



South Carolina
Department of Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Notice

FROM: Professional Services Contracting Office

DATE: July 6, 2023

RE: S-270-23 – On-Call Inspection of Structural Steel, Signs and Related Items

The following firms were selected for the referenced solicitation above:

1. TRC Engineers, Inc.
2. HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.
3. Pennoni Associates, Inc.

SCDOT has attached to this memorandum the selection committee's comments and scores.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (803) 737-0746 or via email at Hollingswg@scdot.org.

Wendy Hollingsworth

Wendy Hollingsworth
Contracting Officer/Contract Selection Manager





TO: Robbie Isgett, Director of Construction
Rob Bedenbaugh, Interim Deputy Secretary for Engineering
J. Darrin Player, Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Wendy Hollingsworth

DATE: June 29, 2023

RE: S-270-23 - On-Call Inspection of Structural Steel, Signs and Related Items

Approval is requested for the referenced solicitation that was advertised on May 8, 2023, with a proposal due date of June 1, 2023. The **SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (SCDOT)** requests a letter of interest and a proposal containing qualifications from all interested consulting firms experienced in providing inspection services of structural steel, signs and related items necessary for materials inspection and testing services for various highway and bridge projects. Requested services include, but are not limited to:

- Shop inspection of structural and miscellaneous steel,
- Special inspection of welding (non-destructive testing),
- Inspection of fabrication of sign structures, and signs,
- Inspection of coatings for structural and miscellaneous steel.

These services will be provided under a **three (3)** year statewide On-Call contract on an “as needed” basis. The SCDOT will select up to **three (3)** firms to provide these services, with a total maximum On-Call amount for the **three (3)** year period not to exceed **\$7,500,000.00**. Consultants will be evaluated and ranked based on their score during the selection process. Work under this on-call will be assigned based on the consultant’s qualifications for the project being assigned for an individual task order/work order. The project team should be capable of providing all services outlined above.




Four (4) firm’s submitted proposals and all were deemed acceptable for meeting the minimum requirements for submittal. June 29, 2023 at 9:00 AM, through SCDOT WEBEX teleconferencing the selection committee convened to evaluate the proposals.

The final ranking of the three (3) firms deemed most highly qualified for this selection were:

1. TRC Engineers, Inc.
2. HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.
3. Pennoni Associates, Inc.

Upon CPO approval, the Professional Services Contracting Office will notify all responding consulting firms of the selection results.

APPROVAL:

ACTION	OFFICE	SIGNATURE	DATE
APPROVE	Director of Construction	 Digitally signed by Robert E. Isgett, III Date: 2023.07.05 16:28:42 -04'00'	
APPROVE	Interim Deputy Secretary for Engineering	 Digitally signed by Rob Bedenbaugh Date: 2023.07.05 17:40:29 -04'00'	
APPROVE	Chief Procurement Officer	J. Darrin Player  Digitally signed by J. Darrin Player Date: 2023.07.06 08:19:35 -04'00'	7/6/23

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation Committee Deliberation

Project Name: S-270-23 - On-Call Inspection of Structural Steel, Signs
and Related Items



Submitted Information



Interview

Firm	Comments
See Attached	

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SELECTION PROCESS

Evaluation Committee Recommendation

Project Name: S-270-23 - On-Call Inspection of Structural Steel, Signs and Related Items

Instructions: The Evaluation Committee shall list firms in the order of approval for cost-proposal negotiations.

Firm/Individual	Order Negotiation Approval	Comments
TRC Engineers, Inc.	1st	
HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.	2nd	
Pennoni Associates, Inc.	3rd	
	4th	
	5th	
	6th	
	7th	
	8th	
	9th	
	10th	

Authorization: I hereby authorize the Director for subject project to
begin cost-proposal negotiations in the order listed above.



Concur



Not Concur

**J. Darrin
Player** Digitally signed by
J. Darrin Player
Date: 2023.07.06
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07/06/2023

Chief Procurement Officer

Date

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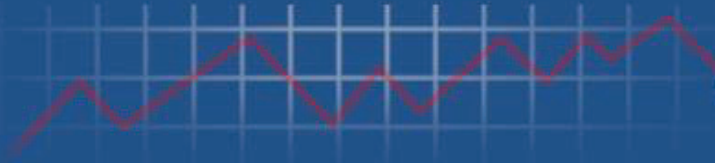
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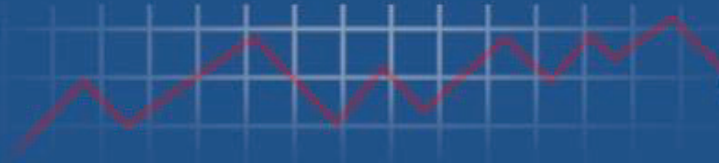
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RANKING	FIRM RANKINGS <small>Ranked in Order by Firm Name</small>	TOTAL SCORE	CRITERIA									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			40%	20%	20%	10%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
1	TRC Engineers Inc	75.81	31.00	15.25	15.00	7.25	2.31	5.00				
2	HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.	75.75	31.00	14.50	14.75	6.75	3.75	5.00				
3	Pennoni Associates Inc.	75.19	29.50	15.50	15.50	6.75	2.94	5.00				
4	S&ME, Inc.	42.38	15.00	8.50	7.00	5.00	1.88	5.00				

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2	HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.	75.75	31.00	14.50	14.75	6.75	3.75	5.00				
3	Pennoni Associates Inc.	75.19	29.50	15.50	15.50	6.75	2.94	5.00				
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CRITERIA QUESTIONS AND WEIGHTS



1	Experience, qualifications, and technical competence of staff proposed for the type of work required.	40
2	Past performance and quality of past performance of the team and Key Individuals on similar type projects.	20
3	Team makeup and ability to perform all aspects of the services.	20
4	Familiarity of the firm/team with SCDOT practices and procedures.	10
5	DBE utilization plan	5
6	"Workload" is defined and consists of the amount of active executed agreements (basic, contract modifications, work orders, task orders, and small purchase), minus the amounts invoiced already. It will also include those amounts under negotiation, exclusive of those that are suspended.	5
	Total	100

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	7.00	Good breakdown of certified inspectors; including CWI, ASNT, AMPP/SSPC, PAUT, and FRP. Project Manager, Inspection Coordinator, and Technical Support are also certified in areas that are required to complete the project.
Criteria 2	5.50	Has worked with multiple state DOTs on contracts, involving steel, coatings, and signs. Has worked with the DOT in the past. Stated that they "are continuously improving their methods of accomplishing contract/project requirements and addressing challenges with QA inspections."
Criteria 3	6.50	Team consists of a good breakdown of certified inspectors across the nation. Can mobilize within 48 hours to accommodate standard inspection requests. Will provide weekly reports based off daily reports from inspectors.
Criteria 4	6.00	Has previously worked with the DOT on steel and concrete spanning over four contracts. Familiar with the states's practices and procedures.
Criteria 5	8.00	Company is certified DBE in the state. 100% of the services provided will continue to be associated with DBE utilization. Will not be using subconsultants to fulfill the requirement.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Pennoni Associates Inc.

Criteria 1	7.00	Good breakdown of certified inspectors; including CWI, NACE, ASNT, and PAUT inspectors. Project Management team is also certified in areas that are required to complete the contract.
Criteria 2	7.00	Has worked with multiple DOTs on contracts, involving steel, coatings, and signs. Has worked in other countries. Has worked with the DOT in the past.
Criteria 3	6.50	Good breakdown of certified inspectors across the nation. Will provide weekly reports based off daily reports from inspectors.
Criteria 4	6.00	Has worked with the DOT in the past so familiar with procedures and standards required.
Criteria 5	7.00	All work can be fulfilled by the company's staff employees, but they do have a subconsultant company that can support DBE utilization to 15%. Subconsultant company can perform the testing and inspection required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	1.00	Not a good breakdown of certified inspectors for the project at hand. There is not enough fabrication nor sign work mentioned. Management team is not certified in any of the certifications needed to complete this contract.
Criteria 2	1.00	Most experience is in other areas other than steel inspections. Lots of testing in materials other than steel, coatings, and signs, which they are good in performing.
Criteria 3	1.00	Did not see a plan to accomplish the work needed. There are come certified technicians but lacking in this area.
Criteria 4	3.00	They have many CWI certified inspectors, so they will be familiar with this aspect. Have worked with the DOT in the past and are familiar with SCDOT practices and procedures.
Criteria 5	3.00	Are utilizing a subconsultant company that would incorporate DBE utilization. However, the subconsultant company is not certified in areas that are needed to complete the contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	19.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : TRC Engineers Inc

Criteria 1	8.00	Great breakdown of certified inspectors; including CWI, ASNT, PCI, and NACE. Project Management team and Technical Specialists are all certified in areas that are required to understand and complete the contract.
Criteria 2	8.00	Has worked with multiple state DOTs on contracts involving steel, coatings, signs, and more. Is currently working the DOT. Multiple references supplied in depth of previous and present work being completed involving steel, coatings, signs, and related items.
Criteria 3	8.00	Team consists of a great breakdown of certified inspectors, where more than one certification pertains to the same inspector. Willing to work swing shifts, night hours, weekends, and even holidays. Can mobilize within 48 hours and can start work immediately. Reports are submitted daily and weekly. Their reported average total of recordable incidents are lower than the industry average, which means they take safety seriously.
Criteria 4	8.00	Very familiar with the state's practices and procedures. Commented on the 2007 Standard Specifications and other required specifications. Currently working with the state.
Criteria 5	3.00	Has a subconsultant company listed but does not specify how they will be used.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	The Project Manager and Inspection Coordinators are both CWI's with many years of structural steel fabrication experience, including plenty of structural steel bridge fabrication inspection experience. They have a large assortment of DOT's for which they have performed structural steel bridge fabrication inspection. They have a large number of CWI's on their staff to perform inspections as well as NDT and NACE certified inspectors. The vocabulary they used indicates a great familiarity with the processes and requirements of steel bridge fabrication.
Criteria 2	8.00	They show a history of performing steel bridge shop fabrication inspection for many DOT's. The two main members of the core staff are CWI's with many years of steel fabrication shop inspection experience. The key members of the staff and the CWI's they employ have extensive experience with steel and steel bridge fabrication inspection. They also have great CPE scores.
Criteria 3	8.00	They show a large number of CWI's and coatings inspectors. The experience shown for the various staff and key staff shows that they have extensive steel bridge fabrication inspection. They have demonstrated through their past experience that they can perform all aspects of the scope of services with minimal oversight. They key staff show reasonable availability
Criteria 4	8.00	They have a large number of CWI's and coatings inspectors that have extensive DOT experience performing the aspects of this scope of services. Also, they discuss the use of AWS D1.5 and other codes as well as the SCDOT Standard Specifications. They demonstrated a good understanding of steel bridge fabrication inspection requirements.
Criteria 5	8.00	This firm is a DBE, so all of their work will be DBE participation.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Pennoni Associates Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	All of the individuals called out on the organization chart are CWI's with decades of experience inspecting the fabrication of structural steel to included bridge members. They boast a large assortment of DOT's for which they have performed structural steel bridge shop fabrication inspection. Even the DBE sub-consultant they have engaged has a great deal of steel bridge shop fabrication experience. Additionally, they have a long list of CWI's shown in their proposal. The vocabulary used in the proposal shows a great deal of familiarity with steel bridge fabrication inspection.
Criteria 2	9.00	They show a history of performing steel bridge fabrication inspection for various DOT's for decades. Each of the primary staff members show years of CWI inspection experience, included steel bridge fabrication inspection. They also include various specific related projects in which each individual has participated. It is clear from the proposal that this firm specializes in steel bridge fabrication inspection. Also, their past CPE scores are very good.
Criteria 3	9.00	They show a large number of CWI's and coatings inspectors. They also chose to specifically indicate that their inspectors have bridge experience. Additionally, the key staff are also CWI's with many years of experience. Given the level of experience and past projects, this firm will be able to perform all aspects of the required services with minimal oversight. They show a good, anticipated availability for the inspection staff.
Criteria 4	9.00	Given the large number of CWI's and coatings inspectors, and the number of DOT's for which they have performed these services, they show that they are very familiar with DOT practices and procedures. Also, thier discussion of AWS D1.5, AASHTO, ASTM, SSPC, and NACE requirements further demonstrates their competence within the field of services. They show a great number of years of experience with structural steel bridge fabrication inspection. Also, their discussion of their processes, including weekly reporting and billing requirements indicate extensive experience with DOT practices and procedures.
Criteria 5	6.00	They chose a DBE with a good deal of related experience that could actually be used when needed. They identified a specific participation percentage that they would work toward.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	52.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	4.00	Neither the Contract Manager, nor the Project Manager are CWI's. Also they do not have any experience performing structural steel inspections. They do have a long list of CWI's shown in their proposal. They are light on structural steel bridge shop fabrication inspection experience, however. They also have NACE certified technicians. They do discuss structural steel inspection somewhat, but this firm is mostly a CE&I and testing firm. The bulk of their discussed current and past work includes concrete inspection, testing and CE&I work.
Criteria 2	5.00	They do show some structural steel related experience for DOT's. Very little of that experience was related to shop fabrication of bridge components. Most of their steel inspection was field oriented with some involving structural (building) inspection. They also mention CE&I inspection, HMA verification, and prestressed concrete inspection. None of these are particularly applicable to the required activities associated with this contract. They have performed a great deal of these other types of work for DOT, with good CPE scores.
Criteria 3	4.00	They show a good number of CWI's. However, neither the Contract Manager, nor the Project Manager have structural steel fabrication experience. Based on their number of CWI's they would be able to perform the tasks required, however they would require some time to get up to speed with the requirements for structural steel bridge fabrication inspection and requirements. Also, they show 100% availability for all of the metals technicians and senior metals technicians, which is quite impressive if it is not exaggerated. They had incorrect section heading in the proposal.
Criteria 4	5.00	Given the number of CWI's on their staff, they will be familiar with general welding concepts and some requirements. They do have minimal steel bridge fabrication inspection experience. They have worked for some DOT's, however most of that experience is not specifically related to the activities required by this contract. With their general DOT experience, they will be familiar with many DOT practices and procedures, but not within the realm of structural steel bridge shop fabrication inspection.
Criteria 5	3.00	They do show that they will be working with Soil Consultants, a DBE and they show that they will be completing 5% of the required duties. Soil Consultants does not show any structural steel fabrication within their experience, and only show one CWI on their staff chart. The other person they show on the staff chart is not a CWI. Also Soil Consultants has been unresponsive in the past with very similar contract activities.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	31.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : TRC Engineers Inc

Criteria 1	8.00	The Project Manager as well as the Technical Specialists shown on the org chart are CWI's with extensive experience with structural bridge fabrication shop inspection. They also show a large number of CWI's and coatings inspectors within their organization. They also have experience performing steel bridge fabrication inspection for many DOT's. The vocabulary used in the proposal indicates a firm grasp on the activities required in the scope of services.
Criteria 2	8.00	They show a history of performing structural steel bridge fabrication inspection for many projects on behalf of many DOT's. The key staff has many years of experience performing activities within this scope of services. They show shop and field inspection as well as design work for steel bridge structures. They have great CPE score for past DOT work.
Criteria 3	7.00	Their Project Manager and much of their support staff, as well as their inspectors are CWI's with extensive experience with structural steel bridge fabrication inspection. They also demonstrate their experience with coatings inspection and NDT services. They demonstrated their experience and competence performing all aspects of the scope of services with minimal oversight. The availability is a bit low for the key staff, however it will be adequate for this work, as they will not be the ones performing the inspections.
Criteria 4	8.00	They have a large number of CWI's, and NACE inspectors. They discussed terms like AWS D1.5, fracture critical structures, and the SCDOT Standard Specifications. They do a good job of describing the required activities for this work. Also they have extensive experience performing this same work for many DOT's for many years, giving them a great level of familiarity with DOT practices and procedures.
Criteria 5	5.00	They identified a specific DBE that has a great deal of related experience that could actually be used when needed. They don't go into much detail on how they would be used.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	46.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	The Project Team has extensive experience with the type of work required under this scope of services. The proposal goes into detail of the qualifications of each member of the project team along with their technical competency and proficiency in each area of the type of work required for this on call.
Criteria 2	8.50	They have performed on-call inspection of structural steel, signs and relative materials in the past. They have an extensive list of other DOT's and agencies that they have worked for on similar type of projects.
Criteria 3	7.00	The proposal does not list the certified staff but only the key personnel is identified but they do a good job of detailing how they will perform the actual scope of services.
Criteria 4	7.00	This section of the proposal was lacking in detail. They list they have worked with the DOT since 2018 and are familiar with the practices and procedures.
Criteria 5	9.00	The firm is a certified DBE, so all of their work will be considered part of the DBE plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	49.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Pennoni Associates Inc.

Criteria 1	6.50	The proposal list the Project Team with a brief summary of the experience and qualifications for each member. It list other agencies that the firm has worked with under similar scopes.
Criteria 2	8.00	The team has worked for various DOT's providing services similar to this on call scope. The Proposal breaks down the current assignments with descriptions of services. This section does not mention key individuals as it only list the proposed team's experience.
Criteria 3	7.50	They have a good number of current certified technicians available for this contract. Their past experience with steel inspections indicates they are familiar with the requirements and will be able to mobilize personnel as needed.
Criteria 4	6.00	This section of the proposal was a bit lacking in information describing their familiarity with practices and procedures. It mainly focuses on having previously agreements with the DOT. They do list procedures and codes needed to perform the on call scope.
Criteria 5	5.50	A DBE utilization plan is really not provided in the proposal. They do list a DBE firm and the provide and estimated percentage of participation of work completed by the DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	4.00	The Project Team has experience with CE&I and materials testing. The proposal does not go into detail about the actual experience with inspection of Structural Steel and Signs. The proposal list a variety of NICET certifications held by their inspectors. Most of the past projects were on pipe inspection, coating and prestressed concrete.
Criteria 2	6.00	The team has previously performed materials testing and inspection for the DOT. They have good CPE scores and are able to perform task as necessary. They do not have a whole lot of experience with structural steel inspection but a good bit of asphalt and concrete.
Criteria 3	7.00	The proposal list a good number of experienced technicians available to complete the tasks and indicates no issues with staffing projects.
Criteria 4	7.00	The firm has worked with DOT in the past and are familiar with the policies and practices. They are also familiar with the software used for documentation.
Criteria 5	5.00	The team includes a DBE firm and the proposal identifies the specific participation percentages.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : TRC Engineers Inc

Criteria 1	7.00	The Project Team listed has extensive experience with steel inspections and coating testing. It breaks down each staff's experience and availability and readiness to the proposed work.
Criteria 2	6.50	This section of the proposal list DOT agencies that the team has worked on that is similar and it reflects good performance evaluations. The proposal list individual contracts and references on similar contracts along with a brief description of the scope.
Criteria 3	7.00	The proposal does list a sample of the core personnel available for the on call but it does not go into great deal under this criteria. It list the certifications required and how they will be used to perform the required task. The proposal also list how the team will be responsive.
Criteria 4	6.00	The proposal does not go into great detail of how familiar the team is with practices and procedures related to the task required. This section just summarizes how they will use the procedures to perform the work and it list the present on call contract that the team is working on which uses standard specifications and codes.
Criteria 5	5.50	This section was weak in identifying a DBE utilization plan but do include a DBE firm in the organizational chart. The proposal just states that if possible a DBE will be engaged when an abundance of work is assigned.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	42.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : HRV Conformance Verification Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	Writeup is very specific to the scope, demonstrating a clear understanding of the type of work required. Excess qualified individuals are available for use, leaving few questions about the qualifications of the firm for the work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	It is clear that the firm has an abundance of past performance on similar projects for other transportation agencies. However, performance is left to be assumed based upon the number of years those services have been provided for a given agency, which are in excess of 10 years in many cases. Available CPE scores for similar work for our agency consistently demonstrate excellent performance.
Criteria 3	8.00	Well demonstrated
Criteria 4	6.00	Proposal leans on the firm's experience on the current contract as proof of familiarity. It certainly counts, but a more thorough discussion would be appreciated here.
Criteria 5	5.00	DBE plan is fair and resonable
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Pennoni Associates Inc.

Criteria 1	7.00	Staff is well qualified for the scope of services.
Criteria 2	7.00	It is clear that the firm has an abundance of past performance on similar projects for other transportation agencies. However, performance is left to be assumed based upon the number of years those services have been provided for a given agency, which are in excess of 10 years in many cases. Available CPE scores for similar work for our agency consistently demonstrate excellent performance.
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Criteria 5	5.00	DBE plan is fair and reasonable
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	6.00	Writeup is generic and could demonstrate a more thorough understanding of the requested scope. However, the qualification table presented on page 17 and 18 demonstrates an abundance of qualified individuals for the project.
Criteria 2	5.00	A few similar projects are described, but performance feedback and staffing are absent. Unclear who worked on these projects and if they will work on our project. No CPE scores for similar work available.
Criteria 3	2.00	Heading is incorrect. Criteria not directly addressed. There is no mention of signs in the entire proposal aside from the headings.
Criteria 4	5.00	References extended history of work with the agency along with the software systems we utilize for reporting and storing information. Adequately demonstrates familiarity.
Criteria 5	4.00	DBE plan is fair and reasonable. However, there are concerns with responsiveness of selected DBE firm.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	32.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : TRC Engineers Inc

Criteria 1	8.00	Writeup is very specific to the scope, demonstrating a clear understanding of the type of work required. Excess qualified individuals are available for use, leaving few questions about the qualifications of the firm for the work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	It is clear that the firm has an abundance of past performance on similar projects for other transportation agencies. Performance feedback and a reference contact from PennDOT is provided demonstrating a high level of service. CPE score for similar work for our agency demonstrates excellent performance.
Criteria 3	8.00	Well demonstrated
Criteria 4	7.00	Proposal leans on the firm's experience on the current contract as proof of familiarity, coupled with PM's background of working 15 years as Chief Structural Materials Engineer for another state agency. More specifics to SCDOT would improve section.
Criteria 5	5.00	DBE plan is fair and reasonable
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 5/8/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	46.00	