

Request for Qualifications

Natural Resource, Wetland and Environmental Services Management Professional



TOWN OF JUNO BEACH
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JUNO BEACH, FL 33408

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The Town of Juno Beach is soliciting statements from qualified individuals or firms to provide “Natural Resource, Wetland and Environmental Services Management” on an as-needed basis.

All questions relating to this RFQ must be received at least six (6) days prior to the submittal deadline and must be in writing and faxed to (561) 656-0327 or e-mailed to Andrea Dobbins, Project Coordinator/Risk Manager, at adobbins@juno-beach.fl.us.

~~The professional services to be rendered shall relate to all aspects of environmental conservation and regulation, including, but not limited to, wetlands, protected habitats, water quality, contamination, and threatened or endangered species.~~

Interested individuals or firms shall submit **one (1) original qualification statement and six (6) copies** in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the individual or firm and the words “**NATURAL RESOURCE, WETLAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL**” to the Juno Beach Town Center, 340 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach, Florida 33408 by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020**. Submittals received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

The Town of Juno Beach may select one or more qualified individuals or firms to enter into non-exclusive continuing contracts.

The Town of Juno Beach reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to accept or reject any or all submittals. The Town specifically reserves the right to seek the services of other engineers or consultants for any matter, notwithstanding the fact that the project or task may fall within the scope of services of the continuing contract. Cost of preparation of qualification statements is solely that of the submitter and the Town assumes no responsibility for any costs incurred.

All documents relating to this submittal may be obtained at the Town of Juno Beach website www.juno-beach.fl.us, Demandstar.com, VendorRegistry.com, or by calling Andrea Dobbins, Project Coordinator/Risk Manager at (561) 656-0326.

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TERMS, CONDITIONS AND INSTRUCTIONS

The Town of Juno Beach is soliciting statements from qualified individuals or firms for a contract to provide “Natural Resource, Wetland and Environmental Services” on an as-needed basis.

The professional services to be rendered should include, but not limited to: planning, monitoring and managing activities related to wetland restoration and conservation projects and programs.

Examples of such services may include:

- Environmental Analysis & Reports
- Water Quality Analysis & Reports
- Herbicide/Algaecide Analysis & Reports
- Inspections
- Water & Soil Testing
- Modeling to Enhance Favorable Environments for Plant life, Marine life and Waterfowl
- Environmental/Biological Surveys
- Environmental Characterizations, Modeling & Compliance

Qualified individuals or firms and their personnel must possess the ability to communicate and work with officials and staff of state, county, local and quasi-governmental agencies.

***Please note that “Pelican Lake” (12 acre fresh water lake) will be the focal point for these services.**

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Interested individuals or firms shall submit **one (1) original qualification statement and six (6) copies** in a sealed envelope bearing the name and address of the firm and the words “**NATURAL RESOURCE, WETLAND AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES MANAGEMENT PROFESSIONAL**” to the Juno Beach Town Center, 340 Ocean Drive, Juno Beach, Florida 33408 by **11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 18, 2020**. Submittals received after the time and date specified will not be considered.

The submittal deadline must be and shall be scrupulously observed. Under no circumstances shall submittals delivered after the time specified be considered. Such proposals will be returned to the submitter unopened. No facsimile or electronic submittals shall be considered.

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PUBLIC RECORDS:

Upon award recommendation or thirty days after opening, whichever is earlier, all qualification statements and information submitted become public records and shall be subject to disclosure pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes (“Public Records Law”). In order to be exempt from disclosure, firms must invoke the specific exemptions to disclosure provided by law in its statement by providing the specific statutory authority for the claimed exemption, identifying the data or other materials to be protected, and stating the reasons why such exclusion from public disclosure is necessary.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE:

The individual or firm shall disclose with its qualification statement the name(s) of any officer, director, agent, employee or immediate family member (spouse, parent, sibling, and child) who is also an employee or officer of the Town. Furthermore, all firms shall disclose the name of any Town employee or officer who, either directly or indirectly, owns a material interest in the proposer’s company, firm or group or in that of any of its affiliates. If no such conflict of interest exists, this should be clearly stated.

FACTORS CONSIDERED:

In determining whether a firm is qualified, the Town shall consider a variety of factors, including, but not limited to overall experience, capability and adequacy of professional and support personnel; certification as a minority business enterprise; current and projected workloads; and past performance and experience.

CONE OF SILENCE:

This Request for Qualifications is subject to the Cone of Silence provisions of Section 2-355 of the Palm Beach County Code of Ordinances. Any contract resulting from this RFQ entered into in violation of the cone of silence provisions shall render the transaction voidable.

QUALIFICATION STATEMENTS:

All qualification statements submitted pursuant to the RFQ shall address, at a minimum, the following:

1. The individual or firm shall provide detailed information about the experience and qualifications of the assigned personnel considered key to the success of these services. This information should include but is not limited to education, training certificates, technical experience, professional affiliations and past and current projects (including dates and responsibilities).
2. The ability to provide consulting services on the following topics:
 - Environmental Analysis & Reports
 - Water Quality Analysis & Reports
 - Herbicide/ Algaecide Analysis & Reports
 - Inspections
 - Water & Soil Testing
 - Modeling to Enhance Favorable Environments for Plant life, Marine life and Waterfowl
 - Environmental/Biological Surveys
 - Environmental Characterizations, Modeling & Compliance
3. The individual's or firm's past experience providing environmental consulting services to other public and/or private sector clients.
4. The individual's or firm's ability to adhere to time and budget requirements and its past record of meeting project deadlines.
5. The basis on which compensation will be determined (but not dollar amounts) and the method by which payment for services rendered is to be made.
6. Evidence of valid state, county and local licenses and business tax receipts proving authority to conduct business in the jurisdiction of the work.
7. A minimum of three (3) references (public sector experience is preferred but not required) that have been clients of the individual or firm within the past three (3) years, together with contact information for each client (name and phone number).
8. List of all sub-consultants, including their qualifications and their anticipated role in providing services to the Town.
9. Proof and amount of general liability insurance and professional liability insurance.
10. If a corporation or limited liability company, proof of current status.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Listed below are the important actions and dates/times by which the actions must be taken or completed. If the Town finds it necessary to change any of these dates/times, it will be accomplished by addendum. All listed times are Eastern Standard Time (EST) in Juno Beach, Florida.

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Action/Activity</u>
June 8, 2020	RFQ available on Town website and other links
June 12, 2020 3:00pm	Questions Due from Qualified Firms
June 18, 2020 11:00am	RFQ Due/Proposals Acknowledged Publicly
June 24, 2020 5:30pm	Public Meeting for Town Council to Review, Evaluate & Rank each Submittal

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

The evaluation criteria are as follows:

50	<i>Qualifications and Experience of Individual or Firm's Primary Representative</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Qualifications and experience• Availability of qualified personnel• Past performance records• References
50	<i>Knowledge and Understanding of Town/Scheduling</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understanding of Town's governmental process• Understanding of Town's special needs/unique environment• Recent, current and projected workload of team
100	<i>TOTAL MAXIMUM POINTS</i>

**SWORN STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 287.133(3)(a),
FLORIDA STATUTES, ON ENTITY CRIMES**

1. This sworn statement is submitted to the Town of Juno Beach, Florida

by _____
(print individual's name and title)

for _____
(print name of entity submitting sworn statement)

whose business address is _____

and (if applicable) its Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) is: _____

(If the entity has no FEIN, include the Social Security Number of the Individual signing this sworn statement: _____)

2. I understand that a "public entity crime" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(g), **Florida Statutes**, means a violation of any state or federal law by a person with respect to and directly related to the transaction of business with any public entity or with an agency or political subdivision of any other state or of the United States, including, but not limited to, any proposal or contract for goods or services to be provided to any public entity or an agency or political subdivision or any other state or of the United States and involving antitrust, fraud, theft, bribery, collusion, racketeering, conspiracy, or material misrepresentation.

3. I understand that "convicted" or "conviction" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(b), **Florida Statutes**, means a finding of guilt or a conviction of a public entity crime, with or without an adjudication of guilt, in any federal or state trial court of record relating to charges brought by indictment or information after July 1, 1989, as a result of jury verdict, nonjury trial, or entry of a plea of guilty or nolo contendere.

4. I understand that an "affiliate" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(a), **Florida Statutes**, means:

- a. A predecessor or successor of a person convicted of a public entity crime; or
- b. An entity under the control any natural person who is active in the management of the entity and who has been convicted of a public entity crime. The term "affiliate" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in the management of an affiliate. The ownership by one person of shares constituting a controlling interest in another person or a pooling of equipment or income among persons when not for fair market value under an arm's length agreement, shall be a prima facie case that one person controls another person. A person who knowingly enters into a joint venture with a person who has been convicted of a public entity crime in Florida during the preceding 36 months shall be considered an affiliate.

5. I understand that a "person" as defined in Paragraph 287.133(1)(e), **Florida Statutes**, means any natural person or entity organized under the laws of any state or of the United States with the legal power to enter into binding contract and which proposals or applies to proposal on contracts for the provision of goods or services let by a public entity, or which otherwise transacts or applies

to transact business with a public entity. The term "person" includes those officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, and agents who are active in management of an entity.

6. Based on information and belief, the statement which I have marked below is true in relation to the entity submitting this sworn statement. **(indicate which statement applies.)**

_____ Neither the entity submitting this sworn statement, nor any of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, nor any affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989.

_____ The entity submitting this sworn statement, or one or more of its officers, directors, executives, partners, shareholders, employees, members, or agents who are active in the management of the entity, or an affiliate of the entity has been charged with and convicted of a public entity crime subsequent to July 1, 1989. However, there has been a subsequent proceeding before a Hearing Officer of the State of Florida, Division of Administrative Hearings and the Final Order entered by the Hearing Officer determined that it was not in the public interest to place the entity submitting this sworn statement on the convicted vendor list. **(attach a copy of the final order)**

I UNDERSTAND THAT THE SUBMISSION OF THIS FORM TO THE CONTRACTING OFFICER FOR THE PUBLIC ENTITY IDENTIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 1 (ONE) ABOVE IS FOR THAT PUBLIC ENTITY ONLY AND, THAT HIS FORM IS VALID THROUGH DECEMBER 31 OF THE CALENDAR YEAR IN WHICH IT IS FILED. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM REQUIRED TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ENTITY PRIOR TO ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF THE THRESHOLD AMOUNT PROVIDED IN SECTION 287.017, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR CATEGORY TWO OF ANY CHANGE IN THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS FORM.

(Signature)

The foregoing document was sworn and subscribed before me this _____ day of _____, 20__ by _____, who is personally known to me or produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires: