Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority

Request for Qualifications
For
General Engineering Consulting ("GEC")
Services For

Inspection and Rating of
MBTA Bridges Systemwide

MBTA Contract No.

B92PS50-XX

ISSUE DATE

November 19, 2026

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority ("MBTA") is soliciting Statement of Qualification ("SOQ") from qualified firms to provide engineering consulting services for the Inspection and Rating of the Authority's Systemwide Bridges to ensure that all MBTA bridges meet required safety standards and are in a state of good repair. The MBTA may qualify multiple firms to provide these services. These contracts are expected to utilize Federal and non-federal funding.

Values for each bridge inspection are recorded and logged into the MBTA Bridge Management System. Bridges will also be load rated to ensure they meet the current loads required per MBTA, AREMA. MassDOT, and AASHTO load criteria.

The condition rating values and load ratings are used to establish a priority list for emergency repair, rehabilitation, or reconstruction of bridges to bring them to a state of good repair.

II. SCOPE OF SERVICES:

The Scope of Services includes, but is not limited to the following: interagency coordination, coordination with MBTA Engineering & Maintenance, coordination with MBTA Transit Operations, Power, Signal and Communications for track access, coordination with MBTA Railroad Operations and Amtrak, and other railroad operators, review of existing inspection/rating reports and drawings, research and data gathering, in-depth routine bridge inspection, NSTM (fracture critical) inspection, special member inspection, underwater bridge inspection, input of inspection data into the MBTA Bridge Management System, submission of bridge inspection reports with recommendations, bridge load rating calculations, submission of bridge load rating reports with recommendations, coordination of data for input into the MBTA Asset Management Database Trapeze, and limited structural repair design.

The selected Proposers' Team shall exhibit a depth of experience and expertise in the supporting disciplines as outlined in this Request for Qualification.

III. CEILING AMOUNT AND DURATION:

The scope of services will be authorized on task basis. The duration of this contract will be Thirty-six (36) months with the option of two (2) individual twelve-month extensions.

The anticipated ceiling amount for each GEC is $6,000,000.

IV. PROCUREMENT SCHEDULE

The schedule set forth below is provided for planning and informational purposes only and represents the anticipated procurement timeline as of the date of this document. The MBTA reserves the right to modify, extend, or otherwise revise the schedule, as necessary, in its sole discretion. Interested parties should monitor the procurement for any updates or addenda.

RFQ Issuance	Thursday, November 19, 2026
SOQ Due	**Monday, December 14, 2026 at 11:00AM**
RFP Issued	January 2027
Proposal Due	February 2027
Award/NTP	March 2027

V. QUESTIONS AND ADDENDA:

Proposers are advised that all communication shall be limited to written inquiry.

The deadline for receipt of questions is 8 calendar days before the SOQ due date. All questions must be submitted via Bid Express.

Proposers are responsible for ensuring that any questions and requests for clarification clearly indicate that the material relates to the Project. The MBTA reserves the right to respond or not respond to questions and requests submitted. To the extent that a response is merited, any response will be made available to all Proposers.

The MBTA reserves the right to revise this RFQ by issuing addenda at any time before the SOQ due date. All addenda will be considered part of this RFQ and will be posted on the procurement site. It will be the sole responsibility of the Proposer to ascertain the existence of any and all addenda issued by the MBTA. Firms will receive notice from the procurement site that an addenda has been posted.

Any responses to questions, clarifications, or addenda not issued in accordance with this Section will be without legal effect

VI. COMMUNICATION BETWEEN MBTA AND PROPOSERS:

Once the RFQ has been issued, the only authorized communications shall be through profservices@mbta.com. Unauthorized communications or contact between the Proposers, their employees, agents, or other related entities interested in submitting SOQs and the MBTA, or any other person or entity participating on the Selection Committee with regard to this Project are strictly prohibited after the RFQ is advertised.

From the date of issuance of this RFQ through the award of the Contract, any Proposer that contacts directly or indirectly any member or employee of the MBTA or any member of the Selection Committee in connection with the selection process or the contract contemplated herein for this Project is subject to disqualification.

VII. SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS:

Proposers for this work are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications **no later than the date listed in Section V. Procurement Schedule via Bid Express.**

Proposers are solely responsible for ensuring that the MBTA receives their SOQs by the specified delivery date and time at the address listed above. The MBTA shall not be responsible for delays and other occurrences beyond the control of the MBTA.

Responses to the Request for Qualification shall include one (1) digital copy, submitted via BidExpress.com of the current Standard Form (SF) 330 - Architect/Engineer Qualification Questionnaire, with attachment, for all proposed team members, including all proposed subconsultant.

Each Statement of Qualification must include the firm's valid Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) issued through **System for Award Management (SAM)** on Part II of the SF330

VIII. EVALUATION CRITERIA

The Statement of Qualifications will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

	Evaluation Criteria	**Points**
a)	Cover Letter	0
b)	Proposed Team and Organization	15
c)	Key Personnel Qualifications	15
d)	Relevant Project Experience	20
e)	Personnel by Discipline	20
f)	Proposer Capability	10
g)	Proposer Capacity	20
h)	Bidder Form	0
	Total	**100**

Failure to submit a complete package including all documents listed below may result in your SOQ being deemed non-responsive.

a)	Cover Letter	Attachment	(No Points)

The Cover Letter includes an executive summary detailing the key elements and factors that differentiate them from other Proposers. The Cover Letter should not exceed 4 pages.

b)	Proposed Team and Organization	Part I, Sections C and D	(15 Points)

Section C: The proposed team structure clearly defines roles, responsibilities, and reporting relationships across disciplines and ensures appropriate staff support throughout the contract.

Section D: The organizational chart shows contractual and functional reporting relationships, lines of authority, responsibility, and communication between the Proposer and its Subconsultants to support efficient coordination and timely decision-making.

c)	Key Personnel Qualifications	Part I, Sections E and G	(15 Points)

The resumes and role descriptions collectively demonstrate the team's capacity to perform work similar to that required for this contract and show relevant firm's expertise on scope comparable in complexity or operational conditions.

d)	Relevant Project Experience	Part I, Section F	(20 Points)

The projects presented are representative examples that demonstrate the Proposer's capability to support the scope required for this contract.

e)	Personnel by Discipline	Part II, Item 9 and Part I, Section H	(20 Points)

Item 9: The proposed team includes the required disciplines necessary for a complete and coordinated assignment.

Section H: Comprehensively lists the titles of personnel that would perform scope under each discipline identified in Item 9 and matches the number of employees indicated in Item 9. Personnel allocations ensure availability for all phases of design and construction.

f)	Proposer Capability	Part II, Items 10 and 11	(10 Points)

Demonstrates the Proposer's capabilities through the volume and value of work performed across applicable experience categories, including the extent of federal and non-federal experience.

g)	Proposer Capacity	Attachment	(20 Points)

Demonstrates the proposed team's capacity through a statement that lists all current projects and contract values for which the Proposer and each of their listed Subconsultant is performing or is under contract to perform any professional design services.

h)	Bidder Form	Attachment	(No Points)

Completed Bidder Form for each Proposer and each Subconsultant on the SOQ Submission.

IX. SELECTION

Following an evaluation of qualifications and performance data, Proposers considered to be the most highly qualified to provide the required services will be requested to submit proposals

X. ELIGIBILITY FOR AWARD

All Proposers that are shortlisted must be actively registered in the federal **System for Award Management (SAM)** and maintain an **active** status **prior to proposal** submission.

It is the practice of the Authority to encourage the economic growth of Proposers through broad solicitation and award of contracts. All capable Proposers are invited to submit a Statement of Qualifications in accordance with the instructions presented in this solicitation.

This is not a Request for Proposal. The MBTA reserves the right to cancel this procurement or to reject any or all Statements of Qualifications.

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