

## NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

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## REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST – RAZORBACK TRANSIT TAM PLAN UPDATE

## March 31, 2022

Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission (NWARPC) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms to provide planning related services to award a consulting services contract to update the 2018 University of Arkansas Razorback Transit - <a href="Transit Asset">Transit Asset</a> <a href="Management (TAM) Plan">Management (TAM) Plan</a> (Tier II Agency) as required by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) TAM Plan Final Rule. The work will generally consist of updating the following: the inventory of assets, a condition assessment of inventoried assets, decision support tools, prioritized list of investments, annual performance targets, national transit database reporting, and plan updates.

This project includes federal funds and requires the selected firm to comply with FTA Certifications and Assurances and comply with state procurement laws, rules, and regulations including but not limited to Ethical Standards (Ark. Code Ann. §19-11-708), Employee and Relative Disclosure, and Equal Opportunity Policy.

Work and contract requirements shall conform to the requirements of the FTA and NWARPC. Interested firms are advised that in order to comply with state and federal requirements that the Local Agency will verify suspension and debarment actions and eligibility status of consultants in accordance with 2 CFR Part 1200 and 2 CFR Part 180.

Interested firms must furnish a Letter of Interest, together with Primary contact information and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II, a current copy of the firm's equal employment opportunity policy, and the firm's current copy (within 12 months) of the Department and Finance and Administration (DFA) Illegal Immigrant Contractor Disclosure Form (Ark. Code Ann. §19-11-105). https://www.ark.org/dfa/immigrant/index.php/user/welcome

The Letter of Interest must be sent via email as a PDF and your email Subject should include "LOI-Razorback Transit" along with your Agency Name to <a href="mailto:tconklin@nwarpc.org">tconklin@nwarpc.org</a>.

Responses must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. (CDT) on April 29, 2022**. Any responses after this deadline will not be considered. Questions about this request may be directed to Tim Conklin via e-mail to <a href="mailto:tconklin@nwarpc.org">tconklin@nwarpc.org</a>.

Northwest Arkansas Regional Planning Commission ATTN: Tim Conklin "LOI-Razorback Transit" 1311 Clayton Street Springdale, AR 72762

After a review of all Letters of Interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

**PROTEST PROCEDURE:** Protestors may file a protest on any phase of solicitation or award, including but not limited to specification or award. Protests are to be submitted in writing and received by the NWARPC's Executive

Director, at 1311 Clayton St., Springdale, AR, 72762 within seven (7) working days after the aggrieved person knows or should have known of the facts giving rise thereto. Protests based upon restrictive specifications or alleged improprieties in any type of solicitation, which are apparent prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of initial proposals, should be filed no later than three (3) working days prior to bid opening or the closing date for receipt of proposals. More information can be found in the NWARPC Procurement Procedures at <a href="https://www.nwarpc.org/datacatalog/nwarpc-procurement-procedures/">www.nwarpc.org/datacatalog/nwarpc-procurement-procedures/</a>.

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