

THE PORT AUTHORITY OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY

REQUEST TO QUALIFY (“RTQ”)

FOR

**RTQ 46487 - GEORGE WASHINGTON BRIDGE - REHABILITATION OF 178TH AND
179TH STREET RAMPS, BUS RAMPS AND BUS TURNAROUND –
CONTRACT GWB-244.042**

JULY 2016

I. INTRODUCTION

The Port Authority of New York & New Jersey (the “Port Authority” or the “Authority”) is a body corporate and politic created by interstate compact between the States of New York and New Jersey with the consent of the Congress of the United States. The Port Authority, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, provides the region with integrated transportation and trade services and operates facilities in connection therewith, including, but not limited to, four major regional airports, interstate traffic through four bridges and two tunnels, a bus terminal, a bus station, the PATH rapid transit system, the Hoboken-lower Manhattan ferry service, the World Trade Center site and certain New York-New Jersey port facilities.

Responses to this Request to Qualify (“RTQ”) are due on the Response Due Date set forth on the advertisement of this RTQ. Responses received after that date and time will not be accepted.

Only pre-qualified firms who have received written approval from the Authority will be asked to respond to future solicitations on the specific project described below.

II. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Authority wishes to pre-qualify firms to submit bids for Contract No. GWB-244.042, entitled “Rehabilitation of 178th and 179th Street Ramps, Bus Ramps, and Bus Turnaround”. This work will be performed at the eastern end of the George Washington Bridge (GWB), a Hudson River crossing between New York and New Jersey.

A. Scope of Work

This project is required in order to maintain the ramp deck structures of the GWB in a state of good repair, and to provide state-of-the-art infrastructure for pedestrian and bicycle access to GWB sidewalks. It is anticipated, but it is not guaranteed that the work required by the Contract may include, but may not necessarily be limited to, the following:

1. Removal and replacement of about 110,000 square feet of bridge decks for the 178th and 179th Street Ramps, the East and West Bus Ramp and the Bus Turnaround; replacement of underdeck electrical conduits; furnishing and installation of

underdeck shielding; replacement of lighting and drainage systems; structural modification of the floor beams for widening the deck of the street ramps; widening the ramp sidewalks, including furnishing and installation of railing and safety fence; seismic retrofit of the steel fascia columns and column base anchorages.

2. Demolition, removal and reconstruction of the east half of the 179th Street Ramp, also known as Ramp 179.
3. Construction of fly-over ramps to provide pedestrian/bicycle access to the ramp sidewalks.
4. Concrete repairs to the retaining wall along West 179th Street; concrete repairs to existing offset pier columns at Ramp 179.
5. Routine and Priority steel and concrete repairs.
6. Coordination with other GWB projects.
7. Refurbishment of the George Washington Bridge Park, located at Cabrini Boulevard and West 180th Street.
8. Temporary and permanent relocation and restoration of utilities, such as piping, conduits and electronic devices.
9. Maintenance of Traffic during the stipulated Hours of Work.
10. Design, furnish and install temporary work platforms/scaffolding and containment for construction, including sealing and removal of lead based paint.

B. Estimated Total Contract Price

For information purposes only, the Authority estimates that the total work required will be in the range of \$130 to \$160 million.

C. Contract Schedule

It is anticipated but it is not guaranteed that Bid Document(s) may be available to pre-qualified bidders in December 2016. It is the present intention of the Authority to have all Work under the Contract completed within 7 to 7.5 years after award of the Contract. This time-period reflects winter shutdown periods and accounts for suspension of road closures during major holidays and all events at Yankee Stadium, the Metlife Stadium and any special events.

<u>Project Milestones</u>	<u>Timeline</u>
Notice of Award	3 rd Quarter 2017
Complete 179 th Str. Ramps and North Sidewalk Ramps	3 rd Quarter 2020
Complete 178 th Str. Ramps and South Sidewalk Ramps	1 st Quarter 2023
Substantial Completion	3 rd Quarter 2024
Final Completion	4 th Quarter 2024

Please note that the Timeline notice above is for informational purposes only and is subject to change by the Authority at any time prior to the receipt of Bids

D. Pre-Qualification Meeting

There will be no meeting on this request for pre-qualification.

III. SUBMITTAL INSTRUCTIONS AND CONTENT

A. Requirements

To be considered for prequalification, the respondent must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Chief Engineer of the Authority that it meets the minimum requirements of this RTQ, as stated in Paragraphs III.A.1, III.A.2, and III.A.3. Company brochures alone shall not be submitted for the purpose of demonstrating experience and technical expertise. Submittals must be tailored to the specific requirements of this RTQ. If the respondent cannot demonstrate that it meets all of the below mentioned qualifications, then the respondent may with others form a joint venture and request that the joint venture be pre-qualified as set forth in Paragraph III.B.5 below.

1. Minimum Experience of the Firm

The firm must have, as a prime or general contractor, a minimum of ten (10) years experience in the following:

- a) Construction experience on large scale contracts comparable in size, type and complexity to that described in Paragraph II A & B.
- b) Within the last 15 years completed or substantially completed as a prime or general contractor at least two (2) large scale contracts of type and complexity comparable to that indicated in Paragraph II A & B above.
- c) A firm may also qualify if, during the time period as stated above, the prospective bidding firm (or persons or entities owning and controlling the

prospective bidding firm) has satisfactorily performed, as owning and controlling another firm, services of similar scope to those required under this Contract. The work must have been completed skillfully in a satisfactory manner and on time.

2. Minimum Qualifications of the Project Manager and Superintendent

The firm's Project Manager and Superintendent must each have a minimum of ten (10) years construction experience and must each have worked on at least two large scale projects involving bridge construction and consisting of bridge replacement, deck replacement/rehabilitation, structural modification of bridge superstructures, concrete and steel repairs and replacement of critical systems, such as electrical power, communication and signage systems, comparable in size, type and complexity to those outlined in Paragraphs II A & B.

3. Specific Work Experience Critical to the Project

Respondents must demonstrate construction experience on contracts comparable in size, type and complexity to those described in Paragraph II A & B and that involve performing work under high traffic volume, restrictive work hours and complex construction staging conditions. Such conditions shall have included stipulations (but not only these stipulations) that no construction activities were allowed during specified peak-hour traffic conditions. Unique or special maintenance and protection of traffic strategies utilized to ensure that bridge was fully operational after construction periods and that all traffic lanes were in full service during peak traffic must be presented.

B. Submittals

The following items must be submitted in order for your firm to be considered for qualification on this specific project:

1. Attachments

In order to expedite the evaluation of the qualification information furnished, the prospective bidder must complete and submit the attached documents. Responses that fail to adhere to this stipulation may be excluded from consideration. The following attachments are incorporated herein and must be submitted:

- a) [Contractor's Qualification Statement](#)
- b) [Agreement I – Agreement on Terms of Discussion](#)

2. Performance And Payment Bond

The prospective bidder must be able to obtain a Performance and Payment Bond for the amount indicated in paragraph II.B from a surety company whose name appears

on the current list of the Treasury Department of the United States as acceptable as a surety upon federal contracts. A letter from the surety company must be submitted with this RTQ.

3. Experience Modification Ratio

The prospective bidder must submit a copy of the most recent Experience Modification Ratio (EMR) for itself and for each of its named Subcontractors as a measure of the prospective bidder's safety record. If the ratio exceeds 1.2, a written explanation shall be provided.

4. Required Licenses/Certifications

The Contractor and all proposed sub-contractors must have all required NYS and / or NYC certifications and / or licenses to perform the work in accordance with codes, rules and regulations, if and as applicable.

5. Joint Ventures

The Authority will entertain requests for prequalification from joint ventures. If a joint venture is pre-qualified to submit bids, or if two or more entities separately pre-qualified to bid elect to submit a bid as a joint venture, all participants in the joint venture shall be bound jointly and severally and each participant shall execute the bid. If the prospective bidder cannot demonstrate that it meets all of the referenced qualifications, then the prospective bidder may with others form a joint venture and request that the joint venture be deemed to be the prospective bidder (i.e. members of the joint venture may meet the qualification requirement collectively.)

IV. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Respondents must clearly indicate the RTQ# and Title on the outside of any package or document submitted in connection with this Contract.

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The respondent shall submit six (6) total submissions of the required qualification information, preferably, one (1) original, four (4) hard copies and one (1) copy in CD-Rom format to Suchetha Premchan in sufficient time so that the Authority receives it no later than **4:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016.**

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING-

All Responses must be delivered in sealed envelopes and/or packages.

The Procurement Department is located at 4 World Trade Center (4 WTC), located at 150 Greenwich St., 21st Floor, New York, New York, 10007.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS CAREFULLY. Respondents assume all responsibility for delays or problems in delivery.

<u>Responses</u> will be received at:
The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey Attention: Bid/Proposal Custodian Procurement Department 4 World Trade Center 150 Greenwich Street, 21st Floor New York, NY 10007
At this address, Responses will be accepted only when submitted via the United States Postal Service, UPS or hand delivery.
Clearly mark the solicitation number on the outermost package.

- A. There is extensive security at the World Trade Center Site. You must present a valid government-issued photo ID to enter 4 WTC. Individuals without packages or carrying small packages, envelopes or boxes that can be conveyed by hand or on a hand truck may enter through the lobby. All packages, envelopes and boxes may be subject to additional security screening.
- B. There is no parking available at 4 WTC/150 Greenwich Street, and parking in the surrounding area is extremely limited.
- C. Express carrier deliveries by commercial vehicles may be made only via vendors approved by Silverstein Properties, the WTC Property Manager, through the Vehicle Security Center (VSC). Presently, UPS is the only delivery vendor with approved recurring delivery times. UPS makes deliveries to 4 WTC around 9:30 a.m. each day. Please plan your submission accordingly.
- D. As additional express carriers may be approved by Silverstein Properties and scheduled for recurring delivery times with the VSC, this information may be updated.
- E. Under certain circumstances, a solicitation may allow for a commercial vehicle to be

approved to make a delivery in accordance with VSC procedures. If applicable, the specific solicitation document will include that information.

F. The Authority assumes no responsibility for delays, including, but not limited to, delays caused by any delivery services, building access procedures, or security requirements.

G. All Responses must be delivered in sealed envelopes and/or packages. Address the Response as provided above. In case of conflict, the reproducible original of the Response will take precedence over material on the compact discs.

H. In each submission to the Authority, including any return address label, information on the compact disc and information on the reproducible original and copies of the Proposal, the Respondent shall use its **FULL LEGAL NAME WITHOUT ABBREVIATIONS**. Failure to comply with this requirement may lead to delays in contract award and contract payments, which shall be the responsibility of the Proposer.

I. Provide the address of your firm to which any written correspondence should be sent.

J. The cover of your submittal must include the RTQ Contract Number (as stated above) and the title. The Authority assumes no responsibility for delays caused by any delivery services.

K. If your Response is to be hand-delivered, please note that only individuals with proper identification (e.g. photo identification) will be permitted access to the Authority's offices. Individuals without proper identification will be turned away and their packages not accepted. Messengers and delivery persons must carry valid photo identification when attempting to gain access into the building to hand-deliver proposals.

Any questions concerning this RTQ shall be directed to Suchetha Premchan at spremchan@panynj.gov. Neither Ms. Premchan nor any employee of the Port Authority is authorized to interpret the RTQ or give additional information as to its requirements. Such interpretation or additional information will be given only by written addendum to this RTQ.

V. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

If the Respondent or any employee, agent or subcontractor of the Respondent has, may have or may give the appearance of having, a possible conflict of interest, the Respondent shall include in its proposal a statement indicating the nature of the conflict. The Authority reserves the right to disqualify the Respondent if, in the Authority's sole discretion, any interest disclosed from any source could create, or give the appearance of, a conflict of interest. The Authority's determination regarding any question(s) of conflict of interest shall be final.

VI. NOTIFICATION

Notification as to whether a Respondent has been prequalified will be made only by a notice in writing, signed by the Chief Procurement Officer or her designated representative on behalf of the Authority and mailed or delivered to the office designated by the Respondent in its response to this RTQ.

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CONTRACTOR'S QUALIFICATION STATEMENT

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A. Contractor's General Business Information

Statement submitted by:

Name of Firm:

Name of Principal:

Business Address:

Telephone No:

Fax No:

E-mail:

Name & Telephone No. of contact person if not individual mentioned above:

Check how bid will be submitted: Single Entity Joint Venture

If a Joint Venture, each participant in such Joint Venture must submit all the information that is required for a single entity.

Indicate the type of work generally performed by your own work force.

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- Indicate which part of the work indicated in Paragraphs II.A and II.B of the attached Request to Qualify Information ("RTQ") you plan on performing with your own forces and what work you plan on sub-contracting to another firm.

Work to be performed with own forces:

Work to be performed by sub-contractors:

B. Relevant Experience and Past Performance:

- On **Schedule A**, below, list construction contracts completed by your firm which document **your firm's meeting of the requirements indicated in Paragraphs II.A and II.B**. If a joint venture, list each joint venture partner's projects separately. Indicate if the contract was performed by your firm's own forces or by a sub-contractor.

SCHEDULE A - CONTRACTS COMPLETED:

Project Name, Location and Description	Owner/ Name Address & Tel No	Design Engineer*	Date Completed	Contract Amount	Percent age of Work Comple ted by Own Forces

***Include Name, Address and Phone No. of Reference Contact**

****Indicate amount of Firm's contract and if work was done as prime contractor**

- On **Schedule B**, attached, list the name and qualifications of the individual who will function as the **Project Manager** as well as those of any other **key construction supervision personnel** to be assigned to the Contract along with the anticipated function and relevant experience of each person in the format below. Attach resumes.

SCHEDULE B - KEY CONSTRUCTION SUPERVISION PERSONNEL:

Name	Position	Date started with Organization	Date started in Construction	Prior Positions and Experience in Construction

- On **Schedule C**, attached, list projects **currently under construction** (work on **hand and bids submitted**) by your firm. If joint venture, list each joint venture partner's projects separately.

SCHEDULE C - CURRENT WORK ON HAND:

FIRM NAME: _____

Project Name, Location and Description	Owner. Name Address/ Tel No.	Design Engineer	Contract Amount	Scheduled Completion Date and Percentage Complete

SCHEDULE D: CURRENT BIDS SUBMITTED:

FIRM NAME: _____

Project Name, Location and Description	Owner Name, Address & Tel No	Design Engineer*	Contract Amount	Low Bidder (Y/N)	Anticipated award Date/Contract Duration

***Include Name, Address and Phone No. of Reference Contract**

****Indicate amount of Firm's contract and if work was done as prime contractor**

Does your firm have the required certification(s) and/or license(s) required under paragraph III.B.4 of the RTQ if required?

Yes **No** **Not Applicable**

- If Yes - Submit documentation of required certification(s) and/or license(s)
- If No, indicate how you plan on meeting this requirement:

- Has your firm ever failed to complete any construction contract awarded it?
 Yes **No**

If yes, describe the circumstances on a separate piece of paper.

- In the last five years, has your firm ever failed to substantially complete a contract in a timely manner? **Yes** **No**

If yes, describe the circumstances on a separate piece of paper.

- Identify prior contracts that contained stated goals for M/WBE participation and explain how such goals were met or exceeded:

Contract	Stated Goals	Actual % Obtained	Comments

C. Financial Information:

- Can your firm provide a Performance and Payment Bond for the full amount required? **Yes** **No**

- Indicate approximate total bonding capacity: _____

- Indicate name of your proposed surety company and name, address and phone number of agent:

➤ Name: _____

➤ Address: _____

➤ Telephone No. _____

- ❑ **Submit letter from your surety documenting your ability to submit the required Bond.**

D. Certification

I hereby certify that the information submitted herewith, including attachments, is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

(Type or print business name of Firm)

By:

(Signature of officer of Firm)

(Print name of officer of Firm)

Dated: _____

(Type or print title of officer of Firm)



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ATTACHMENT I

AGREEMENT ON TERMS OF DISCUSSION

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The Port Authority’s receipt or discussion of any information (including information contained in any proposal, vendor qualification(s), ideas, models, drawings, or other material communicated or exhibited by us or on our behalf) shall not impose any obligations whatsoever on the Port Authority or entitle us to any compensation therefor (except to the extent specifically provided in such written agreement, if any, as may be entered into between the Port Authority and us). Any such information given to the Port Authority before, with or after this Agreement on Terms of Discussion (“Agreement”), either orally or in writing, is not given in confidence. Such information may be used, or disclosed to others, for any purpose at any time without obligation or compensation and without liability of any kind whatsoever. Any statement which is inconsistent with this Agreement, whether made as part of or in connection with this Agreement, shall be void and of no effect. This Agreement is not intended, however, to grant to the Port Authority rights to any matter, which is the subject of valid existing or potential letters patent.

Any information (including information contained in any proposal, vendor qualification(s), ideas, models, drawings, or other material communicated or exhibited by us or on our behalf) provided in connection with this procurement is subject to the provisions of the Port Authority Freedom of Information Code and Procedure adopted by the Port Authority’s Board of Commissioners, which may be found on the Port Authority website at: <http://www.panynj.gov/corporate-information/pdf/foi-code.pdf>. The foregoing applies to any information, whether or not given at the invitation of the Authority.

(Company)

(Signature)

(Title)

(Date)

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