

Request for Preproposals and Qualifications:
Consulting Services for Phase II of the Project
Envisioning a Chicago Area Waterway System for the 21st Century

Scoring and Ranking Criteria

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EVALUATION FACTORS

Approach – 60% of score

- **10pts Project understanding** – provide a brief description of your understanding of the proposed effort and how your firm/team will interact with stakeholders.
- **10pts Capability to meet tight schedule** – the accelerated timeframe under which this effort is to be completed is key to its success; describe how your team is structured to meet the schedule.
- **35pts Experience / availability of lead consultant** – the project must be under the direction of a highly qualified manager who can commit substantial ‘hands-on’ effort to the project (provide the name, qualifications, office location and time commitment of your lead consultant).
- **20pts Experience / availability of key staff and sub-consultants** – key senior staff and sub-consultants need to be available to direct technical sub-efforts; identify the key project teams that will conduct discrete elements of the study effort and identify the team leaders for each, including their qualifications, office location and time commitment.
- **25pts Proposed approach** – a detailed scope of services will be requested of firms/teams asked to submit full proposals; at this time we ask for your general approach to the effort, how you see the work divided by discipline and what significant issues or perceived problems you will have to overcome. This can include new or revised approaches that you recommend for achieving the project’s goals.

Skills/Capabilities – 40% of score

- **20 pts Water Quantity / Flood Control Analysis**
 - Hydraulics and Hydrology – experience in complex river and canal hydraulics and urban hydrology.
- **20 pts Water Quality / Ecological Analysis**
 - Water Quality Planning / Evaluation – experience in evaluating impacts of wastewater, stormwater and sewer overflow discharges on receiving waters; understanding U.S. EPA and Illinois EPA policies and requirements.
 - Ecological Analysis – experience in evaluating riverine ecosystems impacts, including fisheries, benthic communities, and riverfront terrestrial impacts.
- **30pts Transportation Analysis**
 - Multi-Modal Transportation Planning – experience planning and designing transportation facilities with emphasis on river transportation and transfer from ships/barges to truck and rail carriers.
 - Transportation/Commerce – experience evaluating the economic and commercial impact of changes to transportation patterns.
- **30pts Analysis of Benefits and Impacts of Separation**
 - Managing Interdisciplinary Projects – experience in successfully managing large multi-disciplinary projects that balance multiple goals and interests.
 - Economic Impact Analysis – experience integrating divergent individual economic impacts into a cohesive description of their combined impacts.
 - Performing integrated economic analyses of environmental and transportation planning.
 - Regional Planning – experience evaluating the regional impacts of projects that cut across multiple disciplines technically, economically and socially.
 - Interaction Analysis / Stakeholder Involvement – experience working with multiple stakeholders and the public, and recognizing and responding to varying interests and concerns.