subconsultants or subcontractors at this time.

- i. Question: Is California PE mandatory for 1.1.f Cathodic Protection and 1.1.j Other Engineering Services? The RFQ Section 4.1 states: "Professional civil, mechanical, electrical, geotechnical, or structural engineering license valid in California is mandatory for each type of engineering services the firm provides. A professional license is not mandatory for engineering support services listed in Paragraph 1.1.b." 1.1.b is General Civil/Water and Wastewater Infrastructure. Our Cathodic Protection specialists hold CP4 certifications, which often outweighs state specific PE requirements, but we want to adhere to the RFQ requirements if California PE is mandatory. We'd also like to include our corrosion services, which typically fall under engineering support/specialty service. Do they also need to have a California PE?

Answer: A professional engineering license is not required to provide Cathodic Protection and Corrosion Services as long as the service does not involve the practice of civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering. Also answered in this Supplement, above.

- j. Question: Would you like us to include rates in our SOQ?

Answer: Answered in prior Supplement.

- k. Question: We are writing to request clarification regarding the evaluation process outlined in the RFQ. References to evaluation, rating, and/or scoring are made in the following sections:

Section 6, Local Service Provider, Item 6.1

Section 8, Submittal of SOQs, Item 8.2(h)

Section 9, Evaluation

However, we did not see a scoring scale or evaluation matrix included in the RFQ documents. Could you please confirm whether the Agency intends to issue specific evaluation criteria or a scoring matrix? If so, is there an anticipated timeline for its release?

Answer: A scoring scale or evaluation matrix will not be provided.

- I. Question: Will preparation of specifications using CSI MasterFormat using SectionFormat and PageFormat be required for geotechnical engineering services?

Answer: This is in the sample agreement included with the Request for Statements of Qualifications. Please submit per the Request for Statements of Qualifications requirements.

Sincerely,

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Attachment 1

DECLARATION OF LOCAL BUSINESS FOR SERVICES

No changes.