

Atlanta BeltLine, Inc. General Terms and Conditions

- A. All applicable State of Georgia and Federal Laws, City of Atlanta and County ordinances, licenses and regulations of all agencies having jurisdiction shall apply to the Offeror and the Project throughout and incorporated herein. The agreement with the selected Offeror, and all questions concerning the execution, validity or invalidity, capability of the parties, and the performance of the agreement, shall be interpreted in all respects in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia.
- B. Professionals requiring special licenses must be licensed in the State of Georgia and shall be responsible for those portions of the work as may be required by law.
- C. No proposal shall be accepted from and no contract will be awarded to any person, firm, or corporation that is in arrears to ABI, IA, or the City of Atlanta, under debt or contract that is a defaulter, as surety or otherwise, upon any obligation to ABI, IA or the City of Atlanta that is deemed irresponsible or unreliable by ABI, IA or the City of Atlanta. If requested, the Offeror or proposed subcontractor (if retained as a manager) shall be required to submit satisfactory evidence that they have the necessary financial resources to provide the proposed services.
- D. From the date an Offeror's proposal is received through the date a contract is awarded to an Offeror, no Offeror may make substitutions, deletions, additions or other changes in the configuration of its proposal without ABI's express written consent.
- E. This procurement may be canceled or any or all bids or proposals may be rejected in whole or in part when it is in the best interest of ABI or when funding is not available for completion of the services requested under this document. In the event that this procurement is cancelled, a notice of cancellation shall be sent to all persons, firms, or entities that submitted responses to this procurement.
- F. Offeror's status shall be that of an independent contractor, and neither it nor any of its employees or subcontractors is or shall be an agent, servant or employee of ABI, IA or the City.
- G. Offeror shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless ABI, IA and the City of Atlanta against any and all claims, judgments or liabilities to which they may be subject because of any negligence or fault or default by the Offeror, its consultants, or subconsultants.
- H. Offeror shall agree to the Superior Court of Fulton County as the venue in any legal action or proceeding between the Offeror and ABI, IA or the City.

Organizational Conflicts of Interest and Excluded Parties. An organizational conflict of interest exists when the nature of the work to be performed under a proposed contract or lease may, without some restriction on future activities, result in an unfair competitive advantage to the Consultant or impair the Consultant's objectivity in

performing the work. Clarifications may be sought by submitting a letter requesting clarification and stating the reasons why the firm believes potential organizational conflict of interest exists. In preparing this solicitation, a review of existing contracts with ABI should be undertaken, and the Offeror shall make known any consultants, subcontractors or sub-consultants that are specifically excluded from participating in this solicitation. All who respond to this Procurement shall complete the Certification of No Organizational Conflict of Interest and submit it as part of its response to a Procurement. A response that does not contain this completed form is subject to disqualification.

Consultants, subcontractors or sub-consultants with active contracts with ABI are excluded from being eligible to submit a response to this procurement except under the following circumstances:

1. If the contractor, consultant, subcontractor or sub-consultant completes the Certification of No Organizational Conflict of Interest; and
2. If ABI Legal Counsel agrees that the contractor, consultant, subcontractor, or sub-consultant has no organizational conflict of interest.

DBE PARTICIPATION

ABI is committed to the practice of non-discrimination in the selection of team members and relationships with sub-contractors with a desire to reflect diversity in the participation of companies engaged in the Atlanta BeltLine Project. ABI strongly encourages participation by Female Business Enterprises (“FBE”), Minority Business Enterprises (“MBE”), Small Disadvantaged Businesses (“SDB”), and Small Business Enterprises (“SBE”) in all contracts issued by ABI. These enterprises shall be collectively referred to in this RFP as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (“DBEs”). It is anticipated that as a part of a responsive proposal, DBE participation will be included. This Project has a DBE goal and Local business utilization goal. The goal for the Project has been set at 30%.

However, nothing herein should indicate that a DBE may not apply and be selected independently, as DBEs that meet the qualifications of this RFP are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. In order to participate as a DBE on the contract, said DBE must be certified (as an FBE, MBE, SDB, SBE or DBE) through GDOT, the Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council, the U.S. Small Business Administration, or the City of Atlanta. SBEs must be registered with the City of Atlanta and are defined in Section 2-1357 of Division 9 of the City of Atlanta Code of Ordinances, as amended. ABI maintains data on the utilization of DBE entities on all contracts with the utilization of ABI’s Subcontractor/Subconsultant Utilization and DBE Participation Certification.

Each Offeror for ABI shall list any and all Female, Minority, Small Disadvantaged Business, Small Business Enterprises, and/or Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (FBE, MBE, SDB, SBE, and/or DBE) that have been or will be utilized on this contract; the amount of revenue received or to be received by the DBE; and the percentage of the overall Scope of Services the specific DBE will provide under the contract. All invoices should be in a format approved by the ABI Project Manager and reflect the sums to be received by DBEs (FBEs, MBEs, SDBs,

and SBEs) from the total payment to be received by the Offeror. The invoices should also reflect a total amount of compensation paid to date to the Offeror and each DBE participant along with their corresponding percentage of the total compensation received. Offeror will also be responsible for submitting lien waivers from each of its DBE participants for all payments received, where necessary, and affirm that the Offeror is current with all payment obligations due to the DBE participants at the time of the submission of an invoice for payment. Offeror shall be deemed a Constructive Trustee of the funds paid to it that are to be disbursed to a specific DBE participant. Failure to pay sums due to DBE participants shall be deemed a material breach of the terms of any agreement to which Offeror may become a party as a result of its selection as the Offeror.

Persons or firms interested in obtaining applications for certification should contact one or more of the following organizations:

- **City of Atlanta** – Office of Contract Compliance (FBE/MBE/SBE Certification): 55 Trinity Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, Tel: (404) 330-6010, Fax: (404) 658-7359.
- **U.S. Small Business Administration** (SDB certification): acceptable provided certification reflects minority or women-owned status. Requirements are found at www.sba.gov.
- **Georgia Department of Transportation** (DBE Certification): One Georgia Center, 600 West Peachtree NW, Atlanta, GA 30308, Tel: (404) 631-1990. DBE Helpdesk: (404) 631-1273.
- **MARTA** (DBE Certification): 2424 Piedmont Road NE, Atlanta, GA 30324, Tel: (404) 848-5270 Fax:(404) 848-4302, Email: asmith1@itsmarta.com.
- **Georgia Minority Supplier Development Council** (MBE Certification): 759 West Peachtree Street, Suite 107, Atlanta, GA 30308, Tel: (404) 589-4929.

A firm selected by the Offeror can only satisfy one of the three categories. The same firm may not, for example, be listed for participation as an MBE organization and an SBE organization even if the level of participation exceeds each category's goal. All firms must be registered or certified prior to the submittal of the proposal. An Offeror is at risk in that there may be an issue of time to certify or register if it intends to use a firm that is not certified or registered at the time the Proposal is submitted. Applicants must include copies of MBE, FBE, SDB, and/or DBE certifications for the contractors and subcontractors listed in their proposal packages, if any.

ABI is an Equal Opportunity Employer.