



Gaston County

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Public Works

Board Action

File #: 23-481

Commissioner Fraley - Public Works - To Approve the Qualifications Based Selection of Gannett Fleming and Authorize the County Manager to Execute a Professional Services Agreement to Provide Planning and Design Services for the Tryon Courthouse Road Sidewalk (STIP# BL-0033)

STAFF CONTACT

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BUDGET IMPACT

No additional County funds.

BUDGET ORDINANCE IMPACT

N/A

BACKGROUND

The Gaston County Board of Commissioners approved Board Action 2022-399 to accept and appropriate Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Grant funding for the Tryon Courthouse Road Sidewalk (BL-0033). The grant will provide funding for the design and construction of a sidewalk connection from Creekside Manufactured Home Park to Tryon Courthouse Elementary.

North Carolina General Statute (NCGS) §143-64.31 requires the initial solicitation and evaluation of firms to perform architectural, engineering, surveying, construction management-at-risk services, and design-build services (collectively "design services") to be based on qualifications and without regard to fee. The design fees for this CMAQ project will exceed the \$50,000 cap for exemption, thereby requiring the engineer to be selected through the qualifications-based process. In addition, the qualification-based selection (QBS) process is required to comply with Uniform Guidance (UG) selection requirements. When federal funds are involved, waiver of QBS can only be considered when total cost is below \$10,000 per Uniform Guidance.

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I, Donna S. Buff, Clerk to the County Commission, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of action taken by the Board of Commissioners as follows:

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2023-366	10/24/2023	RW	KJ	A	A	A	A	A	AB	A	U

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Upon receiving authorization from NCDOT, a Request for Letters of Interest (RFLOI) for the project was publicly announced beginning on July 30, 2023. The RFLOI was added to NCDOT Connect page, HUBSCO, Gaston County's website, and Charlotte Observer. Submittals were received on August 17, 2023, from seven (7) firms. The local selection committee comprised of three (3) Public Works staff reviewed each of the LOI submissions and selected Gannett Fleming as the most qualified firm.

NCDOT reviewed the selection process and provided concurrence with the selection of Gannett Fleming. Approval of this Board Action by the Gaston County Board of Commissioners officially selects Gannett Fleming as the designer of record for the project listed above. Further, approval of this Board Action authorizes the County Attorney to draft the necessary contract documents for the work and authorizes the County Manager, or her designee, to negotiate and execute said contract.

POLICY IMPACT

N/A

ATTACHMENTS

Concurrence with Selection of Consultant



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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September 20, 2023

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TIP : BL-0033
Document : PS_PE – PEF SELECTION PROCESS
Ref : PS_PE – PEF SELECTION PROCESS Approval

Dear Cary Rodriguez,

The Department has approved your PS_PE – PEF SELECTION PROCESS.

Approval Notes:

This letter is to advise that the Department of Transportation concurs with the selection of Gannett Fleming as a result of your recent RFQ process on the subject project. The County should retain documentation related to evaluation and selection of the consultant(s) in the event of an audit. This letter also serves as your authorization to commence negotiations with this firm to perform the required Planning and Design services.

Following are directions to the estimate form that must be completed by the consultant as a part of the negotiation process. The Department will need to review the completed document to verify that it is within an acceptable cost range.

Planning and Design:

- Go to <https://connect.ncdot.gov>
- Click on "Doing Business"
- Click on "Consultants"
- Click on "Guidelines and Forms"
- Under Forms, select "NCDOT Scope and Manday Estimate Form"

If your scope of work includes Right of Way Acquisition, please separate those fees and submit at a later date, once the actual scope for ROW work is known.

IMPORTANT: Please use the links provided above and follow directions on

forms for downloading, entering, and saving data to ensure that the formulas will work correctly. Do not use a previously saved version of the form as it may have been updated since your last use.

In addition, all consultants must have their rates updated in the Consultant Rate System (CRS) and those rates must match what is entered in the Manday Estimate form. Please work with your consultant to make sure they are aware of this requirement. Failure to have rates entered into CRS or when rates in the form do not match what is in CRS will delay review of the estimate. If your consultant needs more information about CRS, please direct them to the Forms and Guidelines page of the Professional Services website: Professional Services Management (ncdot.gov).

The consultant should also provide backup information regarding any direct costs that they propose, if these costs are not referenced here: Maximum Allowable Non-Salary Direct Costs.

After review by the County, please submit the form in EBS under the following:

· Design/Planning PS_PEF TASKS AND MANDAYS W RATES

To view approval notes/letters:

- 1) Log into EBS Portal and select tile "Local Projects"
- 2) Select "Display Documents" from Main Menu
- 3) Search for this project by above referenced TIP Number and open
- 4) Find this Document Type (reference above) with a status of Approved
- 5) Open activity: approval letter or comments will be attached.

If additional reviews are needed on this Document type, you must submit a new workflow.

Please feel free to contact your Local Project Manager should you have any questions or concern in regards to the above information.

Sincerely,
Sheila Gibbs

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