

Berkeley Charleston Dorchester Council of Governments

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS A&E Services - Regional Park & Ride

December 22, 2020

I. INTRODUCTION TO AGENCY'S OBJECTIVE

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Council of Governments (BCDCOG) is an association of local governments that assists in planning for common needs of the three counties and municipalities therein for regional development. As such, BCDCOG is soliciting qualifications from Architectural & Engineering firms to assist with the planning, development, design, and construction oversight of Regional Park & Ride Facilities.

The Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Region is facing unprecedented growth, and as a result, capacity on commuter corridors is constrained. With natural and historic boundaries limiting the ability to increase roadway capacity for single occupancy vehicles, the region is moving forward with improving multimodal transportation alternatives.

The regional transit providers, CARTA and Tri-County Link, currently provide commuter bus services; however, the Park & Ride locations are typically located on private property often with just a verbal agreement. The purpose of constructing Park and Ride Regional Facilities is to create a strategically located, multi-modal facility that meets the regional needs of residents.

The demand for commuter services that provide mobility options is also growing. To address this demand, BCDCOG has several studies underway to identify multimodal alternatives, such as the I-526/I-26 Corridor TDM Project, Regional Transit Framework Plan, I-26 BRT project, and the 2040 Long Range Transportation Plan Update. While these studies will identify the corridors that support commuter services, it is critical that the region build suitable Park & Ride locations as a permanent part of the multimodal transportation system.

II. PROJECT BACKGROUND AND LOCATION

As of the 2010 U.S. Census, the Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester TriCounty Region had a population of around 665,000 people, with an urbanized metropolitan area population of nearly 590,000. Since 2010, the Charleston Region has experienced population growth at a rate three times faster than the US average, with an estimated 45 new residents being added to the region each day. These new residents add to the approximately 80 percent of the Region's commuters that drive alone to their jobs.

The Charleston Area Regional Transportation Authority (CARTA) provides fixed route transit services to the urbanized areas of Charleston County. CARTA operates three Express Routes serving Downtown

Charleston from Park & Ride locations in North Charleston, Summerville, Mount Pleasant, West Ashley, and James Island. Riders on these routes make up approximately 10 percent of CARTA's system wide ridership. TriCounty Link is the Rural Transportation Management Authority for Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester counties and provides deviated fixed route service and commuter routes to the rural areas of the region. TriCounty Link Commuter routes currently serve Park & Ride locations in Dorchester County, Berkeley County, Goose Creek, Ridgeville, Bonneau, St. Stephens, Moncks Corner, and North Charleston.

To support existing transit infrastructure needs and address capacity constraints that regional growth is placing on the transportation network, BCDCOG has identified a need to invest in Park & Ride facilities to support existing and future demand.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

BCDCOG is soliciting qualifications from Architectural & Engineering firms to assist with the planning, development, design, and construction oversight of Regional Park & Ride Facilities in accordance with all Local, State and Federal requirements. The selected firm must be experienced in various transportation planning and engineering areas and have sufficient qualifications and expertise to perform the required tasks in a timely manner.

IV. REQUESTED FORMAT

The following criteria will be weighed in evaluating the qualifications for each consultant:

1. Experience, qualifications, and technical competence in the types of work required (30%)
2. Past performance on projects of a comparable nature (30%)
3. Relevant experience and qualifications of personnel to be assigned to the project (25%)
4. Familiarity with Berkeley Charleston Dorchester region (10%)
5. Disadvantaged Business Enterprise designation (5%)

V. REQUESTED FORMAT

Each proposal should contain the following elements:

1. Letter of interest, including name of organization, and project contact information.
2. Current resume of qualifications
3. Direct response to each of the selection criteria defined above
4. Any other pertinent information that will assist the BCDCOG in its decision.

At a minimum, the response should include the following information:

1. The understanding of and approach to the project
2. Qualifications of the consultant and experience in this type of work including a list of at least three (3) different projects completed by the consultant involving park & ride facilities and engineering with the names and phone numbers of contact persons for those projects.

3. The key staff persons who will be assigned to this project together with their experience and qualifications
4. SF 330 form for primes and subs

VI. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BCDCOG retains the right to reject all proposals and to re-solicit if deemed to be in their best interests. Selection is also dependent on the negotiation of a mutually acceptable contract with the successful responder.

Each proposal shall state it is valid for a period of not less than ninety (90) days from the date of receipt.

All plans, calculations, maps, digital files, reports, correspondence, minutes of meetings, and related data generated for this project will be included in the final documents submitted to BCDCOG.

The successful consultant shall comply with requirements of Title 49 CFR Part 21 and Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The successful consultant shall provide services in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. BCDCOG strongly encourages the use and involvement of Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) on this project.

VII. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

All proposals shall be submitted in a sealed envelope. The outside of the package shall be marked **“Request for Qualifications: A&E Services - Regional Park & Ride”**. Proposals will be received no later than **3:00 pm on January 28, 2021**. Please mail 1 original, 1 digital & two copies to:

BCD Council of Governments
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