

RIVER TO SEA
TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (R2CTPO)

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
(RFP)**

TRANSIT PLANNING SERVICES - GENERAL CONSULTING

ADDRESS:

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 100
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

TELEPHONE:

(386) 226-0422

One (1) original, five (5) hard copies, and one (1) CD containing the proposal in Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (.pdf) must be received by the River to Sea TPO no later than 12 Noon E.S.T. on February 8, 2016. Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered.

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SECTION 1: INTRODUCTION

Purpose

The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit responses from qualified consulting firms interested in providing transit planning services for the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization's (TPO) planning area. The respondent(s) selected will be expected to have a broad range of experience in transit planning and related studies including but not limited to: coordination with local governments, route analysis and data retrieval, service performance reporting and transit research.

A detailed list of potential services is provided under the Scope of Services section.

Background

The River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) is an independent organization responsible for the planning and programming of all federal and state transportation funds for all of Volusia County and for the cities of: Flagler Beach, Beverly Beach, Palm Coast a small portion of Bunnell and a small portion of Flagler County. The TPO recently completed a reapportionment effort resulting from changes in urbanized area boundaries as a result of the 2010 census.

The TPO is the primary forum within which local governments and citizens voice concerns, identify priorities, and plan for improvements to all modes of transportation – roadway, public transportation, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. The TPO Board is comprised of elected officials representing various local area governments and appointed members representing those transportation authorities serving the area.

The TPO Board is supported by several advisory committees that include technical staff as well as citizen representatives that review information and make recommendations to the Board. The organization has a small staff of transportation planning professionals that support, coordinate and complete the transportation planning activities undertaken by the TPO Board and committees. The TPO currently operates under signed joint participation and inter-local agreements with all member governments. Together, the board and committees are responsible for working together to improve the safety and efficiency of the transportation system in the area served by this TPO.

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SECTION 2: GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Proposed Schedule

January 5, 2016

- Legal Ad appears in newspapers and on website www.r2ctpo.org
- E-mail sent to consultants

January 15, 2016

- Questions about the **Scope of Services** may be submitted by e-mail no later than **January 15, 2016**, to Vince Wang at vwang@r2ctpo.org. Mr. Wang will research any questions and post responses on the website at www.r2ctpo.org by January 22, 2016.

February 8, 2016 (@12:00 NOON)

- To be considered responsive, applicants must submit **six (6) hard copies** of their proposal to the R2CTPO no later than **February 8, 2016 at 12:00 noon**.

February 12, 2016 (@ 10:00 A.M.)

- **Selection Committee** meets and selects short-listed firms. This will be based on qualifications, experience and capabilities submitted in the proposals and evaluation criteria set forth in the request for proposals.
- **Selection Committee** announces and notifies short-listed firms.

February 29, 2016 (STARTING @ 1:00 P.M.)

- Oral presentations will be given to the **Selection Committee** by the short-listed firms at the R2CTPO office. This will include a Q&A session of the firm's past work, capabilities and project approach.
- **Selection Committee** will rank short-listed firms based on qualifications, experience, capabilities, project approach and oral presentations.

March 2, 2016

- The R2CTPO Executive Director will present the ranked (from highest score to lowest score) list of proposers to the R2CTPO Executive Committee for recommendation to the R2CTPO Board.

March 23, 2016

- The R2CTPO Board will vote on the order of firms. Once the R2CTPO Board has voted, the Executive Director may begin negotiation with the first preferred proposer.

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Proposal Closing Date and Time

One (1) original, five (5) hard copies, and one (1) CD containing the proposal in .pdf format must be received by the River to Sea TPO **no later than February 8, 2016 at 12:00 noon**. Proposals received after this date and time will not be considered.

Delivery of Proposals

All proposals shall be sealed and delivered or mailed to (fax and email submissions will not be accepted):

River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization
2570 W. International Speedway Blvd., Suite 100
Daytona Beach, Florida 32114

Mark package(s) as follows:

GPC PROPOSAL - c/o Vince X. Wang

Note: Please ensure that if a third party carrier (Federal Express, UPS, USPS, etc.) is used, they are properly instructed to deliver the proposal only to the River to Sea TPO at the above address. To be considered, a proposal must be accepted at the TPO office no later than the RFP closing date and time (Post mark is NOT considered date of receipt). If the proposal is delivered anywhere else, it may not reach the TPO office in time.

Questions Concerning RFP/No Contact Provision

Respondents are hereby notified not to contact any member of the Selection Committee, or any member of the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization committees or staff, except as provided herein regarding this proposal until such time as a contract has been awarded. All inquiries pertaining to this RFP should be directed to the designated TPO staff liaison. Failure to abide by this condition of the RFP may be cause for the rejection of the firm's proposal.

Clarification and Addenda to RFP

It is incumbent upon each respondent to carefully examine these specifications, terms and conditions. Any inquiries, suggestions or requests concerning interpretation, clarification or additional information shall be made in writing via email through the designated TPO staff liaison. The TPO shall not be responsible for any oral representation(s) given by any employee, representative or others. The issuance of a written addendum is the only official method whereby interpretation, clarification or additional information can be given.

If it becomes necessary to revise or amend any part of this RFP, a good faith attempt will be made to notify all prospective respondents. All addendums will be posted on the TPO's website at www.r2ctpo.org.

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SECTION 3: PROPOSALS

Each firm shall submit a **written proposal** describing how the firm will fulfill the requirements of the Scope of Services. The consulting team should identify relevant transportation planning experience and describe related work products. The proposal should include sufficient information to enable the Selection Committee to fully evaluate the capabilities of the firm and the proposed approach to providing the specified services. The written proposal shall utilize the following format and address in detail the items included in the Scope of Services.

The original proposal must be signed by an official authorized to legally bind the respondent to its provisions and shall contain a statement that the proposal shall remain valid for at least ninety (90) calendar days from the proposal closing date.

Proposal should be formatted as 8-1/2" by 11" pages (electronic and hard copy); maps and other graphic information may be included as 11" by 17" formatted pages. Terms and conditions differing from those in this RFP shall be cause for disqualification of the Proposal.

INFORMATION

Respondents must provide the following information:

1. The firm's name, address, phone number and e-mail address and indication as to whether the prime firm and/or sub-consultants are disadvantaged business enterprises (DBE) and/or minority business enterprises (MBE).
2. Names and qualifications of the project manager and key staff members/consultants/subcontractors who would be involved in the project.
3. Provide five (5) previous work products in this field.
4. Provide four (4) professional references and contact information (email and phone number) for each one
5. Primary contact person(s), phone number and e-mail address

CERTIFICATIONS/STATEMENTS

The following certifications/statements **must** be included:

1. DBE Participation Statement
2. Truth-In-Negotiations Certificate.
3. Non-Collusion Proposal Certification
4. Certification of Eligibility
5. Certification Regarding Lobbying
6. Debarment and Suspension Certification
7. E-Verify

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Disclosure of Proposal Content

All proposals shall be held confidential to the extent permitted by law from parties other than the TPO until the recommendation for award is made. The TPO is governed by the Public Records Law, Chapter 119 Florida Statutes.

Respondent's Responsibility

A respondent, by submitting a proposal, represents that:

1. The respondent is familiar with the local conditions under which this contract must be performed. The respondent possesses the capabilities, resources and personnel necessary to provide efficient and successful service to the R2CTPO and;
2. It is understood and the respondent agrees that the respondent shall be solely responsible for all services provided. Notwithstanding the details presented in the RFP, it is the responsibility of the respondent to verify the completeness of the requirements and its suitability to meet the intent of this RFP.

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SECTION 4: CONSULTANT SELECTION PROCESS

In order to be considered for this work, the Consultant(s) must meet the following conditions at a minimum:

1. The Consultant(s) must have relevant transit planning experience.
2. The Consultant(s) must have the hardware, software and trained technicians necessary to perform the elements described in the scope of services in an accurate and timely manner. The Consultant(s) must have the ability to use the most recent version of the modeling software as used by the Florida Department of Transportation District 5 (CFRPM). The Consultant(s) must have the hardware and software necessary to produce geographic information system (GIS) mapping in printed and digital format. Any digital data, maps, text and plans shall be functional with the existing hardware and software systems used by the River to Sea TPO (currently ESRI ArcGIS, Microsoft Office, Adobe Creative Suite, and others).
3. The consulting team must include qualified professional transit planners. The availability of professional transportation engineers is desirable but not mandatory.

Selection Committee Review and Short-listing

The Selection Committee will review all proposals submitted according to the requirements of this RFP and meet on **February 12, 2016** to develop a short-list of respondents for further consideration. Short-listed firms will be notified on **February 12, 2016 (by the end of the business day)**.

The Selection Committee consists of two R2CTPO staff, one representative from the R2CTPO Technical Coordinating Committee (TCC) and one FDOT representative (non-voting).

The Selection Committee shall consider and weigh the following areas in their selection process.

- ❖ **PROJECT APPROACH TO REQUESTED TASKS/SERVICES (0-20 Total Points)**
 - Understanding of requested tasks based on draft scope (5 Points)
 - Creative methodology (5 Points)
 - Effective quality assessment methodologies (10 Points)
- ❖ **UNDERSTANDING OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL ISSUES (0-10 Total Points)**
- ❖ **DEMONSTRATED PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE (0-35 Total Points)**
 - Making reasonable timelines (5 Points)
 - Coordinating meetings, making good presentations and on-time deliverables (5 Points)
 - Past projects review (25 points)

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❖ **RELATED PLANNING EXPERIENCE and TECHNICAL SKILLS (0-35 Total Points)**

- Knowledge and experience with transit-related projects (20 points)
- Proficiency of planning, policy and technical knowledge as related to sample tasks in Scope of Services (15 points)

Oral Presentations/Interviews

The short listed firms shall be invited for Oral Interviews and be asked to give an Oral Presentation. This will include a Q&A session of the firm's past work, capabilities and project approach. Short-listed firms will be given up to fifteen (15) minutes for their presentation and up to fifteen (15) minutes to answer questions from the Selection Committee. The firms Project Manager and other key staff and sub-consultants must be present at the oral presentations. Oral presentations will occur on **February 29, 2016** starting at 1:00 p.m. and will be scheduled in alphabetical order.

At the conclusion of the presentations the Selection Committee shall discuss the overall merits of each proposer and conduct a final evaluation. Each voting member will be required to consider the proposer's original proposal and any additional information acquired during the presentations/interviews. Final recommendations will be made and then be presented, by the TPO Executive Director, to the TPO Executive Committee.

Americans with Disabilities Act

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 286.26, F.S., persons with disabilities needing special accommodations to participate should contact the TPO staff office no later than 48 hours prior to any meeting at (386) 226-0422 for assistance.

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SECTION 5: FINAL SELECTION AND CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS

The River to Sea TPO will attempt to enter into negotiations with the highest-ranked proposer(s), and if negotiations are successful, the River to Sea TPO will attempt to enter into a contract with the proposer(s).

It is the TPO's intent to commence final contract negotiations with the respondent(s) deemed most advantageous to the TPO in accordance with the evaluation criteria specified elsewhere in this RFP.

The TPO reserves the right, however, to conduct contract discussions with any respondent possessing a realistic possibility of contract award including request for additional information and request for "best and final" offers.

Due to the unknown volume of work and diverse nature of activities expected to be performed under this proposal, the River to Sea TPO reserves the right to award the contract to up to two (2) respondents that it deems to offer the best overall proposals. No firm dollar amount for services to be performed under this RFP can be established in advance as the extent of work required cannot be estimated at this time. There is no guarantee of work tasks or a firm dollar amount for services to be performed under each contract. The TPO is therefore not bound to accept a proposal on the basis of lowest price and further, the TPO has the sole discretion, and reserves the right to cancel this RFP, and to reject any and all proposals, to waive any and all informalities and or irregularities, or to re-advertise with either the identical or revised specifications, if it is deemed to be in its best interests to do so.

The selection process and potential contracts resulting from this process will obligate the successful proposers to comply with all local, state and applicable federal funding requirements. Relevant State policies and procedures will at a minimum meet the intent of Section 287.055, Florida Statutes, Section 337.105, Florida Statutes and Chapter 14-75, Florida Administrative Code

Length of Contract

The contract will be for a period of **three (3) years**, with the *option* of annual extension for **no more than five (5) years in total**.

Professional Services Agreement Contract

The content of this RFP and all provisions of the successful proposal deemed pertinent by the TPO may be incorporated into a professional services agreement and become legally binding.

If the consultant(s) fails to properly perform the conditions of the agreement, in the sole opinion of the TPO, the TPO will communicate to the consultant(s) in writing the problem(s) that exist. The consultant(s) will have up to ten (10) calendar days to rectify the problem(s). If the same or other

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problems persist or recur the TPO may immediately cancel the agreement by advising the consultant(s) in writing.

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY:

It is a basic tenet of the River to Sea TPO's contracting program that contracts are procured in a fair, open, and competitive manner. The River to Sea TPO requires that Consultants representing the

River to Sea TPO be free of conflicting professional or personal interests.

Nondiscrimination: The Consultant, with regard to the work performed during the contract, shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability, religion or family status in the selection and retention of subcontractors, including procurements of materials and leases of equipment.

FORMS

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PROCUREMENT
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DBE PARTICIPATION STATEMENT

Note: The Consultant is required to complete the following information and submit this form with the technical proposal.

Project Description: _____

Consultant Name: _____

This consultant (is ___) (is not ___) a Department of Transportation certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE)

Expected percentage of contract fees to be subcontracted to DBE(s): _____ %

If the intention is to subcontract a portion of the contract fees to DBE(s), the proposed DBE sub-consultants are as follows:

DBE Sub-consultant	Type of Work/Commodity
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

By _____
Date _____

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TRUTH-IN-NEGOTIATIONS CERTIFICATE

STATE OF FLORIDA, COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Affiant,
_____, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. That the undersigned firm is furnishing this Truth-in-Negotiation Certification pursuant to Section 287.055(5)(a) of the Florida Statutes for the undersigned firm to receive an agreement for professional services with the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization.
2. That the undersigned firm is a corporation which engages in furnishing professional engineering and/or planning services and is entering into an agreement with the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization to provide professional Transit Planning Services for the Flagler County areas within the River to Sea TPO planning area.
3. That the undersigned firm will furnish the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization a detailed analysis of the cost of the professional services that will be required to perform various tasks as each work order is proposed.
4. That the wage rates and other factual unit costs supporting the compensation for this project's agreement will be accurate, complete and current at the time the undersigned firm and the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization enters into the agreement for professional continuing general planning consulting services and at the time of execution of each work order.
5. The undersigned firm agrees that the original agreement price and any additions thereto shall be adjusted to exclude any significant sums by which the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization determines the agreement price was increased due to inaccurate, incomplete, or noncurrent wage rates and other factual unit costs. All such agreement adjustments shall be made within one (1) year following the end of the agreement. For the purpose of this certificate, the end of the agreement shall be deemed to be the date of final billing or acceptance of the work by the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, whichever is later.

Name of Firm/Consultant: _____

By: _____
Authorized Signature Date

Title: _____

Attest: _____ (Seal)

Notary: The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by _____ who has produced _____ as identification or is personally known to me.

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WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State last aforesaid this _____ day of _____, 2016.

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Non-Collusion Proposal Certification

By submission of this proposal, each Proposal and each person signing on behalf of any Proposer certifies, and in the case of a joint proposal, each party certifies as to its own organization, under penalty of perjury, that to the best of his/her knowledge and belief:

- 1) The prices in the Proposal have been arrived at independently without collusion, consultation, communication or agreement, with any other Proposer or with any other competitor for the purpose of restricting competition as to any other matter relating to such prices.
- 2) Unless otherwise required by law, the prices which have been noted in this Proposal have not been knowingly disclosed by the Proposer and will not knowingly be disclosed by Proposer prior to opening, directly or indirectly, to any other Proposer or to any competitor and,
- 3) No attempt has been made or will be made by the Proposer to induce any other person, partnership, or corporation to submit or not to submit a Proposal for the purpose of restricting competition.

Firm/Consultant (Proposer) Name: _____

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Certification of Eligibility

_____ hereby certifies that it is not included on the lists of persons or firms currently debarred for any reason, including but not limited to violations of various public contracts incorporating labor standards provisions, maintained by the United States Comptroller General, the United States Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Transportation, the River to Sea Transportation Planning Organization, Volusia County or any other transportation agency of any state.

Firm/Consultant (Proposer) Name: _____

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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CERTIFICATION REGARDING LOBBYING

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of her or his knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all sub awards at all tiers (including subcontracts, sub grants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all sub recipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by Section 1352, Title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000.00 and not more than \$100,000.00 for each such failure.

The Contractor, _____ certifies or affirms the truthfulness and accuracy of each statement of its certification and disclosure, if any. In addition, the Contractor understand and agrees that the provisions of 31 U.S.C. A 3801, *et seq.*, apply to this certification and disclosure, if any.

Firm/Consultant (Proposer) Name: _____

Typed Name and Title of Authorized Official: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION CERTIFICATION

As required by U.S. Regulations on Government wide Debarment and Suspension (Non procurement) at 49 CRF 29.510

- (1) The (Name of Proposer) _____ hereby certifies to the best of its knowledge and belief, that it and its principals:
- (a) Are not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any federal department or agency;
 - (b) Have not within a three-year period preceding this proposal been convicted of or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain, or performing a public (federal, state, or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of federal or state antitrust statutes; or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records, making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
 - (c) Are not presently indicted for or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a governmental entity (federal, state, or local) with commission of any of the offenses listed in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
 - (d) Have not within a three-year period preceding this certification had one or more public transactions (Federal, state, or local) terminated for cause or default.
- (2) The (Name of Proposer) _____ also hereby certifies that if, later, it becomes aware of any information contradicting the statements of paragraphs (a) through (d) above, it will promptly provide that information to the U.S. DOT.

Firm/Consultant (Proposer) Name: _____

Name and Title of Authorized Official: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Date: _____

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STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

E-VERIFY

Contract No:

Financial Project No(s):

Project Description:

Vendor/Consultant acknowledges and agrees to the following:

Vendor/Consultant shall utilize the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's E-Verify system, in accordance with the terms governing use of the system, to confirm the employment eligibility of:

- 1. All persons employed by the Vendor/Consultant during the term of the Contract to perform employment duties within Florida; and**
- 2. All persons, including subcontractors, assigned by the Vendor/Consultant to perform work pursuant to the contract with the Department.**

Company/Firm: _____

Authorized Signature: _____

Title: _____ **Date:** _____