

Mobile Bay National Estuary Program
Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium / Dauphin Island Sea Lab
Dauphin Island, Alabama

**Request for Qualifications (RFQ)
for
D'Olive Watershed Restoration Design Services
Proposals Due June 30, 2014, at 5:00pm CDT**

The Mobile Bay National Estuary Program (MBNEP) works collaboratively with landowners, local governments, agencies, and contractors to implement effective watershed restoration projects in Coastal Alabama. To achieve this function, MBNEP seeks qualified contractors to provide design services for projects that restore impaired water resources in the D'Olive Watershed in Baldwin County, Alabama.

The MBNEP is facilitating restoration efforts in the D'Olive Watershed funded through a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation – AL Gulf Environmental Benefit Fund 2013. Restoration efforts are targeted at eroding stream systems that are transporting sediments to downstream water resources, causing declines in water quality and habitat in the Mobile Bay ecosystem. Restoration efforts include stream restoration and stormwater related best management practices in the D'Olive Creek, Tiawasse Creek and Joe's Branch watersheds, draining a total area of over 7,700 acres of Spanish Fort, Daphne, and unincorporated Baldwin County. Information is posted on the MBNEP website under the link to the D'Olive Watershed:

<http://www.mobilebaynep.com/>

Restoration design services may include, but are not limited to:

- Watershed assessment
- Conceptual design
- Engineering analysis
- Hydrologic and hydraulic modeling
- Construction design
- Permitting
- Cost estimation
- Bid document preparation
- Construction oversight
- Monitoring pre- and post-implementation
- Adaptive management

MBNEP will enter into Service Agreements with up to five (5) design contractors for a term of five (5) years. A prime contractor may include one or more sub-contractors outlined in the

proposal. Individual projects will be assigned to selected contractors at MBNEP's sole discretion relative to technical abilities and available personnel to meet design needs of the MBNEP.

Contractor Qualifications

MBNEP seeks design contractors with excellent staff capabilities and experience in watershed restoration technologies, specifically stream restoration and stormwater management to improve ecological conditions in Coastal Alabama.

Qualifications of key personnel should include certification of the following:

- Technical expertise in natural stream restoration and stormwater management technologies.
- Understanding of Coastal Alabama hydrology, soils, geology, ecology, and vegetation conditions.
- Experience designing and implementing successful watershed restoration projects.
- Appropriate staff credentials for watershed restoration design professionals in Alabama, including professional engineer, professional wetland scientist, professional surveyor, registered landscape architect, certified ecological designer, certified professional in erosion and sediment control, and certified professional in stormwater management.

Anticipated Need for Services

MBNEP will select the design contractor for each project based on qualifications, staffing availability, and performance on past projects under this Service Agreement. MBNEP cannot provide an estimate of the amount of work that will be assigned to the selected contractors with Service Agreements. A Service Agreement with a contractor may be terminated if the quality and timeliness of work is determined to be unacceptable to MBNEP.

Guidelines for Submitting Proposals: Due June 30, 2014, at 5:00pm CDT

- Submit proposal as a PDF document, single-spaced, 12-point Times-Roman font
- Submit proposal by email to:

Linda Sierke: lsierke@mobilebaynep.com

The proposal document must be a single PDF document that includes:

- Cover letter (1 page) with company name and address on letterhead, signed by the primary contact with name, title, address, phone numbers, and email address.
- Company overview with specific description of capabilities relevant to coastal watershed restoration.
- Information on all sub-contractors if applicable.
- Organizational chart showing key personnel involved in each aspect of watershed restoration design and implementation.
- Key personnel qualifications for up to 7 individuals listed on the organizational chart (up to one page per person).

- Reference clients (at least 3 current or former clients, excluding MBNEP) for whom similar projects have been completed in the last 10 years, including names, titles, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses for contact persons.
- Project descriptions (3 to 5 similar projects, up to one page per project) indicating client, project scope and objectives, location, time frame, funding source, cost breakout for design and implementation, partnerships, current implementation status, key personnel, and description of innovative approaches and/or technologies applied in design and implementation of the watershed restoration efforts.

RFQ Questions

- Questions about this RFQ must be submitted by June 10, 2014 via email to:

Linda Sierke: lsierke@mobilebaynep.com

- MBNEP will not respond to telephone questions about the RFQ. Any information obtained by speaking directly with a staff person is not considered an official response for the purposes of this RFQ.
- MBNEP will respond to questions by June 15, 2014, with all responses posted on the MBNEP website under the link to the D'Olive Watershed:

<http://www.mobilebaynep.com/>

Design Contractor Selection Process

MBNEP staff and advisors will select up to five (5) design contractors based on the following evaluation criteria:

- Contents of proposal
- Qualifications of key personnel
- Project experience and success
- References

RFQ Milestones

June 10, 2014 Deadline for submitting questions on RFQ

June 30, 2014 Deadline for receipt of proposals (5:00pm CDT)

July 20, 2014 Selection and notification to all competing companies

Disclaimers

MBNEP reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for this RFQ. This RFQ does not commit MBNEP to award a contract or to pay any costs incurred during the preparation of the requested proposal.