

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
Design Engineering Services for:
Bissell Road Bridge Replacement
Bridge over Nippersink Creek
Bridge ID P-64-0902
WisDOT Local Bridge Program
WisDOT Project I.D. 3846-00-03/73

The Town of Linn, Walworth County, Wisconsin, is Requesting Qualifications (RFQ) for design services from engineering consultants for the design of the bridge over Nippersink Creek on Bissell Road. A three-party contract with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, the Town of Linn, and the consultant will be negotiated. This is a Quality Based Selection (QBS) process. Qualifications must be submitted by 10:00 AM on September 1, 2023. Late submittals will not be accepted.

PROJECT SCOPE AND LOCATION

The Town of Linn successfully applied for and received WisDOT Local Bridge Program funding for the 2022-2027 program cycle for the replacement of the Bissell Road bridge and approaches over the CMSTPP Railroad. Structure Number P-64-0902.

The existing structure is a 16.4-foot wide, 30.4-foot length, single span structure, and a concrete flat slab bridge built in 1920. The structure spans the Nippersink Creek.

The project scope includes replacing the bridge with a 24-foot clear roadway width, 30-foot length, and standard approach pavement to allow for larger trucks, and agricultural equipment to travel more safely and efficiently across the bridge.

Design shall include the removal of the existing structure, new structure and structure approaches, required signage and pavement marking, installation of guardrails, and coordination with all agencies and required permits. No right of way is anticipated to be required.

The project's design will be funded through the WisDOT Local Bridge Program, with 80% Federal and 20% Local funds up to the maximum funding allocated. Construction will be 100% Federal funds. The original construction cost estimate was \$193,299. Due to increased construction costs, the consultant will assist the Town with proposing to amend the State/Municipal Agreement to reflect current costs.

The project will follow the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Facilities Development Manual procedures.

PREPARING AND SUBMITTING QUALIFICATIONS

The evaluation and selection of the consultant will be based on the information submitted plus references. Consultants should respond clearly and completely. The Town is not liable for any cost incurred by consultants responding to this RFQ. Consultants must submit a PDF of the materials

requested for acceptance on or before 10:00 A.M., September 1, 2023. Submit to Jim Hurley, Town Administrator at email address: admin@townoflinn.wi.gov.

As part of the submittal, include a project schedule of milestones anticipated from Project Kick-off through PS&E.

PROPOSAL SELECTION AND AWARD

Submitted responses will be evaluated to determine if all requirements are met. Failure to meet all requirements may result in the response being rejected. Accepted responses will be reviewed by the evaluation committee and scored against the following criteria:

Familiarity with WisDOT procedures	25%
Professional registration of firm and key staff	20%
Current workload	15%
Proximity of Firm's office to project	15%
Experience with similar projects	25%

The Town of Linn reserves the right to reject any and all responses. The Town will provide WisDOT a final ranking and selection recommendation. Upon concurrence by WisDOT, the Town/WisDOT will negotiate costs with the highest ranked Consultant. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully with the highest scoring consultant, the Town of Linn/WisDOT may negotiate with the next highest scoring consultant.

PROJECT SCHEDULE

The following dates for the startup and delivery of the project is as follows:

Qualifications Due	September 1, 2023
Selection of Consultant recommended by Town	September 22, 2023

Once WisDOT notifies concurrence of the selected firm, the Town will schedule a project kick-off meeting. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for October 2023. PS&E date is November 1, 2024, and Let Date of February 11, 2025.

RFQ RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS

Submittals must contain the following:

1. Provide primary contact person including name, title, phone number and email address.
2. Describe the firm's experience and capabilities in providing similar services. Be specific and identify projects, for whom and dates.
3. Provide resumes describing education and work experience for each of the **KEY** staff who would be assigned to the project.
4. Provide a list of organizations including contact name, address and telephone number which can be used as references for similar work performed. These may be contacted and used as part of the evaluation process.

5. Project milestone schedule.

Questions regarding this RFQ should be directed to Jim Hurley, Town Administrator at email address: admin@townoflinn.wi.gov, (262) 275-6300, x12.