

INVITATION TO SUBMIT QUALIFICATIONS

The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (“Authority” or “SLFPAE”) covers three consolidated districts: East Jefferson Levee District, Orleans Levee District, and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

Our mission is to ensure the physical and operational integrity of the regional flood risk management system, and to work with local, regional, state and federal partners to plan, design and construct projects that will reduce the probability and risk of flooding for the residents within our jurisdiction.

SLFPAE invites interested contractors qualified to provide **Structure Maintenance and Operation Services (RFQ 2019-003)** to submit Qualifications. The Authority intends to pre-qualify contractors for future competitive bidding for operation and maintenance of flood control structures owned and operated by SLFPAE. Operation may be required due to the threat of a storm, after a storm has passed, or as part of a routine maintenance plan. The contractors may also be required to provide rapid repairs before a storm event if operations are hindered in some way or after a storm event if the structure has been damaged.

Minimum Qualification Requirements – The Authority is seeking to procure one or more qualified and experienced firm(s) with extensive expertise in Flood Control Facility Maintenance and Operations as required by the Request for Qualifications (“RFQ”). The firm must possess a minimum of five **(5) years’** experience in operating, maintaining and providing emergency repairs to movable protective flood control features and must have a proven record of successfully completing projects with a similar size, scope, and complexity.

A MANDATORY PRE-SUBMITTAL CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019 AT 1:30 PM, AT THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT FRANKLIN AVENUE ADMINISTRATION, SAFEHOUSE ROOM 216. This information session is mandatory. It is highly suggested that Respondents attend, as it presents an opportunity to clarify any concerns regarding the RFQ requirements. Questions regarding the Services, sites and specifications will be answered, and Respondents will be able to familiarize themselves with conditions that may affect future Work Orders and pricing. All Respondents shall be held responsible to fully investigate the scope of services, and familiarize themselves with the Authority and any special needs or requirements, to be undertaken based on the information provided in this RFQ.

Qualifications must be submitted in a sealed envelope or box that must be clearly identified on the outside as **“Structure Maintenance and Operation Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ 2019-003)”**. Prior to **3:00 pm CDT on Friday, March 29, 2019**, please provide (5) originals and one digital copy of the submittal documents by hand delivery or mail to:

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East
c/o Orleans Levee District
ATTN: DARREN AUSTIN
6920 Franklin Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70112

Responses to this RFQ received after the above stated time will be returned to the Respondent unopened.

Careful attention must be given to all requested items contained in this RFQ. **PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE SOLICITATION BEFORE SUBMITTING A RESPONSE.**

All questions and inquiries regarding this RFQ should be directed to Mr. Darren Austin, Engineer, FPA, via email at daustin@floodauthority.org by no later than 9:00 am CDT on Friday, March 15, 2019. Questions received after this time will not be answered.

Electronic versions of the bid package are available by e-mailing Darren Austin at daustin@floodauthority.org. Please include "RFQ 2019-003" in the subject line. Also, a copy of the RFQ and all pertinent documents can be found on the Authority's web site (www.slfpa.com) under the "Business" tab. All questions and answers along with additional information pertaining to this RFQ will be posted at this location.

The Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer. Minority/Women's Business Enterprises are encouraged to apply.

Advertise in Times-Picayune – February 22, March 1 and March 8, 2019

Advertise in Daily Journal of Commerce – March 4, 2019.