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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:
HOUSE CONSULTANT SERVICES FOR
URBAN DESIGN**

LOWER MANHATTAN DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

*The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation, a
subsidiary of the New York State Urban Development
Corporation*

*d/b/a Empire State Development Corporation,
seeks statements of qualifications for house consultant
services related to urban design for areas of Manhattan
South of Houston Street affected by the events of
September 11, 2001.*

Lower Manhattan Development Corporation

John C. Whitehead, Chairman

Louis R. Tomson, President

August 19, 2002

Deadline for responses: September 16, 2002, 5:00 PM EST

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

The Lower Manhattan Development Corporation (LMDC) was established following the disastrous events of September 11, 2001 to oversee the rebuilding and revitalization of Lower Manhattan south of Houston Street. To date, over \$2.5 billion has been appropriated to LMDC, to be administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through its Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

LMDC has a continuing need for “house consultant” services, related to urban design, on an as-needed basis in connection with the development of Manhattan south of Houston Street. LMDC expects to retain up to three (3) separate firms, representing a range of urban and architectural design philosophies. Services to be provided by the consultant(s) may include land use analyses, urban design studies, design proposals for public realm and open space projects, development of design guidelines, and integration of transportation improvements. The resulting contract(s) will be for a term of 3 years, and within that time period will be subject to annual review by the LMDC Board of Directors.

No specific work projects have yet been determined. The selected firms will offer creative solutions to urban design needs and problems on an “on-call” basis as they arise in the LMDC planning process. The goal of these studies will be to propose urban design solutions consistent with a program (or programs) to be determined by the LMDC.

Firms interested in submitting qualifications are requested to follow the guidelines and instructions contained in this Request for Qualifications (RFQ). In the event it becomes necessary to revise any part of this RFQ, revisions will be provided to all firms who received the initial RFQ.

Proposals should be prepared providing a straightforward and concise description of the responding firm’s capabilities to satisfy the requirements of the RFQ. Emphasis should be on completeness and clarity of content. Each copy of the proposal should be bound in a single volume and include any documentation you may wish to submit. LMDC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted if such election is deemed to be in the best interest of LMDC.

LMDC assumes no responsibility and no liability for costs incurred by the responding firm(s) prior to the issuance of a contract(s).

If you choose to respond to this RFQ, please prepare twelve (12) copies of your qualifications on no more than sixteen (16) single-sided 8.5” x 11” pages, or eight (8) 8.5” x 11” leaves if double-sided, and deliver them to:

Alexander Garvin
Vice President for Planning, Design and Development
Lower Manhattan Development Corporation
One Liberty Plaza, 20th Floor
New York, NY 10006

The schedule for this effort is as follows:

- August 19 – RFQ issued

- September 16 – Responses due
- September 16 to 30 – Oral presentations conducted
- September 30 – Consultant(s) selected

Questions must be submitted in writing to Hugh Eastwood at LMDC by fax 212-962-2431 or by email at HEastwood@empire.state.ny.us **no later than September 3, 2002**. Addenda to this RFQ, including responses to questions, will be posted by September 6, 2002, on the LMDC web site <http://www.renewnyc.com>

Qualifications must be received no later than 5:00 PM EST, September 16, 2002. Firms submitting a proposal in response to this RFQ may be required to give an oral presentation of their proposal to LMDC. This will provide an opportunity for the firm(s) to clarify or elaborate on the statement of qualifications but will in no way change the original submission. Such a request shall not constitute offer of a contract(s).

2. CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Each firm is asked to submit materials that highlight its unique strengths, design talents, architectural philosophy, sensitivity to the public realm, approach to creating space, and breadth of knowledge and experience. In evaluating submissions pursuant to this request, LMDC will place high value on the following factors, not necessarily listed in order of importance:

1. **Quality of work product** as demonstrated in submitted work samples of past architecture, urban design, planning, and development projects.
2. **Innovative and outstanding work experience that demonstrates unique qualifications** to provide house consultant services for urban design and planning.
3. **Knowledge of New York City**, and Lower Manhattan in particular, including its physical characteristics, architectural history, and cultural significance.
4. **Anticipated cost of services** based on an hourly rate or other appropriate structure.

3. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Respondents are asked to provide relevant, concise and compelling information about the following, numbered as they appear below:

1. **Experience and Personnel**
 - **A history of the respondent's experience** providing consultant services related to urban design, including number of projects, years of operation, range of urban and architectural project sizes and budgets, awards, prizes, citations, etc.
 - **List of the principals, project manager(s) and professional staff** who would work directly with LMDC, indicating their major projects to date.
 - **The number of full-time employees in New York State.**
2. **Work Samples**
 - **Samples of up to five (5) projects** that the respondent has completed in the areas of architecture, urban design, and/or development in the past 15 years. Include a

description of the program, the nature of the work, the size and complexity of the project, as well as the name of the client and/or a contact person who is able to provide a reference.

3. Contact Information Form (NOTE: does not count toward 16 page limit)

- **A separate sheet of paper indicating clearly:**
 - a. Lead firm or individual name;
 - b. Contact person;
 - c. License or certification information of lead firm principal or individual;
 - d. Telephone, fax and wireless numbers;
 - e. E-mail address;
 - f. Street address of lead firm or individual;
 - g. Year firm or individual practice established;
 - h. Indicate if New York State certified Minority or Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs);
 - i. Indicate type of work or specialty; note size of firm, including separate counts of (i) registered architects; (ii) certified planners; (iii) registered landscape architects; (iv) professional engineers; (v) other pertinent persons.
 - j. The lead firm or individual is to sign and date this form.

4. Fees and Costs

NOTE: The fee proposal must be submitted in a separate clearly marked sealed envelope. The fees will not be opened until all proposals have been initially evaluated. Although proposed fees will be taken into account, LMDC reserves the right to negotiate a lower or different fee structure with any firm that is selected. Please detail:

- The standard hourly rate of each principal and staff member to be assigned to the project or whose job category may be required, and the hourly rate you propose to charge.
- A schedule of all types of reimbursable expenses you anticipate and the rate of each.
- Any reduced fees charged other municipalities, economic development or nonprofit organizations, and governmental entities.
- Whether you would be willing to agree to a cap on fees.
- Any other fees or charges.

5. Conflicts of Interest (NOTE: does not count toward 16 page limit)

- **Please submit a statement describing any potential conflict of interest** or appearance of impropriety, relating to other clients of the respondent, or officers, directors, and employees of LMDC, that providing services to LMDC could create.
- **Please indicate what procedures** will be followed to detect and notify LMDC of, and to resolve, any conflicts of interest.
- **Indicate any pending litigation** and/or regulatory action by any local, state, or federal oversight body or entity that could have an adverse material impact on the respondent's ability to participate in the design development and forum sponsored by LMDC.

4. CONTRACT TERMS AND REQUIREMENTS

The contents of the statement of qualifications prepared by the successful firms, with any amendments approved by LMDC, will become a part of the contract(s) awarded as a result of these specifications. The terms outlined should be considered all inclusive. The successful firms will be required to:

1. **Work with LMDC staff, LMDC consultants, and governmental partners** as house consultants on an as-needed basis to provide urban design services to LMDC in connection with the planning, development, redevelopment, and revitalization of Manhattan south of Houston Street
2. **Grant LMDC unrestricted use of any and all material produced** as a result of this agreement for the advancement of the rebuilding effort. However, all design work will remain the legal property of the design firm or team.
3. **Maintain accurate accounting records** and other evidence pertaining to costs incurred in providing services and to make such records available to LMDC at all reasonable times during the contract period and for five (5) years after the date of the final payment to the firm(s) under the contract(s), upon request of LMDC.
4. **Refrain from assigning, transferring, conveying, subletting or otherwise disposing** of the contract(s) or its rights, titles or interest therein or its power to execute such agreement to any other person, firm, partnership, company, or corporation without the prior consent and approval in writing of LMDC.
5. **Assume sole responsibility for the complete effort** as required by this RFQ, and be the sole point of contact with regard to contractual matters.

LMDC reserves the right to terminate any contract(s) entered into as a result of this RFQ at any time, provided that written notice has been given to the firm(s) at least thirty (30) days prior to such proposed termination date.

5. MISCELLANEOUS CONDITIONS

The issuance of this RFQ and the submission of a response by any proposing firm(s) or the acceptance of such response by LMDC do not obligate LMDC in any manner. Legal obligations will only arise on the execution of a formal contract(s) by LMDC and the firm(s) selected by LMDC.

LMDC reserves the right (i) to amend, modify, or withdraw this RFQ, (ii) to revise any requirements of this RFQ, (iii) to require supplemental statements or information from any firm, (iv) to accept or reject any or all responses hereto, (v) to extend the deadline for submission of responses thereto, (vi) to negotiate or hold discussions with any respondent and to waive defects and allow corrections of deficient responses which do not completely conform to the instructions contained herein, and (vii) to cancel this RFQ, in whole or in part, if LMDC deems it in its best interest to do so. LMDC may exercise the foregoing rights at any time without notice and without liability to any proposing firm or any other party for their expenses incurred in the preparation of the responses hereto or otherwise. Responses to this RFQ will be prepared at the sole cost and expense of the proposing firm(s).

It is the policy of the State of New York and the LMDC to comply with all federal, state and local laws, policy, orders, rules and regulations which prohibit unlawful discrimination because of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability or marital status, and to take affirmative action in working with contracting parties to ensure that New York State Business Enterprises, Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprises (M/WBEs), Minority Group Members and women share in the economic opportunities generated by LMDC's participation in projects or initiatives and/or the use of LMDC funds. LMDC is a subsidiary of the Empire State Development Corporation (ESDC). Accordingly, ESDC's non-discrimination and affirmative action policy will apply to this initiative. The selected consultant(s) shall be required to use its best efforts to achieve American M/WBE participation of not less than 20% of the total dollar value of the contract. A copy each respondent's equal employment opportunity policy statement and Staffing Plan (Schedule A-1) of the anticipated workforce to be utilized on the contract, shall be included as part of the response to any RFQ. The ESD Affirmative Action Unit (AAU) is available to assist you in identifying New York State certified M/WBEs that can provide goods and services in connection with the contract. If you require M/WBE listings, please call the AAU at (212) 803-3224.

SCHEDULE A-1

STAFFING PLAN

Project/RFP Title _____ Location of Contract _____ County _____ Zip _____
 Contractor/Firm Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Check applicable categories: (1) Staff Estimates include: () Contract/Project Staff () Total Workforce () Subcontractors
 (2) Type of Contract: () Construction Consultants () Commodities () Services/Consultants

TOTAL ANTICIPATED WORK FORCE										Total Percent Minority Employees	Total Percent Female Employees	
Federal Occupational Category	Total Number of Employees		Black (Not of Hispanic Origin)		Hispanic		Asian or Pacific Islander		Native American Alaskan Native			
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male			Female
Officials/Admin.												
Professionals												
Technicians												
Sales Workers												
Office & Clerical												
Craft Workers												
Operatives												
Laborers												
Service Workers												
TOTALS												

CERTIFICATION:

I, _____ (Print Name), the _____ (Title), do certify that (i) I have read this Staffing Plan and (ii) to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information herein is complete and accurate.

Signature _____ Date _____ Telephone Number (____)

Forward to:

Empire State Development
 Affirmative Action Unit - Laverne Poole
 633 Third Avenue
 New York, NY 10017

Office: (212) 803-3224

Fax: (212) 803-3223

CONTRACTORS STAFFING PLAN
Instructions for Completion

PURPOSE:

The Contractors Staffing Plan is prepared by all contractors providing good, products and merchandise, or services (skilled and non-skilled) or professional consulting services (inclusive of professional construction consultant services) to a state agency. The plan is required prior to the award of a contract and contains the anticipated staff assignments during the contract. **In instances where that cannot be identified, the contractor may identify the total work force of the company.** The form will be reviewed by state agencies for the purposes of equal employment opportunity requirements.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. **Project/RFP Title:** describe the project for which you are competing as indicated on the RFP/RFB document.
2. **Location of Contract:** the company's location and postal zip code.
3. **Contractor/Firm Name:** the company that will be providing the workforce. Include *address* with city name, state and zip code.
4. **Check applicable categories:**
 - (1) *Staff Estimated include: Contract/Project Staff* (check in cases where the workers to be assigned can be determined, **Total Work Force** (check in the event the contract work force cannot yet be determined, **Subcontractors** (check if the work force for the project is that of a subcontractor).
 - (2) *Type of Contract: Construction Consultants, Commodities, Services/Consultants* (check appropriate box).

TOTAL ANTICIPATED WORK FORCE:

1. **Federal Occupational Category:** The contractor's work force is broken down and reported by the nine Federal Occupational Categories (FOC's) consistent with the Federal government's EEO-1 categories for the private sector labor force. The categories are general in nature, and include all related occupational job titles. The contracting agency can provide assistance in categorizing specific jobs.
2. **Total Number of Employees:** Record the total number of all persons employed in each FOC regardless of ethnicity (either to be assigned to the contract/project staff OR in the company's total work force, as indicated by the categories selected in number 4 (1) Staff Estimated, of the General Information. Report the number of male employees in column (1), and the total number of female employees in column (2) for each FOC. In columns (3) through (10), report the number of male and female *minority* group member, based on the following defined groups:

Black (not of Hispanic origin): all persons having origins in any of the Black African racial groups.

Hispanic: all persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Dominican, Cuban, Central or South American or either Indian or Hispanic origin, regardless of race.

Asian or Pacific Islander: all persons having origins in any of the Far East countries, South East Asia, the Indian subcontinent or the Pacific Islands.

Native American or Alaskan Native: all persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America.

TOTAL PERCENT MINORITY:

Add all minority group members (male and female) columns (3) through (10), divide by the total numbers of all employees in that FOC (columns 1 + 2). Post the percentage result for that FOC. [Total number of minority employees (columns 3 thru 10). Total number of employees (columns 1 and 2)].

TOTAL PERCENT FEMALE:

Divide the number of female employees (column 2) in the FOC, by the total number of both Male and Female (column 1 + 2). Post the percentage result for that FOC. [Total female employees (column 2). Total number of employees (columns 1 and 2)].

TOTALS:

To compute the column totals, add vertically. *Total Percent Minority Employees and Total Percent Female Employees* should be calculated as shown above, using the summed column totals.

The Contractors Staffing Plan is to be completed by the prime contractor and signed and dated by an authorized representative before submission. The *Company Official's Name, Title, Telephone Number, Signature and Date* signed should be provided where indicated on the form.