

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
2011 TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM
COBB COUNTY, GEORGIA
COBB COUNTY DOT
FOR
COBB COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

Sealed proposals will be received until **12:00 noon on January 26, 2012** at Cobb County Purchasing, for:

Project No./Project Name: **E6020 / Lower Roswell Road
Safety & Operational Improvements**

Project Description: Safety and operational improvements to Lower Roswell Road, from
Woodlawn Drive to the intersection with Davidson Road

Proposal Opening Date: **January 26, 2012**
Time / Location: **2:00 p.m., Cobb County Purchasing Department**

The Complete Request for Proposals may be found at <http://purchasing.cobbcountyga.gov/bid-list.htm>
and <http://dot.cobbcountyga.gov/bid-rfp.htm>.

Proposers must meet the current prequalification requirements of the Georgia Department of Transportation.

Proposers are required to be in compliance with the "Georgia Security and Immigration Compliance Act."

Cobb County will affirmatively comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d—42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, part 21 Nondiscrimination Act(s).

The Cobb County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject all Bids and waive any formalities.

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COBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Marietta, Georgia 30008-4014
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Date: *December 30, 2011*

To: **Qualified Engineering Consulting Firms**

Re: **Request for Proposals for Engineering Consulting Services**
Lower Roswell Road Safety & Operational Improvements
Project No. E6020

The Cobb County Department of Transportation is requesting non-cost technical proposals for Engineering Consulting Services for the above referenced project.

Selection Process 1, Competitive Negotiations, as defined in the Cobb County *Policy for Procurement of Professional Services*, will be used to select the highest qualified consultant submitting a proposal for this project. A copy of the Procurement Policy can be found on the Cobb County DOT web site at <http://dot.cobbcountyga.gov/bid-rfp.htm>.

Funding for this project is entirely local funding from the 2011 One Percent Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax or from Cobb County General Funds and is therefore exempt from conforming to the Georgia Department of Transportation's Plan Development Review Process.

PROJECT LIMITS AND OVERVIEW

The project consists of safety and operational improvements to Lower Roswell Road, from Woodlawn Drive to the intersection with Davidson Road. The 0.75 mile project limit includes adding a median, access management, turn lanes at Woodlawn Drive, improved turn lanes at Johnson Ferry Road and Davidson Road, and improved alignment of Lower Roswell Road across Johnson Ferry Road.

The project includes sidewalks on both sides and landscaping as appropriate. Bike lanes will be evaluated. A signal warrant analysis will need to be conducted at the intersection of the Kroger Shopping Center entrance and Lower Roswell Road.

GENERAL SCOPE OF SERVICE

Engineering Consulting Services shall be furnished in accordance with the Cobb County Department of Transportation's Consultant Services Agreement, the current Plans Preparation Manual, and the Cobb County Water System's Water and Sewer Specifications. **No modifications to the Consultant Services Agreement will be permitted.**

Water and sewer work on this project will be coordinated with the Cobb County Water System. If the proposer does not have water and sewer design service capabilities, Cobb County Water System will be responsible for all design work. The consultant will be responsible for incorporating the water and sewer plans into the final construction plan set, and the appropriate pay items and quantities into the detailed estimate and bid documents.

The ability to perform water and sewer work is **not** considered in the proposal evaluation process.

Cobb County DOT will make available the County Geographic Information System (GIS) data specific to this project for use in developing the concept and design to the successful proposer after the contract for this project is awarded to the successful proposer. Firms desiring to use Cobb County aerial photography in the preparation of their proposals can view and/or print copies of the photography from the online GIS website at www.cobbgis.org/maps, or can purchase the data from the Cobb County GIS Core Group.

SUBMITTING PROCEDURES

If your firm is interested in submitting a non-cost technical proposal for this project, please provide **eight (8) copies** of the technical proposal as indicated below.

Proposal Submittal **January 26, 2012, 12:00 Noon at Cobb County Purchasing**
1772 County Services Parkway
Marietta, GA 30008-4021

Proposal Opening **January 26, 2012, 2:00 p.m. at Cobb County Purchasing**
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Proposals submitted after the 12:00 Noon deadline shall be considered non-responsive and will not be opened. DO NOT DELIVER PROPOSAL TO THE COBB COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.

The technical proposal shall cover your firm's project approach, key staff identified for the project and relevant experience, experience of the firm, identification of any sub-consultants, project schedule and current workload. The technical proposal shall be limited to twenty (20) pages, **INCLUDING** cover letter, photo pages, appendixes, drawings or illustrations (i.e. typical sections), dividers, and resumes of proposed staff. **Proposals submitted in excess of twenty (20) pages will not be reviewed.** The technical proposals shall be sealed in an envelope or box with your firm's name and "**PROPOSAL FOR Lower Roswell Road Safety & Operational Improvements, PROJECT No. E6020**" clearly marked on the front.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The technical proposals will be evaluated and ranked, with the three top-ranked proposals presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval for the Cobb County Department of Transportation to negotiate the final scope of services and fee with the Consultant submitting the top-ranked proposal. The evaluation of the technical proposals will be based on the following criteria:

1. Staffing – Evaluation of the list of personnel specifically assigned to the proposed project, including their qualifications, overall experience and recent experience on projects of similar scope and complexity to the proposed project. **(25 points)**
2. Experience/Performance – Review of past performance on Cobb County projects or other projects of similar nature and complexity as the proposed project; evaluation of client references whether included in the proposal response or not; evaluation of litigation history for the past five (5) years, including for each case: style of the case, parties to the litigation, court in which litigation was filed, and civil action number; nature of claims; whether the case is pending or resolved, and, if resolved, the date of and manner in which it was resolved (e.g., relief granted by court, settlement by or among parties, dispositive motion, trial verdict); overall responsiveness to County's needs. **(35 points)**
3. Approach – Evaluation of the overall understanding of the scope of the proposed project; completeness, adequacy and responsiveness to the required information of the request for proposals. **(25 points)**
4. Availability and Local Vendor Presence (5-10 points)
 - (a) Availability
Evaluation of the work load of the proposing firm and the staffing to be assigned to the proposed project; time schedule of the proposer in relation to that of the proposed project location of the offices or facilities from which the services are to be provided to the County (Up to five points based on 4.b.i and up to seven points based on 4.b.ii) --
 - (b) Local Vendor Presence
 - (i) Five (5) **qualitative** evaluation criteria points will be given to each local vendor that meets approved qualifications where the estimated cost of professional services is expected to be between \$50,000.00 and \$100,000.00.
 - (ii) Three (3) **qualitative** evaluation criteria points will be given to each local vendor that meets the approved qualifications where the estimated cost of professional services is expected to exceed \$100,000.00.**(10 points)**
5. Financial Stability – Financial Stability of the top proposer(s) will be evaluated by the Finance Department in the following areas: Liquidity Ratios (1 point); Financial Leverage Ratios (2 points); Profitability Ratios (1 point); and whether an audited or reviewed Financial Statement is submitted with the Proposal (1 point). A maximum of 5 points may be awarded. Proposers who receive a score of 2 points or less will not be considered for award. Finance will notify the selection committee of points to be awarded to the top proposers.

GENERAL TERMS

The successful proposer shall be required to sign as part of the terms and conditions of their being engaged by the County the following statements regarding Conflict of Interest, Contingency Fees, and Certification of Subcontractors:

- A. **CONFLICT OF INTEREST** -The Consultant certifies that, to the best of the Consultant's knowledge, no circumstances exist which will cause a Conflict of Interest in performing the services required by this contract, that no employee of the County, nor any member thereof, nor any public agency or official affected by this Agreement, has any pecuniary interest in the business of the Consultant or his Subcontractor(s), and that no person associated with the Consultant or the Consultant's Subcontractor(s) has any interest that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Agreement.

Should the Consultant become aware of any circumstances which may cause a Conflict of Interest during the term of this contract, the Consultant shall immediately notify the County. If the County determines that a Conflict of Interest exists, the County may require that the Consultant take action to remedy the Conflict of Interest or terminate the agreement without liability. The County shall have the right to recover any fees paid for services rendered by the Consultant which were performed while a Conflict of Interest existed if the Consultant had knowledge of the Conflict of Interest and did not notify the County within one (1) week of becoming aware of the existence of the Conflict of Interest.

- B. **PROHIBITION AGAINST CONTINGENT FEES** – The Consultant warrants that the Consultant nor the Consultant's Subcontractor(s) have not employed or retained any company or person other than a bona fide employee working solely for the consultant or Subcontractor(s) to solicit or secure this Agreement and that the Consultant nor the Consultant's Subcontractor(s) have not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Consultant or the Consultant's Subcontractor(s) any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award of this Agreement. For any breach or violation of this provision, the County shall have the right to terminate the Agreement without liability and, at its discretion, to deduct from the price, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, gift, payment, or consideration.
- C. **CERTIFICATION OF SUBCONTRACTORS.** The Consultant shall require each of the Consultant's Subcontractor(s) to sign a statement certifying to and agreeing to comply with the terms and conditions of A. and B. above. Such signed statements shall be on forms provided by the County. The Consultant shall return such executed forms to the County and they shall be incorporated in and become a part of the Agreement. No compensation shall be payable to the Consultant until executed certifications are received by the County for all of the Consultant's Subcontractors.

The Cobb County, Georgia, Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d—42 and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in federally assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this

advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, national origin, disability, or age in consideration for an award.

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation is strongly encouraged. A monthly DBE utilization report must be submitted with each monthly invoice.

Cobb County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted, or, where it may serve the best interest of the County, to request additional information or clarification from proposers. The County, in its sole discretion, also reserves the right to waive any informalities or technicalities relative to any and all proposals. At the County's discretion, presentations may be requested as part of the evaluation process. The County reserves the right to retain all proposals submitted, and to use any idea in any proposal regardless of whether the proposal is selected.

There is no expressed or implied obligation for Cobb County to reimburse any firm for any expense incurred in preparing or presenting a proposal in response to this request for proposals.

Any questions must be received no later than seventy-two (72) hours prior to the bid opening. All questions should be sent via email to Purchasing@CobbCounty.org.

Sincerely,

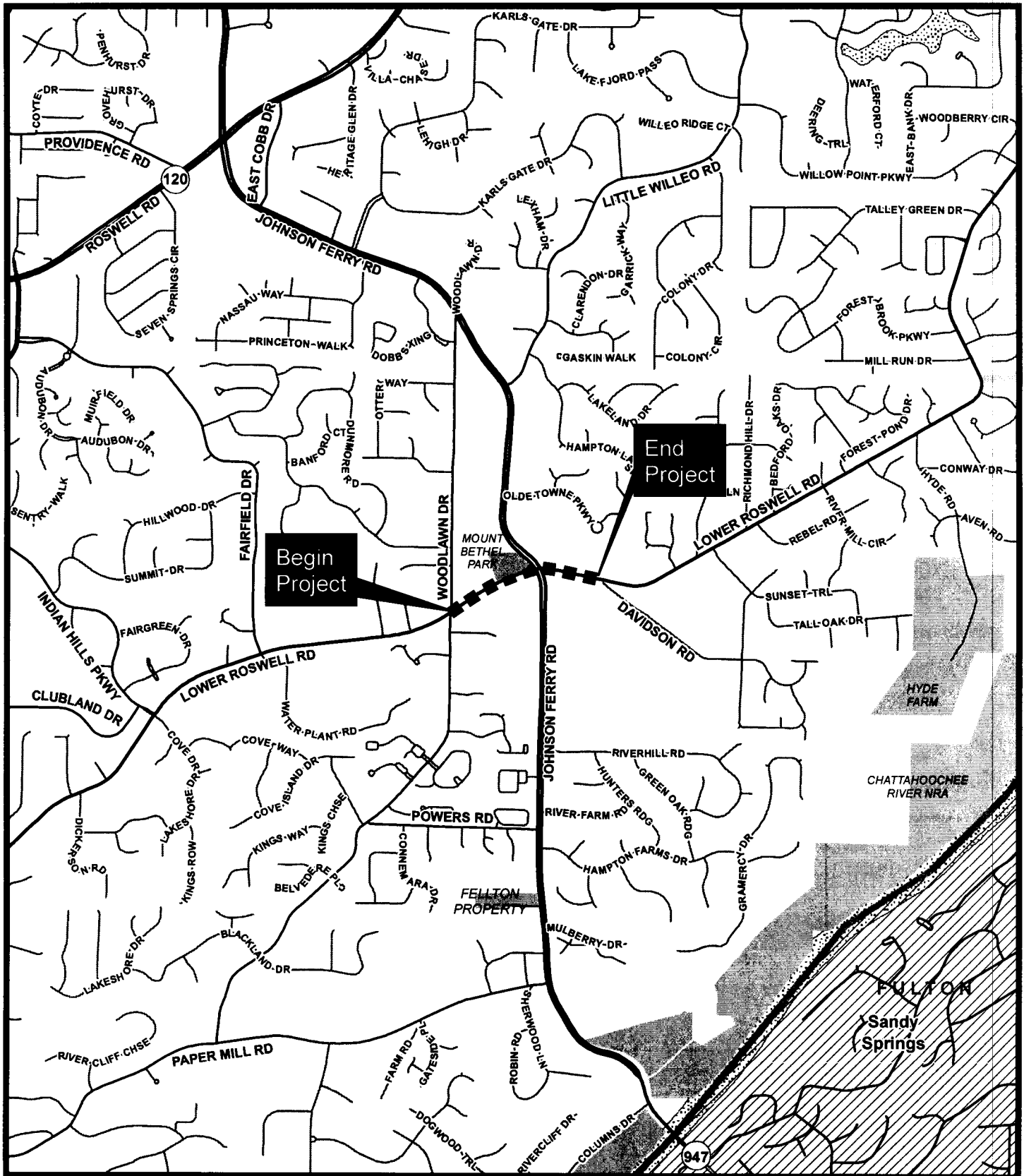
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Michael S. Cates, PE
Pre-Construction Engineer

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Attachment: Project Location Map

LOCATION MAP



Cobb County
Department of Transportation

PROJECT:
Lower Roswell Road
Project No. E6020

DATE:
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