



State of Maine
Bureau of General Services
Division of Planning, Design & Construction

Request for Qualifications
Information for Architects and Engineers

The Bureau of General Services wishes to procure architectural/engineering services for the **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Infrastructure** at State Owned facilities in Augusta, Maine.

Project Description

The scope of this project includes, but is not limited to planning, permitting, preliminary design, design development, contract documents, bidding and construction administration services. The AE Consultant Team may be required to coordinate this work or additional work with other consultants contracted by the Owner.

The Bureau of General Services wishes to install electric vehicle charging stations at State Owned facilities in the Augusta ME region and surrounding areas. The scope of services includes but is not limited to site planning and layout, permitting, ADA, electrical sizing and design, underground utility coordination and layout, concrete pad design, signage, bollards and sidewalk and repaving.

Project Budget

The construction budget is approximately \$250,000, with an overall project budget not to exceed \$500,000.

Anticipated Schedule

RFQ responses due	8/18/2023
Short-listed firms notified.....	by 8/23/2023
A/E firm interviews.....	8/30/2023
A/E firm selection	9/5/2023
Agreement approved.....	9/10/2023
Design completed.....	12/30/2023
Bids received.....	4/1/2024
Construction completed	8/1/2024
Project duration.....	Two years with the option to renew



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Submission Requirements

Interested firms should submit *one paper copy and one electronic copy* of a Letter of Interest with a Statement of Qualifications which includes their response to criteria A through G in the Selection Criteria table below.

The *paper copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent to Jill Instasi, 111 Sewall Street, Augusta ME 04333 so as to be received not later than **1:00 PM on 8/18/2023**.

The *electronic copy* of the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications should be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to BGS.Architect@Maine.gov so as to meet the deadline noted above. Alternate methods of providing electronic copies, such as website links to file sharing sites, or flash drives, or encrypted e-mails are unacceptable and may invalidate the entire submission.

Selection Criteria

A.	Qualifications to undertake this project	Professional experience in general. Quality of services. Relevant disciplines. Size of firm or firms. Understanding of this project. Responsiveness to project by virtue of proximity. Discuss each of the above especially as it relates to the work of this project.
B.	Cost control experience	Ability to manage project budgets, and design to budgets, to create accurate construction cost estimates, and to utilize project cost controls in design and construction.
C.	Project experience	List of projects that demonstrate capabilities, with services provided for each project. Provide project details, date of completion, and client contact information for each. Note the involvement of the particular personnel who are proposed for this project.
D.	Similar project experience	List of recently completed projects similar in type, size, and other elements. Provide project details, date of completion, and client contact information for each. Note the involvement of the particular personnel who are proposed for this project.
E.	Project team	Organization of project team, with profiles of key personnel who would be involved in the project. Provide education,



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		special training, experience, and responsibilities of personnel, especially as it relates to the work of this project. Experience working together as a unit.
F.	Workload projection	General illustration or statement of the ability of the project team to respond to this project schedule.
G.	Business references	List of business references other than those listed above, including contact information.

Firms responding shall employ personnel who have current licensure in the State of Maine who will serve as Architects, Engineers, and Landscape Architects of Record on this project. This project will utilize the standard BGS contract forms, available on the BGS website (<https://www.maine.gov/dafs/bgs/forms>).

Firms responding will be screened and interviewed on the basis of qualifications only. Project fees and specific design solutions for this project shall not be discussed at the interview. Specific program information will not be available before the screening of qualification packages. The selection committee will rank all firms and negotiate fees with the highest ranked firm.

Architect-Engineer Procurement Process

The standard procurement process of Architect and Engineer design services for public improvements is a Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process per statute (Title 5, §1742 subsection 6), described briefly here.

1. The advertisement of this Request for Qualifications is the initial step in the process after the Agency assures that the project itself is approved and funded. A clear scope of services statement is an essential component of the advertisement.
2. Interested firms respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) as described below, submitting the Letter of Interest and Statement of Qualifications to the Selection Committee.
3. The Selection Committee screens all submissions and invites the most qualified firms to interview for the project, typically three to five firms.
4. The Selection Committee interviews the firms. Second interviews may be scheduled. References are checked.



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5. The Selection Committee ranks all of the interviewed firms. The Committee negotiates an agreement with the highest ranked firm based on the scope of professional services identified in the RFQ and interview.
6. A BGS Architect/Engineer Agreement is drafted.
7. The agreement must be approved by BGS before work commences.