

NOTICE
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF INTEREST
BRIDGE DESIGN SERVICES
SOI #26-08-MZAA

The County of Berks will retain a PennDOT qualified engineering consultant to provide environmental studies, preliminary engineering, final design, right-of-way acquisition services and construction consultation for the rehabilitation of the Greisemer's Mill Covered Bridge, County Bridge #58A, Spangsville Road over Manatawny Creek in Oley Township, Berks County. The existing structure is listed on the National Historic Register, is currently weight-restricted at 3 Tons and designated as Functionally Obsolete. The bridge was constructed in 1868 and is a single span timber Burr arch truss superstructure supported on stone masonry abutments with a span length of 140'. The roadway width on the bridge is 13.7' curb to curb. The bridge has an average daily traffic (ADT) of 255 cars per day, as counted in 2022.

The rehabilitated structure will meet current PennDOT design and safety standards as applicable and will be constructed in accordance with PennDOT Publication 408 while providing a context-sensitive design approach. It is anticipated that design and construction funding will be 100% Act 89 (\$5 Fee for Local Use). Berks County encourages responses from small firms, minority firms, and firms who have not previously performed work for the County.

The County will select one (1) firm for the purpose of negotiating an engineering agreement based on the evaluation of the acceptable Statements of Interest received in response to this solicitation. For the purpose of negotiating a contract, the ranking of firms will be done utilizing the modified selection method which allows selection directly from the Statement of Interest – technical proposals will not be required prior to the ranking. A full technical proposal will be required from the selected consultant.

The following factors, listed in order of importance with weighted percentages, will be considered by the County during the evaluation of the business partners submitting statements of interest:

- Specific experience of the individuals listed for each position that constitutes the proposed project team with emphasis on their background working for and familiarity with PennDOT procedures and specifications. Past experience with a similar role on PennDOT projects. (40%)
- Review of the consultant's overall design experience, abilities, project concept and approach. (25%)
- Project Manager's experience with historic covered bridge rehabilitation projects. (20%)
- How will you pursue project delivery in related to developing and/or meeting a realistic design schedule and completing the project within budget? (15%)

To be eligible for the work, the consultant and any subconsultants must be a PennDOT ECMS Registered Business Partner. If eligible, please submit one (1) hard copy of a statement of interest and one (1) electronic copy on a CD or thumb drive on or before 4 PM on April 16, 2026 to: Mansoor Zaki, Procurement Manager, County of Berks, County Service Center, 633 Court Street, 13th Floor, Reading, PA 19601. Questions regarding this request can be directed to mzaki@berkspa.gov. The statement of interest shall, at a minimum, include the following:

- A concise narrative describing the project including rehabilitation alternatives and any special considerations (5 pages max.)
- Standard Form (SF) 254
- Standard Form (SF) 255 (Item 7 - Resumes should be of key people stating their specific role in the project. Item 8 - project descriptions must include client contact information and emphasize areas of expertise.)
- References for similar projects (a minimum of 5)
- List any subconsultants that will be used for this project and their role/responsibility. Please provide SF 254, SF 255, project references and workload statement for each subconsultant
- A design schedule
- Statement of current and anticipated workload for the proposed project team

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