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Central Services Manager
Finance Department

February 1, 2011

To Interested Firms:

Enclosed is a request for written Statements of Qualifications from architectural firms for projects included in the Weatherization Program work plan for 2011.

The City of Rockford is requesting your firm to review the enclosed project categories and descriptions and **SUBMIT A SINGLE (1)** Statement of Qualifications on or before **5:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, on Thursday, February 17, 2011**. The SOQs should be delivered to the Central Services Manager, Attention Carrie Eklund, 4th Floor, City Hall, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104. The Weatherization Division will utilize the completed forms as a basis on which to solicit requests for proposals.

The Human Services Department trusts that your firm will be interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications for the 2011 Weatherization Plans. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us. Any questions concerning this request should be addressed to Pete Fuller, Weatherization Manager, 555 North Ct, Rockford, IL 61103, telephone (815) 978-2857.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carrie Eklund".

Carrie Eklund
Central Services Manager

Enclosures



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Central Services Manager
Finance Department

**REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
WEATHERIZATION PROGRAM - 2011
RFQ NO.: 211-HS-008**

2/3/11

Name of Firm: _____

Address _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-Mail: _____

RFQ Opening Time and Date 5:00 p.m., Local Time, Thursday, February 17, 2011

Bids will be accepted until the specified opening time and date. Any bidder attempting to deliver after the opening time and date will be refused.

ABOUT THIS DOCUMENT

This document is a Request for Qualifications. The issuance of this RFQ is for informational purposes for staff only, and will not result in the award of a contract. The RFQ process will often result in a separate RFP or Bid process, as once the City has sufficient information to develop specifications, the more formal processes are then used to create a contract. Participation in the RFQ process is voluntary and does not give vendors an unfair advantage in the resulting procurement process.

PLEASE MARK THE RETURN SEALED ENVELOPE:

1. RFQ Opening Date and Time
2. Title of RFQ
3. RFQ Number

RETURN INFORMATION TO:

City of Rockford
Central Services Manager
425 East State Street, 4th Floor
Rockford, Illinois 61104
Telephone: (815) 987-5560

QUALIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY FASC SIMILE OR E-MAIL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

RESULTS:

Results may be obtained by telephone at (815) 987-5560, by fax at (800) 380-7174. or at www.rockfordil.gov

CITY OF ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS—BIDDING GENERAL CONDITIONS

1. Pricing. The bidder shall insert price for all bid items and all other information requested in these specifications. The price shall be the *full, delivered cost* to the City of Rockford with no additions.
2. Total versus "Per Item" Awards. The City generally awards contracts based on a lump sum basis to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. However, the City may choose to award on a per item basis. Therefore, each bidder must submit pricing for each item indicated on the bid forms. Bidders must clearly indicate which items are bid and which are not.
3. Delivery of Merchandise. Delivery terms will always be Freight On Board (FOB)—Destination. The City of Rockford accepts no responsibility for the condition of any merchandise purchased prior to acceptance by City Personnel. Failure to comply with this requirement may constitute rejection of the bid.
4. Acceptance of Merchandise at Delivery. The City of Rockford reserves the right to refuse acceptance of delivered merchandise that differs substantially from the specifications in this invitation to bid or as otherwise permitted by Illinois law.
5. Prompt Payment Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with the governmental prompt payment act. The supplier will be paid upon submission of invoices to: City of Rockford Accounts Payable, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104.
6. Legal Compliance. The vendor awarded this contract will comply with all Federal, State, County, and City laws, ordinances, rules and regulations, which in any manner affect the product or service placed for bid herein. Lack of knowledge on the part of the vendor of applicable law will in no way be cause for release of this obligation. If the City becomes aware of violation of any laws, ordinances, rules and regulations on the part of the vendor, it reserves the right to reject any bid, cancel any contract, and pursue any other legal remedies deemed necessary.
7. Legal Requirements. This contract sets forth the entire final agreement between the City of Rockford and the Bidder and shall govern the respective duties and obligations of the parties. The validity of this contract, and any disputes arising from the contract, shall be governed by the laws of the State of Illinois. Any litigation under this agreement shall be resolved in the trial courts of Winnebago County, State of Illinois. Should a provision of this contract be declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, it shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of the contract.
8. Safety. Prevention of accidents at any project is the sole responsibility of the vendor and its subcontractors, agents, and employees. The vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees shall be fully and solely responsible for the safety of this project. The vendor shall retain exclusive and direct control over the acts or omissions of its subcontractors, agents and employees, and any other persons performing portions of the work and not directly employed by the vendor.
9. Control of the Work. With respect to the vendor's own work, the City shall not have contractual, operational, and/or supervisory control over and/or charge of the work and shall not be responsible for construction means, methods, techniques, sequences, procedures, and programs in connection with the vendor's work, since these are solely the vendor's responsibility under the agreement. The City shall not be responsible for the vendor's failure to carry out the work in accordance with the agreement's terms and conditions. The City shall not have control over and/or charge of acts or omissions of the vendor, its subcontractors, and/or their agents or employees, or any other person performing portions of the work not directly employed by the vendor. The vendor shall be considered to be an "independent contractor" pursuant to Illinois law.
10. Bid Bond. When required on the cover sheet, a bid bond for not less than 5 percent of the bid amount must accompany all bids as a guarantee that if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the proper contract. A bank cashier's check, bank draft, or certified check equal to the amount specified is acceptable in lieu of a bid bond. Bid bonds of the two lowest firms will be retained until the contract is awarded.

11. Performance Bond. When required by the specifications herein, the successful firm shall furnish a performance bond equal to the amount of the contract, acceptable to the City, within 14 calendar days after notification of contract award. Failure to furnish the required bond within the time specified may be cause for rejection of the bid and any bid deposit may be retained by the City as liquidated damages and not as a penalty.

12. Taxes. No charge will be allowed for taxes from which the City of Rockford, Illinois is exempt. The City of Rockford, Illinois is not liable for the Illinois Retailers' Occupation Tax, the Service Occupation Tax or the Service Use Tax. The City is exempt from the Federal Excise and Transportation Tax.

13. Withdrawal of Bids. Firms may withdraw or cancel their bids at any time prior to the advertised invitation to bid opening. After the opening time, no bid shall be withdrawn or cancelled. All bids shall be firm and valid for a period of sixty (60) calendar days. If a bidder to whom a contract is awarded refuses to accept the award, the City may, at its discretion, suspend the bidder for a period of time up to three (3) years.

14. Subcontracting. The bidder shall provide information for all subcontractors, leased operators/equipment, and suppliers and all other information requested in the Subcontractor and Supplier Detail Forms attached. Requests for deviations from the completed detail forms submitted must be made in writing, and reviewed and approved by the City's Diversity Procurement Officer and the Central Services Manager or designee. The successful firm may not subcontract any portion of the contract after award without written consent of the City of Rockford Central Services Manager. When subcontractors are used, the awarded vendor is required to pay subcontractors promptly after completion of work. Delay of payment is prohibited.

15. Termination of Contract. The City of Rockford reserves the right to terminate the contract in its entirety or in portions, upon written notice to the Contractor, if the Rockford City Council does not appropriate sufficient funds to complete the contract or in the event of default by the Contractor. Default is defined as failure of the Contractor to perform any of the provisions of this contract or failure to make sufficient progress so as to endanger performance of this contract in accordance with its terms. In the event of default, the City may purchase the product(s) and/or service(s) from other sources and hold the defaulting company responsible for any excess costs occasioned thereby. The City may require payment of liquidated damages for non-performance. Should default be due to failure to perform or because of a request for a price increase, the City reserves the right to remove the firm from the City's bidder list for a period of up to three years.

16. Late Bids and Proposals. Regardless of cause, late bids and proposals will not be accepted and will automatically be disqualified from further consideration. It shall be solely the vendor's risk to ensure delivery at the designated office by the designated time. Late bids and proposals will not be opened and may be returned to the vendor at their request and expense.

17. EEO Forms. Each firm shall be required to submit with its bid information all EEO forms included in the invitation to bid package. Any bid which fails to include the properly completed compliance items will not be read and will not be considered. All subcontractors shall also be required to comply with the same EEO forms as the firm.

18. Restrictive or Ambiguous Specifications. It is the responsibility of the prospective firm to review the invitation to bid specifications and to notify the Central Services Manager if the specifications are formulated in a manner that would unnecessarily restrict competition. Any such protest or question regarding the specifications or invitation to bid procedures must be received by the Central Services Division not less than seventy-two hours prior to the time set for the opening. In the event a contract term is not defined within the contract document, the term will be given its ordinary dictionary definition.

19. Bid Protest. Firms wishing to protest bids or awards shall notify the Central Services Manager in writing within 7 days after the invitation to bid opening. The notification should include the bid number, the name of the firm protesting, and the reason why the firm is protesting the bid. The Central Services Manager will respond to the protest within 7 calendar days. A successful protest may result in the reversal of a previously awarded contract.

20. Disputes. In case of disputes as to whether or not an item or service quoted or delivered meets specifications, the decision of the Central Services Manager, or authorized representative shall be final and binding to all parties.

The Central Services Manager has the right to waive technicalities as they see fit. The Central Services Manager may request a written recommendation from the head of the department using the equipment or service being procured.

21. Exceptions. Any deviations from these specifications shall be noted and submitted with the bid. Failure to address deviations from specifications may result in bid rejection.

22. Acceptance/Rejection of Bids. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or proposals at any time, for any reason, including but not limited to the Rockford City Council not appropriating sufficient funds to purchase equipment or complete the contract. The City may make awards in any manner deemed in the best interest of the City.

23. Prevailing Wage. When required by Illinois State Statutes or otherwise specified herein, not less than the Prevailing Rate of Wages as found by the Illinois Department of Labor or determined by the court of review shall be paid to laborers, workman and mechanics performing work under this contract. Prevailing wage information may be obtained on the Internet by accessing The Illinois Department of Labor website at <http://www.state.il.us/agency/IDOL/>.

24. Certified Payroll. All Certified Payroll reports must be submitted monthly via email, in Excel or some format compatible with Excel, to certified.payroll@rockfordil.gov.

25. Substance Abuse Prevention. When required by Illinois State Statutes, employers must have in place and file with the City a written program for prevention of substance abuse among its employees. This program must include pre-hire, random, reasonable suspicion, and post-accident drug and alcohol testing, as required by the Substance Abuse Prevention on Public Works Projects Act.

26. Apprenticeship Requirement. For construction contracts over \$50,000, contractors must participate in apprenticeship and training programs approved and registered with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and Training for all Trades that will be in the contractor's (or his subcontractor's) employment, with each worker receiving the required apprenticeship/training appropriate to his trade. Owners or work performed by owners is not exempt from the apprenticeship and training requirement.

27. Indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the vendor shall indemnify and hold harmless the City, its officers, representatives, elected and appointed officials, agents, and employees from and against all claims, damages, losses and expenses, including but not limited to attorney's fees, arising out of or resulting from the vendor's performance of work under this agreement, and indemnifies and agrees to defend and hold harmless the City against any and all losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising from the work performed hereunder of the erection, construction, placement, or operation of any scaffold, hoist, crane, stay, ladder, support, or other mechanical contrivance in connection with such work including but not limited to losses, claims, damages, and expenses arising pursuant to claims asserted against the City pursuant to theories premised upon section 414 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts and section 343 of the Restatement (Second) of Torts. This indemnification agreement shall not be limited in any way by any limitations on the amount or type of damages, compensation, or benefits payable by or for the vendor under Worker's Compensation Acts, disability benefit acts, or other employee benefit acts, and serves as an express agreement to waive the protection of *Kotecki v. Cyclops Welding Corp.*, 146 Ill.2d 155, 585 N.E.2d 1023 (1991) in Illinois.

Further, the vendor agrees that it is solely responsible for compliance with all safety laws applicable to the work performed hereunder, including but not limited to the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Construction Safety Act of 1960 and all standards and regulations which have been or shall be promulgated by the agencies which administer the Acts.

Under no circumstances shall the vendor, its subcontractors, agents, and employees be required to indemnify the City for its own negligence.

28. Officers. Each bidder affirms, by submission of a response to this bid or request for proposals, that no officer of the City of Rockford, Illinois, is directly or indirectly interested in the proposal for any reason of personal gain.

29. Non-Waiver. The failure by the City to require performance of any provision shall not affect the City's right to require performance at any time thereafter, nor shall a waiver of any breach or default of this contract constitute a waiver of any subsequent breach or default or a waiver of the provision itself.

30. Professional Services Selection Act. The City of Rockford intends to comply with 50 ILCS 510/5 governing the selection of professional services. Any reference in these terms and conditions to supplying pricing or price as a determining factor in selection do not apply for services covered by said act.

31. The City of Rockford reserves the right to accept or reject any and all proposals and to waive technicalities in submitted bids.

**BID REQUIREMENTS FOR
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

All bidders seeking to do business with the City of Rockford are **REQUIRED** to submit with any formal, sealed bid all of the following documents and information, attached herewith, completed and signed:

1. Equal Employment Opportunity Affirmative Action Plan Statement of Policy.
2. The Statement of Non-Compliance and Certificate of Non-Segregated Facilities.
3. The Contractor or Vendor Workforce Data Form listing all current employees, by classification, directly employed by the bidder. All categories of information requested must be supplied.
Note: The number of employees must be entered under each category (no check marks)

Below are the Federal definitions of the following racial groups accepted as minorities by the City of Rockford:

Black: A person having origins in any of the Black racial groups of Africa, not of Hispanic origin.

Hispanic: A person of Spanish or Portuguese culture with origins in Mexico, South or Central America, or the Caribbean Islands, regardless of race.

Asian: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Republic and Samoa.

American Indian or Alaskan Native: A person having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

4. Your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Certification Number, issued by the Illinois Department of Human Rights for the Illinois Department of Human Rights Act, must provide expiration date entered in the place provided therefore.
5. Certificate of Non-Barred Bidding
6. All executed Subcontractor/Leased Operator and Supplier forms.

If you have not obtained your State of Illinois Pre-Qualification Number (item #4), by signing these documents you agree to make application for this number within 30 days from the date of bid opening.

ANY BID WHICH FAILS TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF ROCKFORD EEO PAGES 2, 4, 5, 6, AND 7, COMPLETED AND SIGNED WITH YOUR SEALED BID WILL NOT BE READ AND WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED – NO EXCEPTIONS.

Falsification of any required Equal Employment Opportunity or Affirmative Action information on the part of the bidder could result in rejection of the bid submitted or in the case where a contract has already been awarded, in the cancellation of said contract.

Any questions pertaining to E.E.O. requirements should be addressed to Ron Moore, Diversity Procurement Officer, Legal Department, 425 East State Street, Rockford, Illinois 61104, Phone: (815) 987-5622 or ron.moore@rockfordil.gov

EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY
AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN
STATEMENT OF POLICY

It is the policy of this company, _____
to provide equal employment opportunity without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, handicap,
age or sex through a program of positive action affecting all employees. In this program, our company
carries out the requirements of Federal Executive orders 11246 and 11375, Civil Rights Act of 1964,
Equal Employment Act of 1972, and all other applicable laws, and indicates its active support of the
principle of equal opportunity in employment.

At present, _____ % of our work force are minorities and _____ % of our work force
are females, and we will attempt to utilize minorities and females through a positive, continuing program
in all jobs for which we contract in the future. Our company will utilize referrals from the City of
Rockford's Diversity Procurement Officer for use of minorities and females regarding any future job
vacancies.

It is also our intent to make efforts to purchase supplies or equipment from small business concerns
located in the City of Rockford or counties of Winnebago or Boone and owned in substantial part (at
least 51 per cent) by minorities or females.

_____ is the official who will be responsible for implementing
this policy statement.

_____ will be designated as the Equal Opportunity Officer in
our company, responsible for submission of all required equal employment opportunity documents.

In addition, _____ is hereby authorized to sign payroll as well as
this company's officers. (NOTE: If only officers will be authorized to sign payrolls, please fill in "No One"
in this space.)

STATEMENT OF NONCOMPLIANCE

If the equal employment opportunity hearing committee determines that a contractor, subcontractor/leased operator of equipment or bidder is not in compliance with this chapter, (also known as Chapter 11, Article III the City of Rockford Equal Opportunity Employment Ordinance), the hearing committee shall issue and serve upon such person a written statement of noncompliance setting forth the manner in which it finds such person has violated this chapter, and imposing and/or requiring appropriate sanctions, including, but not limited to any and/or all of the following:

- a. Denying, suspending or revoking qualifications, or declaring the contractor or subcontractor irresponsible and ineligible for future contracts or subcontracts until such time as the contractor or subcontractor shall demonstrate to the equal employment opportunity hearing committee that it is in compliance;
- b. Withholding or delaying payment on the contractor or;
- c. Suspending, avoiding or canceling contract work.

CERTIFICATION OF NON-SEGREGATED FACILITIES

The bidder certifies that he/she does not maintain or provide for his/her employees any segregated facilities at any of his/her establishments, and that he/she does not permit his/her employees to perform their services at any location, under his/her control, where segregated facilities are maintained. The bidder agrees that a breach of this certification will be a violation of the Equal Opportunity clause in any contract resulting from acceptance of this bid.

The bidder agrees that (except where he/she has obtained identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment for specific time periods) he/she will obtain identical certification from proposed subcontractors/leased operators of equipment from the provisions of the Equal Opportunity clause, and that he/she will retain such certification in his/her files.

CERTIFICATE OF NON-BARRED BIDDING

The undersigned certifies that it is not barred from bidding on this contract as a result of a conviction for the violation of State laws prohibiting bid rigging or bid rotating. The undersigned also certifies that current or prospective employees, contractors, and subcontractors/leased operators of equipment are not listed as Excluded Individuals/Entities with the US Government, as maintained by the US General Services Administration.

By signing below, the firm agrees that all information provided in the previous pages is accurate, and that if the firm below does not currently have a Department of Human Rights number they will apply for one within thirty days with the State of Illinois.

Authorized Signature

Title

Firm

Our firm is a:

Minority Business Enterprise _____

Women Business Enterprise _____

Neither _____

City-Certified? Yes ___ No ___

City Certified? Yes ___ No ___

(Revised 12/21/09)

Subcontractor/Leased Operator of Equipment Detail Form
City of Rockford

Firms submitting bids must supply information on Subcontractors/Leased Operators of Equipment selected for work on the project specified. It is required that Subcontractors/Leased Operators of Equipment listed below will be utilized for actual construction should the firm be awarded a contract. Any deviations from the list below require notice in writing and approval by the Diversity Procurement Officer, Central Services Manager, or their designee. This form may be duplicated if additional space is necessary, **all pages must be signed, and submitted.**

Type of Work Supplied		MBE/WBE Business?	Dollar Amount	Subcontract Percent of Bid Total
Subcontractor/Leased Operator Information Please provide business name and address, and a contact person.	Describe the work the subcontractor/leased operator will perform for this contract.	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Name _____	_____			
Address _____	_____			
City, State _____	_____			
Contact _____	_____			
Name _____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Address _____	_____			
City, State _____	_____			
Contact _____	_____			
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City, State _____	_____			
Contact _____	_____			
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Address _____	_____			
City, State _____	_____			
Contact _____	_____			

The bidder intends to Subcontract/Lease Operators of Equipment for _____ % of the total contract with MBE/WBE firms.

Signed _____

Title _____

Date _____

Supplier Detail Form
City of Rockford

Firms submitting bids must supply information on suppliers selected for the project specified. It is required that suppliers listed below will be utilized during construction should the firm be awarded a contract. Any deviations from the list below require notice in writing and approval by the Diversity Procurement Officer, Central Services Manager, or their designee. This form may be duplicated if additional space is necessary, all pages must be signed, and submitted.

Supplier Information		Type of Product Supplied	MBE/WBE Business?	Dollar Amount of Supply Contract	Supplier Percent of Bid Total
Please provide business name and address, and a contact person.		Describe the product the supplier will provide for this contract.			
Name	_____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Address	_____				
City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				
Name	_____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Address	_____				
City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				
Name	_____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
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City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				
Name	_____	_____	Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	_____ %
Address	_____				
City, State	_____				
Contact	_____				

The bidder intends to procure _____ % of the total contract from MBE/WBE firms.

 Signed _____ Title _____ Date _____

NOTICE TO FIRMS OFFERING ENGINEERING/PLANNING/ ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

The Human Services Weatherization Program is inviting written Statements of Qualifications (SOQs) from qualified architectural firms to be delivered on or before **5:00 P.M., Central Standard Time, on Thursday, February 17, 2011**, for services for the Weatherization Program. The SOQs should be delivered to the Central Services Manager, Attention Carrie Eklund, 4th Floor, City Hall, 425 East State Street, Rockford, IL 61104.

The necessary services are described in the pages that follow. Firms may indicate their interest in described areas within the single statement of qualifications. The Weatherization Division will then use the responses to determine from which firms to request proposals. All projects will be designed and constructed according to the standards and specifications of the State of Illinois and the Weatherization Division.

SOQ DOCUMENT PREPARATION

The Weatherization Division is requiring that all SOQ documents submitted must be prepared in a specific format. **Failure to follow this format could result in your firm's disqualification from consideration.** This format is as follows:

Introductory Sections

- SOQ Cover Sheet (one page)
- Firm Cover Letter (one page)
 - The cover letter must include the specific address of the firm or office that will be serving the Weatherization Division, including the designation of a specific point of contact.
 - All contact information, including the e-mail address of the point of contact should be clearly displayed within the cover letter.
- Table of Contents (one page)
- Service Interest (one page)
 - It is highly encouraged that firms submitting qualifications for building energy efficiency services should request to work in only those areas where professional competence and qualifications can be demonstrated.
- Description of General Experience and Technical Competence (two pages)
 - This section should include, but not be limited to, discussion regarding the firm's history, general areas of experience, company philosophy / mission, and project management approach.
- Resumes / Personnel Statement (five pages)
 - This section should include resumes of key individuals that will be managing or engaged in project engineering and/or design work for the Weatherization Division. Firms are not required to complete a resume for each individual, as summarized Curriculum Vitae (CV) related overviews of personnel are acceptable.
- Description of services to be subcontracted (one page)
- Statement of Availability (one page)
 - Description of the ability of the firm to perform the work within a reasonable time considering the firm's current workload.

- A statement of the firm's current and future project workload can be included in this section, as appropriate.
- City of Rockford EEO Forms (7 pages)

The Introductory Section should not exceed 22 (single) pages total. The 22 page limit does not include tab sheets separating sections. One side of each page counts as one page within the 22 page limit. Font sizes less than ten (10) point shall not be utilized. The use of graphics to illustrate relevant points within this section is encouraged.

Service-Specific Responses

This section is to demonstrate the firm's qualifications for specific services. Please indicate the following:

- Description of Specific Experience and Technical Competence Pertaining to the Project (one page)
- Statement of Approach / Understanding (one page)
 - Include Areas of Service, as applicable
- List of Relevant Project Descriptions (three pages)
 - Include project type, client, cost, date (year), and scope of work.
 - Include permitting requirements, relevant scope description, design (and/or conceptual development) timeframes, community involvement, and milestone tasks.
 - Project descriptions should be limited to those projects that will be completed with personnel who will be engaged in the project(s) for the City of Rockford.
 - This section can include any company accomplishments, awards, or milestones that are relevant to the project.
- Key Personnel / Description of Project management Approach (one page)
- References (one page)
 - Municipal or Governmental References preferred. These should include contact information, including e-mail address of key client personnel.
 - Private references acceptable, as applicable to the project.

SOQ REVIEW PROCESS

SOQ Scoring Categories

The Weatherization Division has designated the following six (6) sections as categories utilized for scoring each firm for a project. Each section will receive a numeric score from 1 – 10, based on the information presented in the SOQ.

- Experience & Creativity
- Qualifications & Experience of Personnel
- Location of Firm
- Previous Work Record & Quality of Client References
- Support Capabilities
- Work Load

The Weatherization Division reserves the right to utilize references provided by firms seeking prequalification to gather further information regarding a firm's services as stated within the statement of qualifications. This information could be considered for use in scoring individual firms for a project.

SOQ Review / Prequalification Designation

Once the SOQs have been received, the Weatherization Division will review for each service, the material submitted and will select up to ten firms for further consideration. Each firm will be notified via regular mail of their potential prequalification selection. At the time of notification, each of these firms will be invited to submit proposals (for that specific service) and may be asked to make a presentation to the Committee members and staff personnel.

The proposals will be scored under similar criteria as shown above. Further detail regarding proposal document requirements and timeframes will follow in the notification letter.

SOQ Review Committee

The Selection Committee will include, but will not be limited to, the Director of Community Services, a Financial Analyst, and the Weatherization Manager.

Project Specific Requirements

The firms will be requested to submit a project specific proposal. The Weatherization Division will review each proposal then either select a firm to award the project (based on qualifications), or request interviews with top candidates.

The Division will then negotiate a contract with their first choice. If, for some reason, it is not possible to reach agreement on the fee or the terms of the contract, the Committee will terminate that negotiation and consider their second choice.

Fair Employment Practices, Equal Employment and Business Opportunity

All respondents shall be required to comply with all applicable laws on Fair Employment Practices, Equal Employment and Business Opportunity.

The City hereby notifies all respondents that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority and/or women business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit Proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for any award. **All firms submitting SOQs to the Weatherization Department are required to complete and attach the City of Rockford EEO forms (attached to this document) as noted in the "Introductory Sections" portion of this notice. Failure to complete and submit the EEO forms will result in your firm's disqualification from consideration.**

If we can be of further assistance, or if you desire additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

PROJECT INTEREST

Below are the projects for which the City of Rockford is soliciting professional services.

BUILDING ENERGY EFFICIENCY: The Weatherization Division seeks a consultant(s) to provide review / assessment of the energy efficiency of privately-owned facilities and assets. The goals of the program would consist of the following:

- Review existing mechanical systems and building products and make recommendations for upgrades, ensuring that new systems and products are Energy Star rated.
- Assist the City in researching energy saving systems and products that will allow existing and newly constructed buildings to acquire LEED Certification.
- Assist the City in researching methods to implement the use of recyclable building materials and products wherever applicable, in both new construction and remodeled projects.

The City requests that the successful firms provide guidance and evaluation of a full spectrum of building materials, products, and systems. These could include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

Windows

- Frames - vinyl or metal clad frames.
- Glass - 'Low-E' or "Double Pane'

Doors

- Solid fiberglass, solid metal or metal clad solid doors

Lighting

- T-8 lighting fixtures and bulbs where applicable
- Low wattage bulbs and fixtures where applicable
- Research additional energy efficiency lighting products

Electrical

- Shielded cable
- Plastic electrical boxes
- Evaluate alternative systems that might result in additional energy efficiency

Plumbing

- Tubular supply systems
- 'Non-sweating' connections where applicable
- Water saving faucets and fixtures
- Singular hot water supply heaters vs. single supply-single location water heater.

Insulation

- Foam insulation in exterior walls

Concrete Walls

- Utilize the modern pre-fabricated wall system for the foundation, instead of poured concrete.

Roofing-Sloped

- Fiberglass or aluminum roofing materials.

Roofing-Flat

- Bitumen modified-either torch down or mop down

Exterior

- Metal siding, fiberglass products, split block, or brick

Paint-Exterior / Interior

- Environmental friendly paint

Heating-Cooling Systems

- Forced air heating systems used with heat pumps.
- Utilize cooling towers for cooling building interiors in conjunction with boiler heating systems.

Ventilation

- Utilize both passive and solar powered ventilation systems.

The successful firms should have demonstrated experience with businesses and/or local governments in providing long-term energy efficiency assessments and recommendations, focusing on specific areas where cost savings can be realized. The services under this category could also include design, construction observation, and resolution of design / schedule / cost conflicts with contractors and material suppliers.

FUNDING ALLOCATIONS: State Weatherization Grant Funds

Project Budget: Project budgets will vary depending on scope. DOE and ARRA funding rates and Davis Bacon commercial rates apply for contractors.