

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
ENGINEER,
BOND COUNSEL,
AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR

The East Texas Municipal Utility District of Smith County, Texas (ETMUD) is requesting the submission of qualifications statements, which will lead to the possible award of contracts to provide Engineer, Bond Counsel, and Financial Advisor services for water and wastewater utility system improvements. All service providers must be registered or licensed by the State of Texas. Potential improvements include but are not limited to installation of a new wastewater force main, construction of a new lift station, closure of an existing wastewater treatment facility, improvements to an existing wastewater treatment facility, and improvements to the existing wastewater collection system; improvements to existing water wells, high service pump stations, storage and pressure maintenance facilities, and the existing distribution system; development of a master plan for the wastewater collection and treatment system; development of a master plan for the water source, treatment, storage and distribution system; and ancillary construction activities.

Professional services resulting from selection of a service provider and award of contracts under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part or in full by funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). This RFQ is issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act) and 40 CFR, Section 33. This solicitation may result in multiple contracts, or multi-year contracts for one or more of the service providers.

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) businesses. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details on the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this RFQ, or any resulting contract. RFQ's are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act).

ETMUD is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.

To request a copy of the RFQ, contact ETMUD office@etmud.com, the Subject Line: **TWDB Water Master Plan 2023 Questions**. The submittal deadline for qualification proposals is 11:00 am, Monday, February 6, 2023. Any proposal received after this time and date will be rejected and will not be considered by the ETMUD. GO TO <https://etmud.com/rfq-p-and-projects> for RFQ Packet.