CITY OF HELENA, MT
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) NO. 22-01 FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES – CROSS-TOWN CONNECTOR PROJECT

INTRODUCTION
The Engineering Division of the City of Helena seeks the services of an engineering firm to provide services necessary to design and implement upgrades to the City of Helena’s Cross-Town Connector Water Transmission Main. At the present time the City wishes to evaluate, redesign, and upgrade the existing Cross-Town Connector Water Transmission Main. The selected firm will work closely with City Engineering, Utility Maintenance and Water Treatment Staff.

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW
At the present time the City wishes to evaluate, redesign, and upgrade the existing Cross-town Connector water transmission main. The project will evaluate the existing Cross-town connector and design sectional pipe replacement, new and replacement isolation valves, and air/vacuum release systems, as necessary. The Cross-town connector main was constructed from 1960-1972 and connects the Ten Mile Water Treatment Plant transmission main to city water storage facilities and the Missouri River Water Treatment Plant.

II. AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES AND COMPENSATION
The City will select one or more respondents as finalists. Finalists may be interviewed and/or asked to make a presentation to the selection committee to further establish qualifications. The selected finalist will be offered an opportunity to negotiate an agreement with the City. If an appropriate agreement cannot be reached with the highest-ranked respondent, the second-ranked respondent may be invited to negotiate an agreement with the City, and so on.

A sample agreement is provided as Attachment “A” hereto, however, the City reserves the right to change any terms prior to entering into an agreement with the successful respondent.

☒ Evaluation criteria will NOT include consideration of the proposed compensation schedule and respondents are NOT to submit compensation proposals as part of their responses.

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III. SCOPE OF WORK, DELIVERABLES, AND TIMELINE
The scope of services outlined in this section represents the minimum to be provided by the Engineering Consultant. Proposers are encouraged to suggest additions or modifications to the scope required in this section that will enhance and clarify the scope of work per the proposer’s experience, knowledge, and expertise.

The scope of services to be provided by the Engineering Consultant shall include the following:

1. Enter into and provide required documentation specified in the sample agreement and provide said documentation within 30 days of the approval of the agreement by the City Commission.

2. Production of project documentation as required by funding agencies (DWSRF & ARPA).
3. Provide a detailed inspection, analysis, and evaluation of existing sections of the cross-town connector as outlined by the city utility maintenance and engineering departments.

4. Provide a detailed assessment and recommendations for repair and upgrade of the cross-town connector to the city for the replacement of existing valves, valve vaults, air releases/blow offs along with locations for new valves, air releases/blowoffs that will improve functionality and maintenance of the existing system. Detailed assessment and recommendations will need to take into consideration the effect(s) on water supply to existing residents while main is shutdown during construction and water management while sections of the pipe are being drained.

5. The consultant will be required to deliver the detailed assessment and recommendations technical memo to move forward for the Cross-Town Connector repairs and upgrade by 15th of November 2022.

6. Provide detailed cost estimates and schedule for implementation of the proposed design. Also provide costs analysis needed to reach 60%, 90% and final design.

7. Production of 60%, 90% and final bid documentation for the project. Final design to be completed by March 30th, 2023.

8. Conducting public meetings and outreach as appropriate. Presentation to City Commission.

9. The city will reserve the right to amend the contract during bidding to include construction management and inspection if needed.

IV. ATTACHMENTS

The following information is provided for informational purposes only:

Attachment “A” - City of Helena Agreement for Professional Services

Attachment “B” – Existing Cross-Town Connector As-Built Drawings

V. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

A. Proposal submission must be:

- no more than fifteen one-sided bound pages, inclusive of a cover page and back page;
- no smaller than 11-point font;
- must contain the information required by this RFP and address all required topics;
- acknowledgment that responder has reviewed any addenda issued for this RFP; and
- signed by an authorized agent.

B. Proposal submission must include all of the following:

1. Respondent’s legal name, address, and contact information.

2. Brief description of the respondent firm, including but not limited to, identification of the principal(s), the approximate number of employees, how long the firm has been in business, and how long the respondent has been engaged in relevant types of work. Include information that demonstrates the respondent’s experience in completing projects similar to the Cross-Town Connector.
3. Identify individuals who will be assigned to this project, their role on the project team, a brief resume, billing rates, and their experience and qualifications on similar projects.

4. Description of how the respondent will accomplish the tasks, goals, and objectives identified in section III of this RFP.

5. Provide a detailed anticipated project schedule including a description of how this project will fit with the firm’s current workload.

6. If this project includes a public participation requirement, describe proposed public participation process.

7. A description of any recent and/or current work for the City of Helena.

8. Only one facility tour/meeting will be held for all RFP respondents if needed. The tour will be held on 10 AM on Monday June 27, at the City-County Building Room 426.

C. References

List a minimum of four recent relevant professional references who can provide information regarding the respondent’s ability to perform the services described herein. References must include the name of the person to be contacted, phone number, email, engineering fee(s) charged, services provided, final project construction cost and the type of project the respondent completed for the reference. Projects referenced should be of similar scope and magnitude to this project.

VI. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals will be evaluated by a selection committee, based on the following criteria:

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<td>2 The capability to meet time and project requirements.</td>
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<td>3 Related Experience on similar projects/References provided.</td>
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<td>4 Previous and Current Work with the City of Helena</td>
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<td>5 Overall Quality of the Proposal</td>
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The selection committee may select one or more respondents submitting proposals as finalists. Finalists may be interviewed to further establish qualifications. If the selection committee determines that interviews are appropriate, the finalists will be contacted to schedule the interviews.

**VII. SOLICITATION SCHEDULE**

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**VIII. CONTACT:**

The city’s sole point of contact for the purposes of this RFP is:

Jamie Clark  
City Engineer  
316 N Park Ave, Helena MT 59623  
447-8098  
jclark@helenamt.gov

**IX. QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES**

All inquiries, questions, or requests for interpretation, correction, or clarification must be submitted in writing to the city contact listed above. Whenever responses to inquiries would constitute a modification or addition to the original RFP, the reply will be made in the form of an addendum to this RFP, a copy of which will be posted on the city’s website. Inquiries regarding this RFP will be accepted in writing until Thursday, June 30th, at 5:00PM. Written reply to all inquiries will be sent to all RFP holders on July 1st, by 5:00PM.

**X. SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS**

Proposals must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked on the outside with the RFP number and project name.

One hard copy and one electronic copy (PDF format) of the proposal must be submitted to:

City of Helena  
Attn: Jamie Clark  
316 N. Park Avenue  
Helena, MT 59623

**PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN: July 6th, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. (MST)**

Proposals may be withdrawn either personally or by written request at any time prior to the due date stated above for receiving proposals. No proposal may be withdrawn or modified after the due date and time, unless and until the award of the agreement is delayed for a period exceeding ninety (90) days.
The City is not responsible for costs associated with preparing proposals in response to this RFP.

**XI. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY THE CITY**

The City reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, readvertise, to waive any irregularities in the proposals, and to accept the proposal that best benefits the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all responses deemed unqualified, unsatisfactory, or inappropriate.

**XII. PUBLIC RECORDS DISCLOSURE**

All proposals become the property of the City of Helena and may be subject to release to the public pursuant to Mont. Const. art. II, § 9 and Mont. Code Ann. § 2-6-1001 *et. seq.*

**XIII. LOBBYING**

Respondents are prohibited from lobbying the City Commission, the Mayor, or members of the selection committee relative to the respondent’s proposal or response to this RFP.