

**GARLAND COUNTY
REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST**

Notice is hereby given that Garland County, Arkansas (County) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms capable of functioning as Program Managers (PMs) for the 5/8 Cent County-Wide Sales And Use Tax Program (Program).

This Program was approved by Garland County voters on June 28, 2016 and will construct all or a portion of the costs of new, and improvements to existing, roads, streets, and related structures, including particularly, without limitation, overpasses, underpasses, bridges and sidewalks, and any necessary land, easements, rights of way and related intersection improvements, drainage and traffic control devices and improvements therefor (collectively, the "Improvements"). The total cost of the Program is estimated to \$50 million (e.g. \$30m used to extend MLK Expressway to Hwy 5/7 Junction and the remaining \$20m will be allocated to other communities within the County for designated Improvements. A list of possible Improvements to be constructed can be received on request from the county judge's office. Reference Ordinance No. O-16-13 found on www.garlandcounty.org

The PM will provide the technical and professional expertise needed to meet the demands of this temporary, accelerated Program without increasing County staff. The services solicited from the PM will include oversight of the Program and support of project-level activities to ensure the overall Program goals are met. Other services may include on-call services for design for roadway projects and on-call services for construction engineering and inspection. The PM will be responsible for coordinating with the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department on the design and construction of the MLK Expressway extension. In addition, the PM will coordinate with the other communities (e.g. City of Hot Springs and the towns of Fountain Lake, Lonsdale, and Mountain Pine) on implementing all phases of project development and construction inspection.

A letter of interest, along with the consultant's (or consulting team's) general statement of qualifications, should be addressed to:

Rick Davis, Garland County Judge
Garland County Courthouse
501 Ouachita Avenue, Room 210
Hot Springs, AR 71901

The general statement of qualifications shall include professional qualifications (e.g. key personnel resumes), specialized experience and technical competence (e.g. project management, roadway/bridge design and inspection, right-of-way surveys, utility/AHTD coordination, etc.), capacity to accomplish the work (e.g. man-power), past performance (e.g. working with Garland Co, including other contracts with respect to cost control, quality of work, and compliance with performance schedules), and geographic location (e.g. in/near Hot Springs/Garland Co). Five (5) sets of paper responses must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CST) on November 18, 2016. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

Note: Responses are limited to 15 pages total for both letter of interest and general statement of qualifications.

After a review of all responses received, a shortlist will be established for interviews with a consultant selected by late 2016 for contract negotiations and a contract awarded in early 2017.

GARLAND COUNTY IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.