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Reply No Later Than: January 23, 2026

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST NO. 2026-02PW

DESIGN OF REPLACEMENT PEDESTRIAN BRIDGES AT NORTH SUMTER BOULEVARD OVER R-76 AND R-86

The City of North Port Public Works Department (NPPW) is currently accepting Letters of Interest from all firms within the City's Engineering Library Contract No. 2024-14.

INTENT: It is the intent of Public Works/Engineering to secure professional engineering services to design, permit, and provide limited construction phase services for the replacement of three pedestrian bridges on North Sumter Boulevard over Retention Ditches R-76 and R-86.

BACKGROUND/SCOPE OF SERVICES:

BACKGROUND

There are three wooden pedestrian bridges located along North Sumter Boulevard. Two of these bridges cross Retention Ditch R-76 just south of Lorri Circle and one bridge crosses Retention Ditch R-86 just north of La France Avenue. Recent inspections have shown that the existing bridges have deteriorated and are no longer structurally adequate. The bridges have since been closed to the public and NPPW is seeking to have these structures demolished and replaced.

NPPW is seeking professional engineering services to develop construction ready plans and obtain relevant permits, for a pre-fabricated bridge. The City would also like to explore the possibility of reusing the existing bridge foundations to reduce cost and construction time. Lastly, it appears there is potential for the bridge adjacent to southbound Sumter Boulevard over R-86 (near La France Avenue) to be eliminated by rerouting the sidewalk over an existing culvert just northwest of the existing bridge. There are various utilities that may prevent this from being practical, however NPPW wishes to explore this possibility with the assistance of the selected engineering firm.

The bridges in question are currently closed to the public and therefore causing a disruption to the City's multimodal network. Time is of the essence to reopening the bridges and any efforts to accelerate the schedule will be greatly appreciated by NPPW.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

TASK 1 – PROJECT KICK-OFF MEETING

This task will include a project kick-off meeting with Public Works/Engineering staff to review the project, identify/clarify/refine project tasks, formulate strategies, and discuss any other pertinent items.

TASK 2 – DETERMINATION OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE

The selected firm shall evaluate options for the bridge type, considering cost and time implications of each bridge type. While the intention of NPPW is to replace these structures with pre-fabricated bridges, if the firm is aware of a better alternative, the City will be receptive to other ideas.

This task will also include evaluating whether the alternative sidewalk route can be utilized to eliminate the bridge over R-86.

Lastly, this task will include an assessment of the existing bridge foundations and a determination of whether the existing foundations can be reused for the new bridge or whether they will need to be demolished and replaced.

TASK 3 – BRIDGE DESIGN AND PERMITTING

This task involves the collection of any survey or data necessary to perform design and permitting services for the replacement bridge and sidewalk. The selected firm shall develop construction ready plans, specifications, and other bid documents including a construction cost estimate, construction time estimate, and bid tabulation. The firm shall obtain any necessary permitting including but not limited to SWFWMD, USACE, FDEP, etc.

Submittals shall be as follows:

- 60% plans submittal for review and comment by the City. An estimate of construction costs shall also be included in this submittal. Comments from City staff shall be provided to the Consultant for possible incorporation into the project design. Permit applications would be submitted at this design stage as well.
- 90% plans submittal for review and comment by the City. The submittal shall include any changes from the 60% plans review, written responses to the 60% submittal review comments, permitting agencies review comments, as well as refinement of design. The firm shall also produce a more detailed Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (EOPC) and estimated construction duration. The specifications for the project will conform to the City's procurement procedures and related front-end documents. Coordination with permitting agencies regarding the applications should be on-going.
- 100% plans submittal. The 100% plans submittal shall include written responses to 90% submittal review comments, technical specifications required for the project, receipt of all necessary regulatory permits, a detailed construction bid schedule in WORD or EXCEL and a current detailed Engineer's Opinion of Probable Construction Cost (EOPC) and duration.
- Final plans submittal shall consist of signed and sealed plans, technical specifications and bid schedule that includes any changes from the 100% plans review comments and regulatory agency permits issued for the project.

DELIVERABLES

The firm shall provide an electronic copy of their plans, specifications, estimated construction cost, bid schedule, and details. The specifications and all other written material will be provided electronically in Microsoft Word format and portable document format (pdf). Once this contract is complete, the specifications, bid form and details will become property of NPPWD and the City of North Port.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

Proposals shall include a project plan which demonstrates the firm's understanding of project and required deliverables; ability and relevant expertise/qualifications of the firm's personnel to be used in performing the service; availability of staff to meet project schedule (allowing ten business days for City review/comment of each submittal); the firm's proposed cost saving measures and enhancements for the project, if any; and provide a schedule for this project.

Engineers are to provide references for at least three (3) similar projects within the last five (5) years. Name, title, email and phone numbers are required for appropriate contact for each reference. Detail the relevance of each similar project.

Proposals are to include the names of all subconsultants to be used on this project.

E-VERIFY SYSTEM: The City, contractor and every subcontractor shall register with and use the E-Verify system of the United States Department of Homeland Security to verify the work authorization status of all new employees as required by Section 448.095, Florida Statutes. A contractor who enters into a contract with a subcontractor, must require that the subcontractor provides the contractor a certification by affidavit stating that at the time of such certification and during the term of the contract, the subcontractor does not and will not employ, contract, or subcontract with an unauthorized alien, who is not authorized under federal law to be employed in the United States, as described in 8 U.S.C. S. 1324A(H)(3). The Contractor shall comply with all other federal laws pertaining to the subcontractor.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Location Map and Possible Bypass Route for Bridge over R-86
2. Conflict of Interest Form
3. Disclosure for Consultant, Engineer, Architect
4. Scrutinized Companies Form
5. Vendor's Certification for E-Verify Form
6. Statement of Non-Submittal

Please Note: The Conflict of Interest Form and Disclosure for Consultant, Engineer, Architect **must be submitted** with proposals for consideration.

Any questions concerning this project must be submitted via email to Anthony Friedman at afriedman@northportfl.gov no later than **January 16, 2026**.

All firms within Contract No. 2024-14 are encouraged to submit a letter (not to exceed three single-sided pages, including references) that provides the above information and adequately expresses why it would be in the City's best interest to select the submitting firm(s).

**LETTERS OF INTEREST ARE TO BE DELIVERED TO THE PUBLIC WORKS/ENGINEERING
DEPARTMENT
ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 23, 2026 AT 2:00 P.M. (EDT) VIA EMAIL TO:**

**ANTHONY FRIEDMAN @ afriedman@northportfl.gov
and please copy
pwfinance@northportfl.gov**