



Great Falls Public Schools is beginning the process of accepting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) proposals for **Hydrogeologic Consultants** for the school years 2023 thru 2028. The District's consultant will assist the District on an as-needed basis on upcoming projects, from various funding sources.

It is anticipated that the projects in 2023 thru 2028 will include working with the Department of Natural Resources in permitting and drilling **water supply** wells on District property. This work shall be of a limited scope and service.

The consultant will be paid on an hourly basis for each type of employee utilized, the hourly fee structures will be negotiated after the selection process has identified the successful firms. The District will first call on its consultant for any work it needs but reserves the right to seek additional assistance at any time.

Late Submittals will not be accepted.

Selection Process

Submissions will be assessed by a District appointed committee on the following objective/subjective scale. A maximum of four candidates with the highest numeric scores may be "shortlisted" and may be invited to interview at the District's facility with the selection committee. Unsuccessful candidates will be notified immediately after the selection process is complete. After the interviews, the District will enter negotiations with the highest ranked candidate/candidates. If negotiations are successful, the other candidates will be informed immediately. If negotiations are unsuccessful with the highest ranked candidates, the negotiations will be terminated and start anew with the subsequent ranked finalists and thus, until a suitable agreement can be reached.

Depending on the number and quality of submittals received, the District reserves the right to make the selection of the preferred firm/firms based on the submittal information alone and may decline to conduct the interview stage of the selection process.

Numerical Evaluations and subsequent selection of written submittals per MCA 18-8-204:

1. Experience with projects of similar size and scope in this region: 25%
2. Key team member qualifications and experience: 20%
3. Capability to meet time and project budget requirements: 20%
4. Local professional resources to be utilized for this effort: 25%
5. Recent and current work for Great Falls Public Schools: 5%
6. Current and projected workloads: 5%

Depending on quantity/quality of the submittals a maximum of up to two (2) firms may be selected to assist the District.

All questions must be submitted via email to Mr. Brian Patrick at brian_patrick@gfps.k12.mt.us.

This letter is your invitation to submit your Statement of Qualifications to:

Great Falls Public Schools
Brian Patrick, Director of Business Operations
1100 4th Street South
P.O. Box 2429
Great Falls, MT 59403

Please submit six (6) copies of your SOQ proposal to Mr. Patrick no later than February 28, 2023.

Your SOQ proposal should comply with Montana Statute 18-8-204, Procedures for Selection. After receipt of the SOQ proposal, a selection committee will screen the submittals. The District will notify all submitters of the final selections.

Sincerely,

Brian Patrick
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