



Request for Quotes

Environmental Review Consultant

As part of its mission to increase economic opportunities in its service area, the Northern Border Regional Commission (NBRC) seeks interested contractors to assist in the evaluation and completion of documentation for funded projects required to complete a complex environmental review process prior to the obligation of federal funds.

Background

NBRC is a Federal-State partnership for economic and community development within the most distressed counties of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York.

42 U.S.C. Sec 1500.1(e) States that all Federal agencies shall to the fullest extent possible use the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process to identify and assess the reasonable alternatives to proposed actions that will avoid or minimize adverse effects of these actions upon the quality of the human environment. Applicants must attach NEPA documents to their application.

As NBRC's funding has increased, the types of projects seeking NBRC funding have now become more complex, primarily in the area of Outdoor Recreation, which have resulted in projects needing more complex reviews, such as Section 7 consultation under the Endangered Species Act, by way of example.

Scope

The NBRC seeks contractors who are licensed to do business in the four states that make up the NBRC, and who have experience doing this type of environmental review work. The contractor would work directly with NBRC in providing environmental review evaluations and completing the required documentation up to \$10,000 per federal fiscal year.

Required Information for Quote

To be considered, interested contractors should please provide the following:

- Registered vendor with federal government
- NEPA/Environmental Review experience
- Proof of licensure in Maine, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont together with documentation of good-standing
- Estimates for this type of work (per hour including hourly wage)
- Names of individuals who will be completing this work, including NBRC's primary contact
- Examples of existing relationships with State and local governments, economic

- development organizations, across the four-state NBRC service area.
- Evidence of staff capacity and staff expertise to carry out the goals of this Request for Quote.

Tasks

The successful contractor should be prepared to provide the following services to NBRC on an as-needed basis:

- Provide direct assistance to NBRC for guidance on environmental review matters
- Participate in meetings with NBRC personnel and grantees when requested by NBRC
- Review for completeness and accuracy environmental review documentation submitted by NBRC grantees

Period of Performance

March 1, 2021 – September 30, 2021.

Submittal of RFQ documentation to NBRC

Complete RFQ documentation must be submitted to NBRC Program Director, Andrea Smith at asmith@nbrc.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. EST on February 15, 2021.

About the NBRC

Created by the US Congress in 2008 and funded since 2010, the NBRC is a Federal-State partnership whose mission is to help alleviate economic distress in portions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York. Since its inception, the Commission has awarded more than \$55 million in grants, which has leveraged more than \$142 million to support 248 grants across the four states.

The NBRC partnership is led of the governors of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, and New York as well as a Federal Co-chair, who is appointed by the President. Local participation is provided through multi-county local development districts.

While Congress allowed the NBRC considerable flexibility in the types of areas in which to focus and invest, the NBRC has created a Five-Year Strategic Plan that emphasizes three goals related to Infrastructure; Business and Entrepreneurial growth; and Leadership and Community Capacity.

More information on the NBRC can be found at www.nbrc.gov. The NBRC's enabling statute can be found at 40 USC, Subtitle V ("Regional Economic and Infrastructure Development").