City of Kirkland
Request for Qualifications
Spinney Homestead Park
Regional Stormwater Facility
Job # 21-20-PW

Issue Date: March 12, 2020
Due Date: April 2, 2020– 3:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that qualifications will be received by the City of Kirkland, Washington, for:

**Spinney Homestead Park Regional Stormwater Facility**

File with Purchasing Agent, Finance Department, 123 - 5th Ave, Kirkland WA, 98033

Qualifications received later than **3:00 p.m. April 2, 2020** will not be considered.

A copy of this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) may be obtained from City’s web site at http://www.kirklandwa.gov/. Click on the Business tab at the top of the page and then click on the Request for Proposals link found under “Doing Business with the City”.

The City of Kirkland reserves the right to reject any and all submissions, and to waive irregularities and informalities in the submittal and evaluation process. This RFQ does not obligate the City to pay any costs incurred by respondents in the preparation and submission of qualifications. Furthermore, the RFQ does not obligate the City to accept or contract for any expressed or implied services.

A firm response that indicates that any of the requested information in this RFQ will only be provided if and when the firm is selected as the apparently successful firm is not acceptable, and, at the City’s sole discretion, may disqualify the submission from consideration.

The City of Kirkland in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises as defined at 49 CFR Part 26 will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color or national origin, or sex in consideration for an award.

In addition to nondiscrimination compliance requirements, the firm ultimately awarded a contract shall comply with federal, state and local laws, statutes and ordinances relative to the execution of the work. This requirement includes, but is not limited to, protection of public and employee safety and health; environmental protection; waste reduction and recycling; the protection of natural resources; permits; fees; taxes; and similar subjects.

**Dated this 12th day of March, 2020.**

Greg Piland
Financial Operations Manager
City of Kirkland is requesting consultants to submit a statement of qualifications (SOQ) specific to the needs of the Spinney Homestead Park Regional Stormwater Facility Project (henceforth referred to as the Project) to provide licensed civil engineering design in support of a stormwater retrofit facility, or suite of facilities. This selection process will include both submission of Project-specific SOQs and subsequent interviews of up to three firms. Review of the SOQs will be used to select firms for interviewing (if necessary), with final selection based upon the interview results. This selection of a design consultant for this Project will only involve City of Kirkland staff.

Services for this Project are generally expected to include hydrologic/hydraulic modeling, identification and evaluation of potential sites for stormwater flow control facilities, water quality (if required for infiltration), public outreach, geotechnical exploration and analysis, conceptual design of and cost estimation for stormwater flow control facilities, and mitigation program development.

Please submit one electronic (PDF format) of your project-specific SOQ no later than 3:00 PM (Pacific) on April 2, 2020.

**Project Background**

This Project will identify and develop conceptual designs for a potential stormwater retrofit and/or mitigation facility or facilities for the North Rose Hill subwatershed of Forbes Creek that surrounds Spinney Homestead Park (see project location below). The project will analyze options for use of this facility as retrofit for existing development, and/or as fee-in-lieu mitigation for the stormwater impacts of certain small short plats in the basin. If it appears that it may be beneficial to allow use of the facility as mitigation, the work will include development of a mitigation program. This work will be performed in three phases per City Council direction, see City of Kirkland Council Meeting video online at https://www.kirklandwa.gov/.

**Project Statement of Purpose**

The goal of this Project is to develop 30% designs and cost estimate for a facility, or suite of facilities, that will provide flow control for the Forbes Creek basin at Spinney Homestead Park.

Objectives for this Project include:

- Evaluate options for providing flow control and water quality treatment for stormwater in this subbasin, potential retrofit and mitigation options
- Evaluate and analyze potential stormwater facilities, including geotechnical exploration/analysis, hydrologic/hydraulic modeling, project cost, project permitting requirements, at Spinney Homestead Park
- Support City of Kirkland for Public Outreach activities
- Develop designs and cost estimates for a facility or facilities
- Develop a Mitigation Program that can be implemented for future
**Anticipated Scope of Work**

As mentioned previously, the City of Kirkland is seeking a design team to provide civil engineering design in support of the Spinney Homestead Park Regional Stormwater Facility.

1. Overall management of project team resources, including multiple subcontracted firms as needed to meet the goals and purposes of the City of Kirkland and this Project. The prime consultant will be responsible for the coordination and management of a Project strategy that will integrate all aspects of and resources applicable to this Project.

2. Conduct a three phased identification and analysis of potential stormwater flow control facilities including:
   a. Phase 1 – Basic Feasibility
      i. Determine basic feasibility and quantify how much stormwater can be effectively routed to Spinney Homestead Park
      ii. Determine a preliminary maximum stormwater facility footprint the Spinney Homestead Park location can support
      iii. Preliminary Geotech infiltration feasibility, “desktop” review
      iv. Support, mainly technical content, for public outreach and engagement regarding the need for stormwater management facilities, potential facility locations, and potential additional benefits that could be provided by these facilities. Main outreach and engagement activities will be planned and managed by City staff

   Hold point, city staff will present to city council for check-in.

   b. Phase 2 – 10% Conceptual Design
      i. Conceptual 10% Design concept of potential necessary conveyance improvements and facility layout
      ii. Geotechnical exploration to determine feasibility of infiltration (if needed)
      iii. Preliminary hydrologic and hydraulic modeling for flow control facility
      iv. Conceptual Cost Estimate
      v. Survey of Spinney Homestead Park
      vi. Survey of storm drainage system within the Project subbasin in support of modeling work
      vii. Identification and delineation of wetlands at potential facility locations (if needed)
      viii. Support, mainly technical content, for public outreach and engagement regarding the need for stormwater management facilities, potential facility locations, and potential additional benefits that could be provided by these facilities. Main outreach and engagement activities will be planned and managed by City staff

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   c. Phase 3 – 30% Design and Mitigation Program Development
      i. Conceptual 30% Design Plans and Estimate
      ii. Geotechnical soil testing for infiltration and facility structural support
iii. Stormwater facility modeling and sizing
iv. Conceptual Mitigation Program Development explaining how the stormwater fee-in-lieu program could work. This includes but is not limited to accounting and tracking mechanisms for credits and developing a unit cost price for purchase.
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Future Scopes of Work

The City of Kirkland may retain services of the successful firm for design and construction phases beyond those noted above.

Schedule

An approximate schedule for the selection process is provided for reference and availability purposes:

- March 20, 2020 Questions regarding the RFQ submitted to Greg Piland
- March 24, 2020 Answers to questions posted on City website
- April 2, 2020 Consultant Selection Project-Specific SOQs Due
- April 8, 2020 Notifications of Selections for Interview by City (in necessary)
- Week of April 13, 2020 Consultant Selection Interviews, if necessary (subject to City Staff availability)
- April 17, 2020 Notice of Award of Consultant
- May 2020 Notice to Proceed for Consultant

Format of Submittal

The format for the Project-specific SOQ submittal shall be at the discretion of the submitting firm, provided the document provides the minimum required information and follows the guidelines of this section.

Maximum size: not to exceed 5 pages (front and back) in length with page sizes not exceeding 8-1/2 inches by 11 inches. A cover letter, title page, and table of contents will not count against this maximum size requirement.

Minimum content:
1. A statement of your understanding of the various aspects of the Project.
2. A discussion of your firm's approach to this Project.
3. Your identification of critical project elements and a summary of your strategy for successfully integrating and achieving each of those elements for this Project.
4. A summary work coordination plan and schedule(s) describing how the goals, tasks, and other elements of the Project can be expected to be completed during the Project duration.

5. Key personnel, both internal and subcontracted, to be assigned to this Project; this should include their role(s), unique skills, experiences, and qualifications for this Project.

6. Examples of similar projects successfully completed through final PS&E by your firm, with an emphasis on recent and related projects. Please also include the names and phone numbers of client references that would be most knowledgeable of your firm’s performance on these similar projects. Please verify both name and contact phone number in advance before including this information in the SOQ.

Concise, easy-to-read qualifications that minimize the time and costs of production are encouraged.

SOQs will be evaluated and scored by a selection panel of City staff members, who will also conduct checks for the project references submitted. Scoring will be based on the following criteria and relative weighting.

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The SOQ score will not be retained for subsequent interview scoring. Final selection of the successful firm awarded this project contract will be based upon interview scoring.

**General Format of Interviews**

Interviews will be conducted with three firms selected by City staff from those who submit SOQs. The City of Kirkland interview team will consist of three to five staff members directly related to the Project’s scope of work.

Each interview shall not exceed one hour and will generally follow this format:
- Consultant presentation, *format optional* (approximately 20 minutes)
- Predetermined interview questions from City Staff (approximately 20 minutes)
- Open question and answer session (approximately 20 minutes)

**Contract Requirements**

If, after negotiation and consideration, the City is unable to reach an acceptable agreement with the top-ranked firm, they will terminate negotiations with the top ranked firm and, at their sole discretion, may: enter into negotiations with the second-ranked firm; withhold the award for any reason; elect not to proceed with any of the proponents; or re-solicit new submissions.

**Questions**

Upon release of this RFQ, all Vendor communications concerning the RFQ should be directed to the City’s RFQ Coordinator listed below. Unauthorized contact regarding this RFQ with any other City employees may result in disqualification. Any oral communications will be considered unofficial and non-binding on the City. Firms should rely only on written statements issued by the RFQ Coordinator. The City’s RFQ Coordinator for this project is:
Qualification Submittal Instructions

Submissions must be received by no later than **3:00 pm PDT on April 2, 2020**
Qualifications are to be submitted by email. Emailed submissions should include “Qualification-Job #21-20-PW” in the subject line and be addressed to: purchasing@kirklandwa.gov. (Emailed submissions must be in PDF format and cannot exceed 20MB).

Published:

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The City of Kirkland, Washington, a municipal corporation ("City") and ____________________, whose address is _____________________ ("Consultant"), agree and contract as follows:

I. SERVICES BY CONSULTANT

A. The Consultant agrees to perform the services described in Attachment ____ to this Agreement, which attachment is incorporated herein by reference.

B. All services and duties shall be conducted and performed diligently, completely and in accordance with professional standards of conduct and performance.

II. COMPENSATION

A. The total compensation to be paid to Consultant for these services shall not exceed $______________, as detailed in Attachment ____.

B. Payment to Consultant by the City in accordance with the payment ceiling specified above shall be the total compensation for all services performed under this Agreement and supporting documents hereto as well as all subcontractors’ fees and expenses, supervision, labor, supplies, materials, equipment or the use thereof, reimbursable expenses, and other necessary incidentals.

C. The Consultant shall be paid monthly on the basis of invoices submitted. Invoicing will be on the basis of percentage complete or on the basis of time, whichever is applicable in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

D. The City shall have the right to withhold payment to Consultant for any services not completed in a satisfactory manner until such time as Consultant modifies such services to the satisfaction of the City.

E. Unless otherwise specified in this Agreement, any payment shall be considered timely if a warrant is mailed or is available within 45 days of the date of actual receipt by the City of an invoice conforming in all respects to the terms of this Agreement.

III. TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT

The City or the Consultant may terminate this Agreement at any time, with or without cause, by giving ten (10) days’ notice to the other in writing. In the event of termination, all finished or unfinished reports, or other material prepared by the Consultant pursuant to this Agreement, shall be provided to the City. In the event the City terminates prior to completion without cause, consultant may complete such analyses and records as may be necessary to place its files in order. Consultant shall be entitled to receive just and equitable compensation for any satisfactory services completed on the project prior to the date of termination, not to exceed the payment ceiling set forth above.
IV. OWNERSHIP OF WORK PRODUCT

A. Ownership of the originals of any reports, data, studies, surveys, charts, maps, drawings, specifications, figures, photographs, memoranda, and any other documents which are developed, compiled or produced as a result of this Agreement, whether or not completed, shall be vested in the City. Any reuse of these materials by the City for projects or purposes other than those which fall within the scope of this Agreement or the project to which it relates, without written concurrence by the Consultant will be at the sole risk of the City.

B. The City acknowledges the Consultant’s plans and specifications as instruments of professional service. Nevertheless, the plans and specifications prepared under this Agreement shall become the property of the City upon completion of the services. The City agrees to hold harmless and indemnify consultant against all claims made against Consultant for damage or injury, including defense costs, arising out of any reuse of such plans and specifications by any third party without the written authorization of the Consultant.

C. Methodology, materials, software, logic, and systems developed under this Agreement are the property of the Consultant and the City, and may be used as either the consultant or the City sees fit, including the right to revise or publish the same without limitation.

V. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND MANAGEMENT

The ______________________ for the City of Kirkland shall review and approve the Consultant’s invoices to the City under this Agreement, shall have primary responsibility for overseeing and approving services to be performed by the Consultant, and shall coordinate all communications with the Consultant from the City.

VI. COMPLETION DATE

The estimated completion date for the Consultant’s performance of the services specified in Section I is ________________.

Consultant will diligently proceed with the services contracted for, but consultant shall not be held responsible for delays occasioned by factors beyond its control which could not reasonably have been foreseen at the time of the execution of this Agreement. If such a delay arises, Consultant shall forthwith notify the City.

VII. SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS

The Consultant shall not assign, transfer, convey, pledge, or otherwise dispose of this Agreement or any part of this Agreement without prior written consent of the City.

VIII. NONDISCRIMINATION

Consultant shall, in employment made possible or resulting from this Agreement, ensure that there shall be no unlawful discrimination against any employee or applicant for employment in violation of RCW 49.60.180, as currently written or hereafter amended, or other applicable law prohibiting discrimination, unless based upon a bona fide occupational qualification as provided in RCW 49.60.180 or as
otherwise permitted by other applicable law. Further, no person shall be denied or subjected to discrimination in receipt of the benefit of any services or activities made possible by or resulting from this Agreement in violation of RCW 49.60.215 or other applicable law prohibiting discrimination.

IX. HOLD HARMLESS/INDEMNIFICATION

To the greatest extent allowed by law the Consultant shall defend, indemnify and hold the City, its officers, officials, employees and volunteers harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or resulting from its negligence or breach of any of its obligations in performance of this Agreement.

In the event of liability for damages arising out of bodily injury to persons or damages to property caused by or resulting from the concurrent negligence of the Consultant and the City, its officers, officials, employees, and volunteers, the Consultant’s liability hereunder shall be only to the extent of the Consultant’s negligence. It is further specifically and expressly understood that the indemnification provided herein constitutes the Consultant’s waiver of immunity under Industrial Insurance, Title 51 RCW, solely for the purposes of this indemnification. This waiver has been mutually negotiated by the parties. The provisions of this section shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

X. LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

The Consultant shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement, insurance against claims for injuries to persons or damage to property which may arise from or in connection with the performance of the work hereunder by the Consultant, its agents, representatives, or employees. A failure to obtain and maintain such insurance or to file required certificates and endorsements shall be a material breach of this Agreement.

Consultant’s maintenance of insurance as required by the agreement shall not be construed to limit the liability of the Consultant to the coverage provided by such insurance, or otherwise limit the City’s recourse to any remedy available at law or in equity.

A. Minimum Scope of Insurance

Consultant shall obtain insurance of the types described below:

1. Automobile Liability insurance covering all owned, non-owned, hired and leased vehicles. Coverage shall be as least as broad as Insurance Services Office (ISO) form CA 00 01 or a substitute form providing equivalent liability coverage. If necessary, the policy shall be endorsed to provide contractual liability coverage.

2. Commercial General Liability insurance shall be as least as broad as ISO occurrence form CG 00 01 and shall cover liability arising from premises, operations, stop-gap independent contractors and personal injury and advertising injury. The City shall be named as an additional insured under
the Consultant’s Commercial General Liability insurance policy with respect to the work performed for the City using an additional insured endorsement at least as broad as ISO CG 20 26.

3. Workers’ Compensation coverage as required by the Industrial Insurance laws of the State of Washington.

4. Professional Liability insurance appropriate to the Consultant’s profession.

B. Minimum Amounts of Insurance

Consultant shall maintain the following insurance limits:

1. **Automobile Liability** insurance with a minimum combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage of $1,000,000 per accident.

2. **Commercial General Liability** insurance shall be written with limits no less than $1,000,000 each occurrence, $2,000,000 general aggregate.

3. **Professional Liability** insurance shall be written with limits no less than $1,000,000 per claim and $1,000,000 policy aggregate limit.

C. Other Insurance Provisions

The insurance policies are to contain, or be endorsed to contain, the following provisions for Automobile Liability and Commercial General Liability insurance:

1. The Consultant’s insurance coverage shall be primary insurance as respects the City. Any insurance, self-insurance, or self-insured pool coverage maintained by the City shall be excess of the Consultant’s insurance and shall not contribute with it.

2. The Consultant shall provide the City and all Additional Insureds for these services with written notice of any policy cancellation, within two business days of their receipt of such notice.

D. Acceptability of Insurers

Insurance is to be placed with insurers with a current A.M. Best rating of not less than A:VII.

E. Verification of Coverage

Consultant shall furnish the City with original certificates and a copy of the amendatory endorsements, including but not necessarily limited to the additional insured endorsement, evidencing the insurance requirements of the Consultant before commencement of the services.

F. Failure to Maintain Insurance
Failure on the part of the Consultant to maintain the insurance as required shall constitute a material breach of contract, upon which the City may, after giving five business days’ notice to the Consultant to correct the breach, immediately terminate the contract or, at its discretion, procure or renew such insurance and pay any and all premiums in connection therewith, with any sums so expended to be repaid to the City on demand, or at the sole discretion of the City, offset against funds due the Consultant from the City.

G. **City Full Availability of Consultant Limits**

If the Consultant maintains higher insurance limits than the minimums shown above, the City shall be insured for the full available limits of Commercial General and Excess or Umbrella liability maintained by the Consultant, irrespective of whether such limits maintained by the Consultant are greater than those required by this contract or whether any certificate of insurance furnished to the City evidences limits of liability lower than those maintained by the Consultant.

X. **COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS/BUSINESS LICENSE**

The Consultant shall comply with all applicable State, Federal, and City laws, ordinances, regulations, and codes. Consultant must obtain a City of Kirkland business license or otherwise comply with Kirkland Municipal Code Chapter 7.02.

XII. **FUTURE SUPPORT**

The City makes no commitment and assumes no obligations for the support of Consultant activities except as set forth in this Agreement.

XIII. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR**

Consultant is and shall be at all times during the term of this Agreement an independent contractor and not an employee of the City. Consultant agrees that he or she is solely responsible for the payment of taxes applicable to the services performed under this Agreement and agrees to comply with all federal, state, and local laws regarding the reporting of taxes, maintenance of insurance and records, and all other requirements and obligations imposed on him or her as a result of his or her status as an independent contractor. Consultant is responsible for providing the office space and clerical support necessary for the performance of services under this Agreement. The City shall not be responsible for withholding or otherwise deducting federal income tax or social security or for contributing to the state industrial insurance of unemployment compensation programs or otherwise assuming the duties of an employer with respect to the Consultant or any employee of Consultant.

XIV. **EXTENT OF AGREEMENT/MODIFICATION**

This Agreement, together with all attachments and addenda, represents the final and completely integrated Agreement between the parties regarding its subject matter and supersedes all prior negotiations, representations, or agreements, either written or oral. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument properly signed by both parties.

XV. **ADDITIONAL WORK**
The City may desire to have the Consultant perform work or render services in connection with the project other than provided for by the express intent of this Agreement. Any such work or services shall be considered as additional work, supplemental to this Agreement. This Agreement may be amended only by written instrument properly signed by both parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the dates written below:

CONSULTANT:  
By: _______________________________  
Date: _______________________________

CITY OF KIRKLAND:  
By: Tracey Dunlap, Deputy City Manager  
Date: _______________________________