

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFSQ) No. 25-003

Jan 15, 2025 DATE:

#### Project ERRINGTON FIREHALL #2 CONSTRUCTION ADVISOR Title:

The Regional District of Nanaimo (RDN) invite qualified and experienced firms to submit Statements of Qualifications to participate in a multi-phase project for the replacement of the Errington Firehall #2.

### A. Intent

This Request for Statements of Qualifications (RFSQ) is issued to determine the most qualified and experienced service provider that can meet the Regional District of Nanaimo's requirements, expectations, and timeline.

The Regional District of Nanaimo will review submissions received in response to this RFSQ and enter discussions with the top-ranked Respondent to negotiate the terms, scope, timeline, and cost based on the actual scope of work required (the Work). Should these negotiations fail to result in a contract for the Work, the Regional District of Nanaimo may then elect to negotiate with the next highest ranked service provider and so on until an agreement is reached or the process cancelled.

The Work is described as a providing Construction Advisor review services on Class D project deliverables (provided by others) and the generation of a Class D Capital Cost for the replacement of the Errington Firehall #2. The intention is to integrate the Construction Advisor into the project at the early design stage to optimise constructability and increase accuracy of cost/schedule estimates.

In any event, the Regional District of Nanaimo shall not be bound to enter a contract with any Respondent to this RFSQ and, at its sole discretion, may elect to collapse this process.

### B. Background

The Regional District of Nanaimo owns, while the Errington Volunteer Fire Department and respective Society operates the Errington Firehall #2, located at 1930 Errington Road in Errington, BC. The current firehall was built in 1983 and is a log cabin type design. In 2006, a three bay addition was added to the Firehall to house various equipment. It is a satellite firehall and serves the general Errington community.

The existing Firehall does not meet current operational, Building Code or Post-Disaster requirements. Due to the log cabin type design, the RDN does not believe it is feasible to upgrade or install additions.



Photographs of the existing Firehall can be seen in Appendix A.

# C. Anticipated Project Phases

This section is provided for the Respondents information to communicate overall execution strategy and may be subject to change during the life of the project. The project is anticipated to be executed in three separate phases. Phases 2 and 3 may be awarded to the same consultant subject to satisfactory performance of previous phases, available budget, and necessary approvals.

## Phase 1:

Class D Estimate and Concept Design (this RFSQ). The intent of this phase is to better understand and develop the scope of work and determine a capital cost estimate that will inform RDN's budgetary estimate.

# Phase 2:

Includes completing a detailed design and tender ready construction specifications.

# Phase 3:

Construction phase, including general construction support, and commissioning activities.

# D. Contemplated Scope of Services (Class C Capital Cost Estimate and Concept Design)

The general scope of services requested as part of this RFSQ includes providing Construction Advisor services in the review and commentary on deliverables provided by an Architect, as well as the generation of an estimate:

- 1. Review a preliminary (30%) layout drawings of the firehall and temporary facilities;
- 2. Review a preliminary site layout drawing, which is expected to include:
  - a. Existing firehall (to be demolished);
  - b. New firehall;
  - c. Road access;
  - d. Septic field location;
  - e. Well water location;
  - f. Fire Water Tank;
  - g. Power distribution tie-in, during construction and permanent;
  - h. Temporary Facilities location during construction.
- 3. Generation of a Class D Capital Cost Estimate, including:
  - a. Design and Construction of new Firehall;
  - b. Demolition of existing Firehall;
  - c. Associated project scope, including but not limited to new fire water tank, new septic field, and temporary facilities.
- 4. Review of a concept of temporary facilities during construction;



- 5. Review of a preliminary project schedule;
- 6. Provide general commentary and project advice in terms of construction feasibility, methodology, availability of materials/labour and market conditions.

It should be noted that throughout this project, service must be maintained for the Errington Firehall #2 with the use of temporary or other facilities. Use of temporary facilities should be represented in the project schedule and site layout drawing.

At the RDN's discretion, the RDN may proceed with the selected proponent for future phases of this project.

### E. Contemplated Project Schedule

For the Respondent's information, this is the currently anticipated project schedule:

- 1. Q1, 2025 to Q2, 2025
  - Class D Estimate and Concept Design
- 2. Q2, 2025 to Q4, 2025
  - Budget review and approval processes
- 3. Q4, 2025 to Q3, 2026
  - Detailed Design
- 4. Q3, 2026 to Q4, 2027
  - Construction

### F. Statement of Qualifications and Evaluation

Please describe the following as a Statement of Qualifications. No longer than twelve (12) single sided pages in length:

- Experience in early Construction Advisor/Contractor engagement in the early design process of a capital project;
- Qualifications and area of expertise for the Firm and nominated Project Manager in related work via CV/Resume;
- Provide examples with references showcasing the Respondents ability to overcome the following project challenges:
  - Construction of rural firehalls (Post-Disaster);
  - Construction/installation of post-disaster water storage tanks;
  - Design and construction within a limited site foot print.

Please provide the following as an Appendix, no longer than an additional twenty (20) single sided pages in length:

- Examples of past deliverables throughout project execution:
  - List of relevant past projects, focus on firehalls and in particular satellite/small firehalls;
  - Class D Capital Cost Estimates;

Indicate your firm's ability to work in the Province of British Columbia.



Statements of Qualifications (the "SOQ") will be initially evaluated by the Errington Firehall and the Regional District of Nanaimo based on the above and assigned a qualitative consensus score out of 50. Any or all SOQs will not necessarily be accepted.

### G. Disclaimer

If the RDN opts not to negotiate subsequent phases directly with the successful respondent, the respondent may not have the opportunity to participate in any future procurement processes.

### H. Submission Date & Time

Statements of Qualifications should be received **BY EMAIL ONLY** on or before 3:00 p.m. pacific standard time on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025. The RDN reserves the right to accept late submissions.

### I. Additional Information

If the RDN determines that additional information is required, the RDN will post an Addendum on the RDN (<u>www.rdn.bc.ca/current-bid-opportunities</u>) and the new BC Bid (<u>www.bcbid.gov.bc.ca/</u>) websites. It is the sole responsibility of interested vendors to check for additional information prior to submitting their response.

### J. Questions and Submissions

Questions and submissions should be directed to:

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Appendix A:













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