
February 3, 2010

Project No. 09-131

Request for Statement of Qualifications (RFQ)
Full Service Environmental Engineering and Design Service Vendors
ASARCO Smelter Site, El Paso, Texas

Dear Prospective Bidder:

The Custodial Trustee ("Trustee") for the ASARCO Smelter Site ("Site") in El Paso, Texas is engaged in a procurement process for an environmental engineering and design firm to provide services necessary to plan and design site remediation activities in accordance with the requirements of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

We are at the stage of qualifying firms for receipt of request for proposal. We would like to receive a SOQ from your firm demonstrating why your firm is qualified to receive the Environmental Engineering and Design Service bid package.

Approximately 20 firms have asked for a pre-qualification review. Based upon the responses to this letter, five to six firms will be selected to receive the bid package. You will be notified if you are on the bidders list by late February 2010.

Project Navigator, Ltd. is coordinating the bid process, will be receiving all pre-qualification and bid documents and will make the final decision about the selected firms.

Background Information

In November of 2009, Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) announced the selection of Project Navigator, Ltd., represented by Roberto Puga, as the Custodial Trustee to manage the remedial activities at the Site.

Under the settlement agreement approved by the bankruptcy court, ASARCO's El Paso smelter property has been placed in a custodial trust and is managed by the Custodial Trustee. \$52MM has been placed into an account to fund the remediation of the site. TCEQ will provide oversight of the remedial work. Additional Site information can be found on the Trust's website:

www.RecastingASARCO.com and on TCEQ's website:
www.tceq.state.tx.us/remediation/sites/asarco/asarco

Specific SOQ Information Requirements

The following questions should be addressed in your SOQ to enable the Custodial Trustee to better understand your firm's capabilities:

1. Discuss your firm's experience and ability to execute a site remediation project of this magnitude and especially discuss any projects of a similar scope in the Gulf Coast Region.
2. Describe your firm's experience working with TCEQ. Specifically, please describe experience working within the Texas Risk Reduction Program (TRRP) and Corrective Action Program.

3. Discuss your firm's experience with RCRA-C Equivalent cell design projects, especially within Texas. Please be specific about your firm's role.
4. Discuss your firm's experience with ground water remedial systems design projects, especially within Texas. Specifically, please describe experience with pump and treat systems, including treatment plant design, and sub-surface barrier walls. Please be specific about your firm's role.
5. Discuss your firm's experience with surface water hydrology design projects, especially in arid environments. Please be specific about your firm's role.
6. Discuss your firm's experiences with integrated design/build projects, especially within EPA Region 6. Please be specific about your firm's role.
7. Discuss your firm's experience with the following specialty items:
 - A. Smelter demolition
 - B. Ground water modeling
 - C. Arsenic treatment
 - D. Slag disposal
 - E. Public presentations

Please be specific about your firm's role.

8. Please indicate who from your firm would be designated to head the proposed project team and list what experience that individual has with providing environmental services for large industrial site projects. Please also identify who would fill the key project roles. Please include an organization chart.
9. Please identify those elements of the work that you would have to subcontract and/or form an alliance to execute. Identify who your alliance partner(s) would be.
10. It is very important to the Trust that local resources be used as much as is feasible during the implementation of this project. Please declare if you are an El Paso, Texas based firm, or have a branch office in El Paso, Texas, or if you have no presence in El Paso, Texas. The Trust will be weighing the evaluation favorably towards El Paso based firms.
11. Provide your firm's prior three years of health and safety performance statistics, including lost time and recordable statistics, separated by year. Specific statistics to include are:
 - A. Combined EMR Rate,
 - B. Lost Time Incident Rate,
 - C. OSHA Recordable Incident Rate, and
 - D. Fatalities.

Point-of-Contact

Day-to-day administrative questions during the preparation of the SOQ should be directed to Elizabeth Schell of Project Navigator, Ltd. at eschell@projectnavigator.com or (917) 653-7570.

RFQ Format and Due Date

Submittals are due by **COB, February 19, 2010**. The written submittal should be concise and limited to fifteen (15) pages, less figures, tables, photographs, and resumes (please limit resumes to 2 pages maximum/individual). All inquiries pertaining to this work should be directed to Project Navigator, Ltd., and not to ASARCO, EPA, TCEQ, or the City of El Paso.

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Copies should be submitted electronically in PDF format to eschell@projectnavigator.com.
Please also submit one hard copy of the SOQ to both Roberto Puga and Elizabeth Schell:

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Project Navigator, Ltd.
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Brea, CA 92821

Elizabeth Schell
Project Navigator, Ltd.
29 Birch Court
Ossining, NY 10562

We appreciate your response and look forward to reviewing your submittals.

Very truly yours,

Roberto Puga, P.G.
Trustee, Texas Custodial Trust

cc: Elizabeth Schell, Project Navigator, Ltd.