



County of Newberry, SC

Request for Statements of Qualifications (SOQs)

SOQ No. 2008-015

Purpose:

Emergency Services Radio Communications Needs Study, System Design, Budgeting, Procurement Administration, Installation, and Testing

Description:

The County of Newberry (SC) is soliciting statements of qualifications (SOQs) for the purpose of pre-qualifying firms to offer proposals to conduct a comprehensive study of, and provide design specifications to address fully, the County's emergency services radio communications system needs. Firms pre-qualified through this process will be asked to submit formal proposals to address these needs in response to a request for proposals (RFP). The firm selected through the RFP process will provide compelling evidence of the County's communications system needs; will design a system sufficient to meet the County's emergency services communications needs, including detailed budgeting and specifications necessary to procure the desired system in a competitive process; will administer the procurement process; will oversee installation of the new system, acting as the County's representative; and will complete thorough post-installation testing to ensure the quality of the contractor's work, as well the inclusion and proper functioning of all aspects of the procured system.

Contact Information:

The contact information for the person managing this solicitation is as follows:

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Deadline for Submission of Statements of Qualifications (SOQs)/Disclaimers

For purposes of this solicitation, SOQs must be received by 5:00 PM (Eastern Time Zone) on Friday, August 8, 2008. Newberry County is responsible neither for lost nor late submissions. Pre-notification to the above-identified contact person prior to any proposals being faxed is strongly suggested. Firms submit SOQs at their own expense; Newberry County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals entirely at its discretion.

The outside envelopes, fax cover sheet, or email subject line should reference SOQ No. 2008-015.

Assessment of Content of SOQs:

Newberry County will review the SOQs submitted in response to this solicitation, assessing them according to evidence of firms' capabilities with regard to the following criteria and point valuations, with higher values representing better proposals:

- Relevant, project-specific experience and professional certifications of specifically-identified personnel to be assigned to this project (Complete resumes are required for all personnel who would be assigned to this project.) 20 Pts.
- Project-specific examples of firms' and their individual technicians' experience with multiple communications system configurations and/or multiple equipment vendors (Specific examples are required.) 20 Pts.
- Independence of firms from vendor-based communications system designs (Disclosure of current and past affiliations with vendors is required of the firm, and of all individual personnel who would be assigned to this project.) 20 Pts.
- Experience with multiple emergency services agencies utilizing different radio bands and equipment (specific examples are required.) 20 Pts.
- References from local government agencies for which firms have performed projects of similar size, scope, and complexity (Specific, current contact information must be supplied.) 20 Pts.