

**Request for Qualifications
For
Professional Consulting Services
In Development of a Master Plan
For A
Section of the Big River Watershed
Extending from Leadwood to Eureka, Missouri**

Working collectively under the terms of a memorandum of understanding (MOU), the Missouri Counties of Jefferson, St. Francois and Washington, styled for the sake of this initiative as the Big River Master Planning Collaborative (hereafter referred to as the “Collaborative”), are seeking qualifications from professional consulting firms to assist the Collaborative in the development of a master plan for the Big River Watershed that extends from near Leadwood in St. Francois County to near Eureka in Jefferson County.

The Collaborative plans to retain a firm, with significant experience and expertise specific to master plan development, that incorporates elements of environmental and public health administration, as well as economic development, recreation, environmental justice and community outreach/education. In addition, given the need to move forward in an expeditious fashion, the successful candidate will need to demonstrate a detailed working knowledge of the political, regulatory and economic dynamics associated with the targeted geographic region or a similar area in which a master plan was developed by the candidate.

The firm selected will report to a leadership committee of the Collaborative, but will work routinely with elected officials, administrators, business leaders and community groups on a county-specific basis in localized working groups to be established and managed by the contractor for the duration of the contract. The consultant will inform the Collaborative members regarding the development of the master plan, analyze the plan once drafted and advise the Collaborative relative to implementation, once the plan would be adopted. This undertaking involves the identification, articulation and assimilation of county-specific issues, needs and concerns as they relate to the anticipated remediation and resource damage recovery activities already and/or anticipated to be planned by a variety of federal and state regulatory agencies.

The objective of this local initiative is to contribute in a thoughtful and meaningful way to, and/or have impact on, the implementation of both federal and state agency-specific plans. The goal of the Collaborative is to assist the agencies as plans are developed and implemented in order to significantly improve the environmental and public health situation for the region and doing so in a fashion consistent with the region’s economic, recreation and community development objectives. The study and its implementation are anticipated to take three years to complete.

Firms responding to this solicitation must demonstrate experience and expertise related to the following:

- The Big River Watershed
 - Current and historical lead mining/legacy management efforts in the area.

- Multi-agency heavy metals remediation and natural resource damage recovery efforts underway throughout the three (3) counties and the surrounding area.
- Political, regulatory and economic dynamics in and between the three (3) counties.
- The EPA-approvable Watershed Management Planning Process and its nine (9) elements.
 - The Watershed Management Plan is one component of the overall master plan.
- Section 319 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Administration.
- Planning and implementation of regional initiatives involving multiple political and regulatory jurisdictions.
- Missouri Department of Economic Development tools and the use of public financing to leverage environmental, public health and development initiatives.
- Negotiation/facilitation of creative public/private partnerships.
- Community engagement, outreach and education – including media and academia.

Respondents should submit resumes, project examples, references, and other supporting material to:

**DEPARTMENT OF THE COUNTY CLERK
JEFFERSON COUNTY MISSOURI
729 MAPLE ST / PO BOX 100
HILLSBORO MO 63050-0100**

by **2:00 PM on SEPTEMBER 28, 2010.**

Five (5) complete copies should be submitted.

The Big River Master Planning Collaborative reserves the right to reject any or all submittals. Questions should be addressed to:

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