

MEMORANDUM

TO: J. Darrin Player, Chief Procurement Officer

FROM: Nicholas C. Pizzuti, Chief, Professional Services Contracting Office

RE: S-279-24 – On-Call Geotechnical Engineering Services

DATE: November 1, 2023

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The South Carolina Department of Transportation (SCDOT) Professional Services Contracting Office (PSCO) received sixteen (16) responses to the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the above referenced project.

The Evaluation Committee met on October 27, 2023 to review and score the proposals. As a result, the PSCO recommends that the following ten (10) firms advance to contract negotiations:

1. S&ME, Inc.
2. F&ME Consultants, Inc.
3. Terracon Consulting, Inc.
4. Insight Group, LLC
5. ESP Associates, Inc.
6. Infrastructure Consulting and Engineering, PLLC
7. CATLIN Engineers and Scientists
8. ECS Southeast, LLP
9. Soil Consultants, Inc.
10. Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

If you approve the advancement of the recommended firms to the contract negotiation process, please indicate by signing below.

Upon Acting Deputy Secretary for Finance and Administration concurrence, the Professional Services Contracting Office will notify all responding consulting firms of the selection results.

Approval:	J. Darrin Player Digitally signed by J. Darrin Player Date: 2023.11.01 10:16:10 -04'00'	11/01/2023
	J. Darrin Player, Chief Procurement Officer	Date
Concurrence:	Madeleine Hendry Digitally signed by Madeleine Hendry Date: 2023.11.01 17:43:23 -04'00'	11/01/2023
	Madeleine Hendry, Acting Deputy Secretary for Finance & Admin.	Date

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SCORING SUMMARY MASTER SCORESHEET

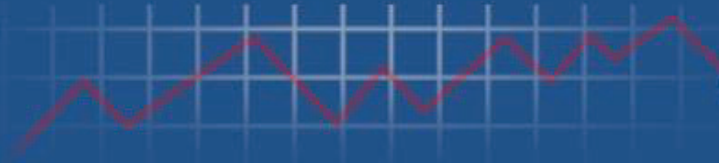
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RANKING	FIRM RANKINGS <small>Ranked in Order by Firm Name</small>	TOTAL SCORE	CRITERIA									
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
			30%	25%	25%	10%	5%	5%	0	0	0	0
1	S&ME, Inc.	81.12	23.00	20.42	20.62	8.33	3.75	5.00				
2	F&ME Consultants	80.21	23.75	21.04	18.75	7.92	3.75	5.00				
3	Terracon Consulting, Inc.	80.08	23.25	20.83	19.17	8.00	3.83	5.00				
4	Insight Group, LLC	74.79	21.75	19.38	18.75	6.08	3.83	5.00				
5	ESP Associates, Inc.	74.34	21.50	19.17	19.17	5.67	3.83	5.00				
6	Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC	71.04	22.25	18.12	16.04	7.92	3.71	3.00				
7	CATLIN Engineers and Scientists	70.87	19.50	17.92	17.08	7.58	3.79	5.00				
8	ECS Southeast, LLP	70.66	18.75	18.75	17.08	7.25	3.83	5.00				
9	Soil Consultants, Inc	66.12	18.50	14.79	18.33	5.67	3.83	5.00				
10	Schnabel Engineering, Inc.	65.33	21.00	16.46	13.12	5.92	3.83	5.00				
11	MC Squared, Inc.	65.04	21.00	12.71	17.08	5.42	3.83	5.00				
12	STV, Inc.	62.08	21.00	12.29	13.54	7.00	3.75	4.50				
13	EAS Professionals, Inc.	53.95	16.25	8.54	14.58	5.75	3.83	5.00				
14	SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.	51.95	18.25	8.96	9.58	6.33	3.83	5.00				
15	Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.	51.51	18.50	9.38	10.00	5.17	3.46	5.00				
16	Colliers Engineering & Design	36.08	12.50	7.29	7.71	3.58	0.00	5.00				
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CRITERIA QUESTIONS AND WEIGHTS



1	Team composition, experience, qualifications, and technical competence of the staff proposed for the type of work required.	30
2	Past performance and quality of the past performance of the firm/team on similar type projects developed in accordance with the SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. (Please provide names of staff who worked on each project & include performance score)	25
3	Familiarity of the Prime Consultant's firm/team with State Transportation Agency practices and procedures, specifically those outlined in the SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual with emphasis on firm's approach to executing geotechnical services on a transportation project.	25
4	Ability of the firm to perform all aspects of the services while minimizing the need for sub-consultants. Availability of proposed staff and ability to be responsive to SCDOT requirements.	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 : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	3.00	Adequate past performance and quality related to the GDM was not provided. Also did not provide names of staff who worked on each project.
Criteria 3	3.00	Firm did not adequately demonstrate familiarity with practices and procedures specifically outlined in the GDM
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform the required design work. Doesn't have in house capabilities for field work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	31.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	5.50	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner.
Criteria 3	5.00	Firm outlined process for subsurface exploration and demonstrated practices and procedures.
Criteria 4	6.00	Firm provided a detailed list of in house capabilities to perform the required work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	36.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	3.00	Firm did not identify key personnel. Did not provide adequate information for staff proposed.
Criteria 2	3.00	Firm did not provide past performance and quality of past performance on similar type projects developed in accordance with the GDM.
Criteria 3	3.00	Firm did not demonstrate familiarity with state agency practice an procedure. limited experience
Criteria 4	4.00	Firm did not demonstrate the ability to perform work while minimizing the need for sub-consultants.
Criteria 5	0.00	Did not provide a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	23.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	3.00	Firm did not provide, staff, past performance, and quality of past performance on similar type projects developed in accordance with the GDM.
Criteria 3	5.00	Firm provided adequate emphasis on firm's approach to executing services.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform the required work however labs are not certified yet.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization Plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	33.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	5.50	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner.
Criteria 3	4.50	Firm did not adequately demonstrate familiarity with practices and procedures specifically outlined in the GDM.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform the required work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	35.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner. Has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM with corresponding chapters.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform required work. Doesn't have in house capabilities for field work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner. Has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.00	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM.
Criteria 4	6.00	Firm provided a detailed list of in house capabilities to perform the required work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	5.50	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner.
Criteria 3	6.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM with corresponding chapters.
Criteria 4	6.00	Firm provided a detailed list of in house capabilities to perform the required work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner. Has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.00	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform required work. Doesn't have capabilities for in house drilling.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	38.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	3.00	Firm did not provide past performance and quality of past performance on similar type projects developed in accordance with the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM with corresponding chapters.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform required work. Doesn't have in house capabilities for field work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner. Has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM with corresponding chapters.
Criteria 4	6.00	Firm provided a detailed list of in house capabilities to perform the required work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	4.50	Provided similar types of projects developed in accordance with the SCDOT GDM. Didn't provide key personnel.
Criteria 3	4.50	Firm demonstrates some experience with GDM. Failed to provide practices and procedures.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform required work. Doesn't have in house capabilities for field work.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	4.50	Provided similar types of projects developed in accordance with the SCDOT GDM. Didn't provide performance scores.
Criteria 3	6.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM with corresponding chapters.
Criteria 4	5.00	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities to perform field work. Firm did not demonstrate who would be writing subsurface data reports.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	36.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	4.50	Provided similar types of projects developed in accordance with the SCDOT GDM for the team but didn't provide specific projects for the firm. Didn't provide performance scores.
Criteria 3	5.50	Provided detailed knowledge of the GDM practices and procedures.
Criteria 4	5.50	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	5.00	Firm has adequate staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	3.00	Firm did not provide past performance and quality of past performance on similar type projects developed in accordance with the GDM.
Criteria 3	3.00	Firm did not put an emphasis on their approach to executing geotechnical services on a transportation project. Did not provide specific details regarding familiarity.
Criteria 4	4.00	Did not adequately demonstrate the ability of the firm to perform all aspects of the services.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	30.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 1

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.50	Firm provided detailed information detailing staff to perform the type of work required.
Criteria 2	7.00	Firm provided specific projects, staff, and past performance in a detailed manner. Has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	6.00	Provided detailed knowledge of the practices and procedures specifically those outlined in the GDM.
Criteria 4	5.50	Firm demonstrated in house capabilities.
Criteria 5	5.00	Firm provided a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	6.00	BLE's proposal provided their team composition identifying key individuals and DBE firms yet miss to indicate who in their team will be directly responsible for all the work being requested in this RFP. BLE proposal provided qualifications and general experience for their key personal but lacked detail on relevant experience for the specific work being requested.
Criteria 2	4.00	Under this section BLE presented 5 projects to reflect their past performance but only 1 made reference to the SCDOT GDM. For the other projects BLE should indicate their relevance to the services being requested and the guidelines/standards followed for the development of these projects. Also, BLE should provide an indication of their performance. Did not indicate the name of key personnel related to each project.
Criteria 3	6.00	BLE response to this criteria was brief stating that they are currently providing on-call services to the agency and they have studied the SCDOT GDM considering themselves well versed on all aspects of the GDM. This section should demonstrate familiarity with specifics. The response to this criteria did not provide details on other agency's standards applicable to geotechnical services and on how they will approach execution of geotechnical services under this RFP.
Criteria 4	7.00	BLE service matrix indicates the services that BLE can provide and those where a partner is needed. The matrix indicate that they rely on a sub-consultant for field exploration. Having to depend on a sub-consultant for field exploration can delay their ability to mobilize equipment with a short notice.
Criteria 5	8.00	In their response to this criteria BLE identifies DBE partners and is committed to use them. The plan is reasonable and attainable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	41.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	8.00	Catlin's proposal clearly presented their team composition with specific relation to the work being requested and identified key personnel with their respective role and responsibilities. The proposal provided specific information in regards to the responsibilities of all their team members outside Catlin and how supplement their in-house capabilities. Provided qualifications and relevant experience for key personnel directly responsible to the work being requested.
Criteria 2	7.00	In the response to this criteria Catlin states that they had been providing geotechnical drilling and laboratory services for DOTs for several years and for SCDOT for the last 3 years. They provided 4 projects and 2 were clearly developed under the SCDOT GDM. On the projects that were not developed under the SCDOT they should have mention guidelines/standards followed to reflect the relevance of the project with the services being requested and the SCDOT GDM. In reference to the quality of the work they perform, Catlin indicated their internal QA/QC process and provided a valued reference to their performance.
Criteria 3	8.00	Catlin's response to this criteria indicates that after successfully executing projects under the agency's current geotechnical on-call contract, they have developed familiarity and deep understanding of the agency's design policies and procedures, particularly those of the SCDOT GDM. The proposal does provide a detailed step by step of their approach to executing geotechnical services, indicating how they assess the project scope, assign resources and coordinate with the agency and Catlin supporting partners for the services to be provided. They also indicate their open communication with the agency's manager requesting the service and their internal QA/QC process.
Criteria 4	8.50	In their proposal Catlin indicates they can perform almost all services needing to supplement some specialty laboratory work as needed. Having their own field exploration equipment, they can mobilize on a short notice.
Criteria 5	9.00	Catlin identified DBE partners and their roles. The proposed percentage participation provided is in reference to the type of work to be provided and not the overall work. Plan is realistic and attainable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	4.00	Colliers Engineering and Design proposal provided a conventional approach on how the information was presented. They did provide a brief organization chart and provided qualifications and general experience for their key personnel. However, their response to this criteria lacked details in regards to the work being requested in the RFP. Their team composition did not elaborate on how they will cover the work being requested or what are the specific responsibilities of each key individual.
Criteria 2	2.00	Colliers's proposal was not clear about their response to this criteria. Under workload balance/SCDOT experience a few projects were listed by name but did not provide specifics on how these related to the services being requested or the SCDOT GDM. There is no indication performance or quality of their work performed.
Criteria 3	3.00	Collier's proposal was not clear on their response to this criteria. In general, they mention how they perform geotechnical exploration programs and stated they follow the SCDOT GDM. Also, they indicated that all reports to be provided will follow the SCDOT GDM, but there are no specifics on how they are familiar the agency's practices and a detailed approach to executing geotechnical services in a transportation project.
Criteria 4	3.00	Colliers failed to provide a direct response to this criteria, however they information provided indicate they need resource to a sub-consultant for field work and some of the lab work.
Criteria 5	0.00	Colliers failed to provide a direct response to this criteria.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	22.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	6.00	EAS's proposal indicates that they can handle all items requested in the scope of services and have previous experience providing these services. They also indicate that their recently acquired personnel that have experience working in previous SCDOT on-call contracts. However, they response to this criteria provided general experience and qualifications to the long list of individuals identified as key personnel and lacked on specific responsibilities in response to the scope of services.
Criteria 2	4.00	In the response to this criteria, EAS indicated they had followed guidelines and protocols from the SCDOT GDM for development of different projects; not only in transportation. In regard to personnel experience with the SCDOT GDM, the proposal provided a long list of projects that were developed under previous On-call contract but there were no specifics listed for these projects. Additional projects were also listed with some description of the work done for each project but there are no specifics reading quality and performance and the personnel/key individual involved.
Criteria 3	7.00	EAS's response to this criteria have developed familiarity and understanding of the SCDOT GDM, but does not mention other applicable standards and manual relevant to executing geotechnical services. The proposal does provide a detailed step by step of their approach to executing geotechnical services, indicating how they assess the project scope, assign resources and coordinate daily with the agency and EAS supporting partners for the services that need to be provided.
Criteria 4	7.00	In their proposal EAS indicates that they provide the majority of the scoped services although their laboratories are not certified yet. In regards to having their own field exploration equipment, it is positive they can mobilize on a short notice.
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS identified their DBE partners and their roles. The proposed participation of 20% is attainable and realistic considering the service the DBE will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	6.00	ECS's proposal indicates that they have a team of highly experienced individuals in the field of geotechnical engineering but their response to this criteria lacked specifics in terms of team members and specific responsibilities in regards to the specific work being requested. It was clear they have the geotechnical knowledge to develop projects yet did not provide specifics in regards of the hand of key person who will handle field or laboratory work.
Criteria 2	7.00	Projects described in this section are relevant to the services being requested in the RFP, ECS did a good job summarizing the work performed on each project and noting when the agency's GDM was followed. It would complement for ECS to indicate for all the projects listed, the key personnel involved.
Criteria 3	7.00	ECS's proposal does provide a detailed step by step of their approach to executing geotechnical services, indicating how they assess the project scope, provide an estimate and once approved move forward executing the work. They indicate coordination with the service requestor and ECS approach to executing laboratory work and report preparation. They mention their rigorous QA process and key personal responsible of this. The proposal mention ECS demonstrated success related to project execution yet did not mention other agency's standards and guidelines applicable to providing geotechnical services.
Criteria 4	8.00	ECS listed personnel to manage all aspects of the work requested and can provide the majority of the services requested. This should allow them to provide services on a short notice.
Criteria 5	9.00	ECS indicated who are their DBE partners, their role and percentage participation of the overall work. Proposed participation of 20% is attainable and realistic considering the service the DBE will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	ESP's proposal clearly presented their team composition, identified key personnel and percentage of work participations. They indicated what services each team member will be providing to cover the work specified in the scope of services. They were also clear on the responsibilities, qualifications and relevant experience of their key personnel in relation to the work being requested.
Criteria 2	8.00	ESP's response to this criteria is brief and to the point. They stated how many projects they have developed under the current geotechnical on-call contract and also mention other agency projects they had worked on. They provided a list of projects indicating key personnel involved and performance score. They also provided additional 5 projects with a brief description of the work performed in relevance with the services requested in this RFP and the SCDOT GDM.
Criteria 3	9.00	ESP's proposal provided an excellent approach to presenting the information needed to describe their approach to executing geotechnical services combined with details that reflect their familiarity with the agency's practices, procedures and guidelines; especially those of the SCDOT GDM.
Criteria 4	7.00	ESP is clear to indicate they can self-perform the majority of the services but rely of sub-consultants for field exploration and traffic control. Having to depend on a sub-consultant for field exploration can delay their ability to mobilize equipment with a short notice, but ESP did another team member to provide redundancy on field exploration services.
Criteria 5	9.00	ESP listed their DBE partner, indicating their role and percentage participation of the overall work. Proposed participation of 15% is attainable and realistic considering the service the DBE will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	51.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	9.00	Clearly presented their team composition, identified key personnel with their respective role and responsibilities for the work being requested. Provided qualifications for key and critical personnel relevant to the work being requested. Reinstated their excellent knowledge of the agencies practices and standards and how it ties to their team's experience and qualifications.
Criteria 2	9.00	F&ME's proposal describes their longtime relationship with the transportation agency and indicates that they had consistently, delivered projects that demonstrate their proficiency with the SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. The proposal provided a comprehensive list of projects successfully completed under the current and previous Geotechnical Design Manual. Projects listed supports F&ME's response to this criteria indicating that they had completed different size projects, some under accelerated design schedules. For each project listed they indicated the team member that participated in the project, adding value to their response.
Criteria 3	9.00	F&ME's proposal indicates their long term relationship with the agency where they had been involved in a large array of projects that helped them established a practice deeply familiar with the agency's approach to geotechnical services. F&ME's approach to executing geotechnical project starts with clear understanding of the scope and applicable SCDOT GDM guidelines. The firm approach to subsurface investigations takes into account local geology and site specific characteristics to assign field equipment and personnel.
Criteria 4	9.00	Proposal indicates F&ME team is ready to provide services, their key personnel is available and they have a track record on providing services on short notices and tight schedules. F&ME can self-perform most of the services listed in the RFP allowing them to mobilize field equipment in a short notice.
Criteria 5	8.00	F&ME provided the names and services of the DBE firms that will be utilized and indicated the percentage participation for the work each BDE will perform. F&ME's proposed participation of 7.5 % is attainable and realistic considering the services the DBEs will provide and how often are needed.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	54.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	9.00	Clearly presented their team, consisting of various experienced professionals, not only geotechnical engineers. Indicated the respective role for the key personnel and main responsibility for execution of the proposed work. Provided qualifications and excellent relevant experience for key and critical personnel pertinent to the work being requested. Demonstrated excellent technical competence.
Criteria 2	8.00	ICE's proposal provided a list of projects successfully completed under the current and previous Geotechnical Design Manual. The majority of the projects were developed for Alternative Delivery and reflect the services being requested in this RFP. For each project listed they indicated the team member that participated in the project, adding value to their response. Regarding performance and quality, ICE have a record of delivering ahead of schedule.
Criteria 3	8.00	ICE's response to this criteria states their current knowledge of the agency's practices especially on construction related geotechnical problems where they had resourced to the SCDOT GDM for implementing solutions. Their approach to executing geotechnical services reflects projects where all geotechnical services are requested in the project assignment and state that they incorporate QA/QC points important to minimize re-work and stay on schedule.
Criteria 4	9.00	ICE proposed commitment to responsiveness is supported by their key personnel availability and the services they can provide. ICE can self-perform the majority of the services as they can provide field and laboratory services. This allows them to have a small window for equipment mobilization. They did include a drilling partner to expand availability of drill rigs/field work.
Criteria 5	8.00	ICE identified DBE partners and their roles. Plan is realistic and attainable.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	48.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	8.00	Insight's proposal clearly presented their team composition and identified very competent key personnel. They indicated what services each team member will be providing to cover the work specified in the scope of services. Insight specified main roles for their key personnel, indicted qualifications and general experience. They also provided some experience for other members of Insight.
Criteria 2	8.00	Insight's response to this criteria provides a comprehensive list of projects they have successfully completed under the current and previous version of the SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. Projects listed clearly state the service provided and the team member(s) that participated in the project. Services described are relevant to the work requested in this RFP and it added value to their proposal to include feedback Insight received for the work performed.
Criteria 3	8.00	Insight's response to this criteria provided a brief description of their familiarity with the SCDOT GDM and how they had engaged in reviews and feedbacks of the guidelines provided in there. They also provided a brief description of how they approach execution of geotechnical services in a transportation project. The response to this criteria could be complemented with other agency's practices, procedures and manual relevant to execution of geotechnical services, as well as important QA/QC checks.
Criteria 4	7.00	Insight indicates that they can perform all aspects of the work requested in the RFP, as they will provide all aspects of project management. However, having to depend on a sub-consultant for geotechnical drilling can delay their ability to mobilize equipment with a short notice. Insight did add more drilling sub-consultants to provide redundancy on drilling services.
Criteria 5	9.00	Insight provided for their 3 DBE partners their name, service and percentage participation of the overall work. Proposed participation of 23% is attainable and realistic considering the service the DBE will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	MCSquared's proposal clearly presented their team composition and identified key personnel. The proposal listed provided their key individuals and other MCSquared team members providing general experience and qualifications. The proposal also presented other members of their team indicating their roles in reference to the work being requested.
Criteria 2	6.00	MCSquared response to this criteria elaborated on their large experience working with transportation agencies and their familiarity with AASHTO LRFD methodology as it relates to the SCDOT GDM. In general, they described the services they had provided for other transportation agency. The response also included a list of previous projects of similar scope and complexity as the services requested in this RFP. However, the list of projects did not provide a summary of the project, the specific services provided, the key personnel involved or how these reflect the quality of their performance.
Criteria 3	7.00	In the response to this criteria MCSquared provided specific and detailed information regarding agency's practices, procedure and specific guidelines applicable to the execution of geotechnical services. They provided an extensive approach to providing geotechnical services in a transportation project, from request to close out of the project.
Criteria 4	7.00	MCSquared proposal clearly states who in their team can provide all of the services requested, although MCSquared can provide a large amount of services, field work execution does depend on the availability of their drilling and sounding sub-consultants. This can limit their ability to mobilize equipment on a short notice.
Criteria 5	9.00	MCSquared indicated who their DBE are in a previous section and proposed a participation of 15% which is attainable and realistic considering the services the DBEs will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	S&ME's proposal clearly presented their team and identified their key personnel. For their key personnel, the proposal presented responsibilities and relevant qualifications and experience for the work being requested. In addition, the proposal indicated roles and provided general qualifications for other individuals needed, to provide the work being requested. Their organizational chart, assigns direct point of contacts per RPG reflecting their experience from previous on-call contracts
Criteria 2	9.00	S&ME's response to this criteria elaborated on their long time relationship with SCDOT, their commitment to be dependable, delivering services on time and within budget. The extensive list of projects presented, provide details regarding the services provided that are relevant to the scope of services of the RFP and their key personnel involved. Projects presented covered a wide range of services and included projects of different size and complexity.
Criteria 3	9.00	Through the long-term relationship with the transportation agency, S&ME has not only a good understanding of standards and manuals but also procurement, safety, quantity control, invoicing and payment policies. S&ME has witness the evolution of the geotechnical engineering practice within the agency and the development of the geotechnical design manual. They presented a very good approach to executing geotechnical services on a transportation project; always following the GDM. They provide details relevant to the services that may be requested and provide details these services.
Criteria 4	9.00	Maintaining negotiated estimates. Assigned contract manager reviews projects regularly to ensure schedules are met. S&ME indicated to have enough redundancy with state and out state resources, so they can provide services for different projects at the same time. They have the ability provide field work on a short notice as they can self-perform almost all services.
Criteria 5	8.00	S&ME provided for their two DBE partners their name, service and percentage participation of the overall work. Proposed participation of 6.5% is attainable and realistic considering the service the DBE will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	54.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	6.00	The organizational provided in Schnabel's proposal clearly provides their team composition, but their response to the criteria limited their response to Schnabel personnel. The proposal provides general qualifications and relevant experience for the key personnel. Proposal should present the team composition reflecting the team compositions and the roles each team plays to provide all aspects of the work being requested
Criteria 2	7.00	Schnabel response to this criteria presented their experience with SCDOT and provided details regarding 4 projects where they are or had followed specific guidelines from the SCDOT GDM for the development of their services. They also provided a summarized table where they provide clients and the general tasks assignments they had perform, providing a reference to the quality of their services. They should have supplemented the table, listing the key personnel involved with the services provided.
Criteria 3	4.00	In their response to this criteria Schnabel stated their familiarity to federal and state transportation agencies indicating general work performed for them. However, aside from the GDM there was no mention to agency's specific practices, procedures or guidelines applicable to geotechnical services. Also, they failed to provide a detailed approach to executing geotechnical services on transportation projects.
Criteria 4	7.00	Schnabel indicates that they will self-perform the majority of the work that is expected per the scope of services presented in the RFP, as they will provide all aspects of project management. However, having to depend on a sub-consultant for field work execution can delay their ability to mobilize equipment with a short notice. They do have the ability to provide laboratory testing.
Criteria 5	9.00	Schnabel provided for their DBE partners the name, service and percentage participation of the overall work. Proposed participation of 15% is attainable and realistic considering the services the DBEs will provide and how often are needed.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	8.00	SCI proposal provided their team composition divided in the main aspects of the proposed work, describing general key points for the approach presented. They clearly presented their team, indicating relevant members for each component of the work being requested. They presented their key personnel and indicated relevant qualifications and excellent experience for each of them.
Criteria 2	8.00	SCI's response to this criteria provided a few large projects where the work described reflects the services being requested in this RFP. They indicate how the projects developed for other transportation agencies do reflect the guidelines provided in the SCDOT GDM and clearly state how the GDM was followed for one of the projects. Should supplement their response to provide details in regards to the quality of the service provided.
Criteria 3	9.00	SCI's response to this criteria states they have detailed knowledge of the SCDOT and GDM through their description to the different components to needed to execute geotechnical services on a transportation project they show this knowledge. Important that utility location and necessary permits were mention as they reflect SCI familiarity with providing field work. They have demonstrated excellent experience on field work.
Criteria 4	9.00	SCI proposed commitment to responsiveness is supported by their key personnel availability and the services they can provide. SCI can self-perform the majority of the services as they can provide field and laboratory services. This allows them to have a small window for equipment mobilization. They did include a drilling partner to expand availability of dill rigs/field work.
Criteria 5	9.00	SCI provided the names and services of the DBE firms that will be utilized and indicated the percentage participation for the work each BDE will perform. SCI's proposed participation of 14% is attainable and realistic considering the services the DBEs will provide and how often are needed.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	53.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	STV's organizational chart clearly summarizes the team described in this criteria. The proposal present their team and the role of each sub-consultant to provide the work requested in the RFP. Summarized experience and technical qualifications of STV's key personnel is competent and is reflected in the list of geotechnical engineering design services they can provide. However, experience and qualification was focused on engineering services and did not elaborate on field and laboratory work.
Criteria 2	6.00	STV's response to this criteria provided a few projects where the work described reflects the some of the services being requested in this RFP. They indicate sections of the SCDOT GDM that were followed during the execution of their services and clearly state the service were provided by one of their team members. Proposal did not provide details in regards to the specific performance and quality of the service provided. Prime did not provide specifics describing their past performance on similar type projects, making their response to this criteria incomplete.
Criteria 3	6.00	STV's response to this criteria was brief on their familiarity with the agency's practices and procedures. However on their approach to providing geotechnical services on a transportation project they provided a summarized description on how subsurface investigations and laboratory testing is performed and a detailed description of how each aspect of geotechnical engineering design services is provided. Although there is no question of the qualifications and expertise of STV providing high level engineering design they should have mention key points for executing geotechnical design and important QA/QC check points to guarantee the projects stays on track.
Criteria 4	8.00	STV indicates that they can perform most of the services but they had team up with SCI to provide redundancy on subsurface exploration and laboratory testing coverage. Not redundant services provided by a sub are surveying and SUE. STV indicate their office locations and key personnel current workload to indicate their ability to mobilize to project site and be responsive to the work being requested.
Criteria 5	8.00	STV indicated who is their DBE partner and committed a 30% participation. Proposed participation is attainable and realistic provided STV gives priority to SCI on field and laboratory services.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	7.00	Summit's response to this criteria presented their team compositions and provided experience, general qualifications and technical competence for all key members, including sub-consultants. The proposal elaborated in the services Summit can provide in reference to the work requested in the RFP but did not provide information regarding who in their team will provide geophysical testing, traffic control or surveying services.
Criteria 2	5.00	Summits response to this criteria provided a brief and generalized description of their performance as a company and listed 5 projects they considered relevant. However, the proposal did not provide details of the projects, key personnel involved, the services provided or their performance during development of these projects. In general the stated the services provided followed guidelines from the SCDOT GDM. They proposal mentioned as well the past performance of the proposed project director and his track record under previous on-call contracts.
Criteria 3	4.00	Summit's response to this criteria states that they are well versed in all aspects of the SCDOT GDM there was no mention to agency's specific practices, procedures or guidelines applicable to geotechnical services. Also, they failed to provide a detailed approach to executing geotechnical services on transportation projects.
Criteria 4	7.00	Summit response to this criteria is not clear on their ability to provide all aspects of the service while minimizing the need for sub consultants. They indicate they can perform 60% of the work in a previous section they stated that their team will provide most of the services and did not identify a sub consultant for surveying, traffic control and geophysical testing. Regarding availability they are committed to be available at request and have the ability to pull resources from multiple offices.
Criteria 5	9.00	Summit's plan for DBE utilization states their commitment to engage DBE's and mention the current DBEs listed with the proposed team. Although they not state the percentage participation in this section under the general breakdown of the work they indicate a 35% which is realistic and attainable considering the work they will provide.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	42.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 2

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	Terracon's proposal clearly presented their team and identified their key personnel. For their key personnel, the proposal presented specific responsibilities and excellent relevant qualifications and experience for the work being requested. In addition, the proposal indicated roles and provided general qualifications for other individuals needed to provide the work being requested. The proposal also listed their certified drillers and have them listed in the organizational chart.
Criteria 2	9.00	Terracon's proposal depicts the extensive number of projects they had collaborated over their longtime relationship SCDOT, either as a main consultant or as part of a team. The proposal provided a comprehensive list of projects successfully completed under the current and previous version of the SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. Projects listed supports Terracon's response to this criteria indicating the services provided and the team member that participated in the project, adding value to their response. Services described are relevant to the work requested in this RFP.
Criteria 3	9.00	Terracon's response to this criteria describes their familiarity with the agency's practices and procedures and standards. Terracon's has working knowledge of the agency's GDM and their personnel has been exposed to a variety of projects. On their approach to executing geotechnical services they provided a detailed approach not only for services requested through a work order from agency's personnel but their approach on projects were they are performing as the engineer of record. Along their approach they also included geotechnical construction support services they had provided.
Criteria 4	9.00	Terracon can self-perform 95% of the services requested and can pull resources for field work from multiple offices and to expand availability of drill rigs they added a drilling (DBE) sub-consultant. Land surveying and geotextile testing are the services Terracon can't self-perform under this proposal. □ Terracon has demonstrated quick response to the agency's responding to emergency's projects.
Criteria 5	9.00	Terracon provided the names of the DBE firms that will be utilized and indicated the percentage participation for the work each DBE will perform. Terracon's proposed participation is attainable and realistic considering the services the DBEs will provide and how often are needed.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	55.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant put together a qualified team with technical competence. Further the Consultant's aesthetically pleasing report (fully justified alignment) shows attention to detail. One of the key personnel does not have SC PE registration. Another Key Personnel did not list the PE registration # on the SF 330.
Criteria 2	5.00	Consultant provided projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. However, they did not provide staff who worked on the project or past performance ratings.
Criteria 3	6.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and some experience with SC DOT Geotechnical Design Manual.
Criteria 4	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that their firm will be dependant on subs to fulfill the most important aspects of the services described in this on-call contract. The proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	8.50	Consultant has demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization even though no DBE goal has been set in this on-call contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	6.00	Consultant put together a qualified team with technical competence. Consultant did not sign the Letter of Intent.
Criteria 2	9.00	Consultant provided projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. CPE score were very good.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual by referencing specific relevant chapters in the GDM.
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	8.50	Consultant has demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization even though no DBE goal has been set in this on-call contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	4.00	Consultant did not identify key personnel for surveys, utilities, ROW, Traffic Control. Key personnel for geologist did not show that they are GIT certified in SC.
Criteria 2	3.00	Consultant did not provide examples of past performance on similar type of projects.
Criteria 3	3.00	Consultant did not demonstrate familiarity with the State Transportation Agency practices and procedures. They demonstrated very limited experience with the SCDOT GDM.
Criteria 4	5.00	Consultant did not demonstrate it has the ability to provide all aspects of the services while minimizing the need for sub-consultants. Majority of the tasks will be subed out.
Criteria 5	0.00	Consultant did not address DBE utilization
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	25.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. There were a couple of typos one of particular concern was the date of the GDM. Demonstrates lack of attention to detail.
Criteria 2	4.00	Consultant demonstrated that they have performed similar work on DOT projects and specifically outlined being familiar with the SCDOT GDM. However, they did not mention staff members name who worked on the projects nor the quality of that performance. i.e., no performance score was mentioned.
Criteria 3	6.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team is familiar with the State Transportation Agency practices and procedures. Except they referred to negotiating "fee" instead of "quantities".
Criteria 4	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that its team has the ability to perform all aspects of the services while minimizing the need for sub-consultants. However, the labs are not certified yet. It also demonstrated that they have the ability to be very responsive to work requested.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant has demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 20%
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required.
Criteria 2	8.50	Consultant provided example projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. CPE Scores ranged from above average to very good.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 10% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	53.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	Consultant provided example projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. CPE scores ranged from average to very good.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. Provided very relevant projects.
Criteria 4	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that their firm cannot fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract without using their subs, Drilling/field work specifically. The proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 15% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	48.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	9.00	Consultant demonstrated a team that has vast experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Gets extra points for using fully justified alignment.
Criteria 2	9.50	Consultant provided example projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. Additionally, the Consultant set their self apart by highlighting the many subsurface explorations performed from a barge. CPE Score was above average. Demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual by providing prior projects with relevant detail.
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their firm can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 7.5% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	54.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	Consultant provided example projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. The CPE scores were average.
Criteria 3	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team is familiar with the State Transportation Agency practices and procedures. It did provided good evidence to their familiarity of the GDM specifically.
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	8.50	Consultant has demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization even though no DBE goal has been set in this on-call contract.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Good range of experience across the staff members.
Criteria 2	8.50	Consultant provided example projects of similar scope that will be required in this Geotechnical On-Call Contract. The CPE scores were above average. A list of staff was provided.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual.
Criteria 4	7.00	Consultant demonstrated that their firm can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract except drilling. The firm would be dependant on its sub-consultants for SPT drilling. The firm also demonstrated hat the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 23% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	51.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Consultant provided an extensive list of engineers with wide range of qualifications and sub-consultants to assist where necessary.
Criteria 2	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that they have performed similar work on DOT projects and specifically outlined being familiar with the SCDOT GDM. However, they did not mention the quality of that performance. i.e., no CPE score was mentioned. They provided a list of projects stating that they are similar. But, did not provide a description of the projects.
Criteria 3	5.00	Consultant presented its team's familiarity with State Transportation Agency practices and procedures. However, presented a very textbook description of their familiarity with the SCDOT GDM process.
Criteria 4	4.00	Consultant stated that their firm's Drillers have the ability to perform DHT. I don't think that is true. Consultant has not provided a firm to perform a Down Hole Test.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 15% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	41.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Provided specific comments for each RPG.
Criteria 2	8.50	Consultant demonstrated very well that they have performed similar work on DOT projects. Their composite CPE scores were very good.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements. S&ME can self-perform.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 6.5% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	53.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required.
Criteria 2	8.50	Consultant demonstrated very well that they have performed similar work on other DOT projects. The Consultant did not provide staff names who worked on past projects. Their composite CPE scores were very good.
Criteria 3	5.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and limited familiarity with SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual.
Criteria 4	7.00	Consultant demonstrated that their firm cannot fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract. The firm will be dependant on sub-consultants for drilling and lab tests. The proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements. The Consultant also outlined some added value capabilities.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 15% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	48.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	9.00	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Further the Consultant's aesthetically pleasing report (fully justified alignment) shows attention to detail. They are competent to perform the work.
Criteria 2	7.50	Most of the On-call work will only be subsurface investigations and Geotechnical Subsurface Data Reports. Consultant demonstrated very well that they have performed similar drilling work on DOT projects but, SCI has not been a direct consultant in the past. Consultant did not provide CPE scores.
Criteria 3	8.00	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. They lack reporting experience.
Criteria 4	7.00	The firm has demonstrated that they have the ability to perform all aspects of the field and lab work. SCI lacks experience with developing Geotechnical Subsurface Data Report. They would be dependant on their sub-consultant.
Criteria 5	8.00	Consultant is a DBE, yet only 14% DBE participation.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	49.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required.
Criteria 2	5.00	Consultant demonstrated very well that the firm has performed similar work on DOT projects as a sub-consultant. CPE scores were not provided as the example projects were completed as a sub consultant. The Consultant should have provided similar projects with relevant tasks for the firm.
Criteria 3	4.50	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. They identified and recommended two primary seismic testing methods but failed to describe Down-hole testing method (predominately used on traditional bridge replacement projects). Nor did the Consultant provide the workload availability for the drillers which is the majority of the work.
Criteria 4	7.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract. Consultant did not provide a definitive plan for responsiveness, rather left it to the reader to interpret the Key Personnel workload.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 30% DBE.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	3.00	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. However, in identifying specific Project Team Leaders over geographic locations it left out the Midlands and the Pee Dee regions. Consultant listed the same PE # and CE Well Driller # for two separate individuals.
Criteria 2	4.00	Consultant provided a very brief paragraph describing a list of similar projects on which its team has worked. Consultant did not offer any CPE scores nor any staff names. Consultant could have done a better job at showing the relevance of each of these project examples.
Criteria 3	4.50	Consultant did not describe in detail its familiarity with SCDOT GDM. Instead it referred the reader to the SF 330 form for details. Detail should have been in the proposal.
Criteria 4	4.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract. Consultant did not provide a definitive plan for responsiveness.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 35% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 3

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	Consultant demonstrated a team that has experience, qualifications and technical competence for the proposed type of work required. Further, the Consultant's aesthetically pleasing report (fully justified alignment) shows attention to detail.
Criteria 2	9.50	Consultant demonstrated very well that they have performed similar work on DOT projects. Their CPE scores ranged from 6.2 (above average) to 10 (outstanding).
Criteria 3	8.50	Consultant demonstrated that they are very familiar with State Transportation Agency practices and SCDOT Geotechnical Design Manual. The Consultant was the only one to mention MicroStation for developing Geotechnical Plan sheets.
Criteria 4	9.00	Consultant demonstrated that their team can fulfill all aspects of the services described in this on-call contract and that the proposed staff will be responsive to the SCDOT requirements.
Criteria 5	9.00	Consultant demonstrated it has a team that would optimize DBE utilization and set a goal of 15% DBE.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	55.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	BLE engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	3.50	BLE has some experience using the GDM. Did not provide names or scores on example past projects.
Criteria 3	4.00	BLE as a Prime Consultant has some experience with the GDM.
Criteria 4	4.00	BLE can only perform about half of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. BLE can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required.
Criteria 5	5.00	BLE indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	31.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	5.00	CATLIN engineers and drillers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	7.50	CATLIN has experience providing drilling services to SCDOT.
Criteria 3	5.00	CATLIN as Prime Consultant has experience with the GDM.
Criteria 4	7.00	CATLIN has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. In addition, CATLIN can perform most of the required laboratory testing services, in-house, required under this contract. The more advanced testing, shear strength determination, will have to be consulted out.
Criteria 5	5.00	CATLIN indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	5.00	Colliers engineers and the CATLIN drillers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	3.50	Colliers has very limited experience using the GDM, while Colliers has extensive pavement experience pavements are not covered by the GDM except to reference the SCDOT Pavement Design Guides. However, Colliers does have extensive experience in conducting subsurface explorations for horizontal directional drilling.
Criteria 3	3.50	Colliers has very limited experience performing or providing services to GDM standards.
Criteria 4	3.50	Colliers cannot perform any of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. Colliers can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required.
Criteria 5	0.00	No DBE plan discussed.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	25.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	EAS Professionals' engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	3.50	EAS Professionals has some experience using the GDM. Did not provide names or scores on example past projects.
Criteria 3	6.00	EAS Professionals has experience with the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	7.00	EAS Professionals has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. In addition, CATLIN can perform most of the required laboratory testing services, in-house, required under this contract. Some of the filed work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, the more advanced testing, shear strength determination, will have to be consulted out.
Criteria 5	5.00	EAS Professionals indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	36.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	5.00	ECS' engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	ECS has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	ECS has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	8.00	ECS has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, the more advanced testing, shear strength determination, will have to be consulted out.
Criteria 5	5.00	ECS indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	ESP's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	ESP has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	ESP has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	3.50	ESP cannot perform any of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. Colliers can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required.
Criteria 5	5.00	ESP indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	39.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	5.00	F&ME's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	F&ME has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	F&ME has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	8.00	F&ME has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, F&ME has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house.
Criteria 5	5.00	F&ME indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	5.00	ICE's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	ICE has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	ICE has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	8.00	ICE has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, ICE has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house.
Criteria 5	5.00	ICE indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	5.00	Insight's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	Insight has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	Insight has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	4.00	Insight can perform some of the field work (i.e., CPT), but Insight cannot perform any soil test borings and therefore will need help from a subconsultant. Insight can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required.
Criteria 5	5.00	Insight indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	MC Squared's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	7.50	While MC Squared doesn't have a much experience using the GDM, they do have extensive experience providing services to DOTs.
Criteria 3	7.50	MC Squared has a definitive plan and understanding of how to apply the GDM, even though they don't have much experience in using the GDM.
Criteria 4	3.50	MC Squared cannot perform any of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. MC Squared can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required. In addition, MC Squared will use additional laboratories to provide additional testing services as required.
Criteria 5	5.00	MC Squared indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	38.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	S&ME's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	S&ME has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	S&ME has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	8.00	S&ME has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the filed work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, S&ME has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house.
Criteria 5	5.00	S&ME indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Schnabel's engineers have the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	7.50	While Schnabel doesn't have a much experience using the GDM, they do have extensive experience providing services to DOTs.
Criteria 3	7.50	Schnabel has a definitive plan and understanding of how to apply the GDM, even though they don't have much experience in using the GDM.
Criteria 4	3.50	Schnabel cannot perform any of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. Schnabel can perform all of the laboratory and engineering services required. In addition, Schnabel will use additional laboratories to provide additional testing services as required.
Criteria 5	5.00	Schnabel indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	38.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	5.00	SCI's engineering team has the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	7.50	While SCI doesn't have a much experience using the GDM, they do have extensive experience providing drilling services to SCDOT.
Criteria 3	7.50	SCI has a definitive plan and understanding of how to apply the GDM as regards field and laboratory services, even though SCI doesn't have much experience preparing reports..
Criteria 4	5.00	SCI has the ability to perform all of the required field services without needing help from a subconsultant. However, SCI has indicated that they will use additional drillers to provide additional field testing services as required. SCI will not provide any of the engineering services required and therefore, has teamed with DBA to provide all engineering services required.
Criteria 5	5.00	SCI indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	STV's engineering team has the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	6.50	While STV doesn't have a much experience using the GDM. The STV team does have SCDOT experience; however, the proposal does indicate that STV has experience providing geotechnical services; however, the proposal doesn't indicate any specific projects that can be used as examples of experience. experience providing services to DOTs.
Criteria 3	7.50	STV has a definitive plan and understanding of how to apply the GDM, even though they don't have much experience in using the GDM.
Criteria 4	8.00	STV has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, STV has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house.
Criteria 5	5.00	STV indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	41.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	5.00	Summit's engineering team has the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	3.50	Summit has experience providing services using the GDM. Did not provide names or scores on example past projects.
Criteria 3	4.00	Summit as a Prime Consultant has some experience with the GDM.
Criteria 4	7.00	Summit has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, Summit has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house. Did not include traffic control and surveying.
Criteria 5	5.00	Summit indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 4

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	Terracon's engineering team has the competency to provide geotechnical services.
Criteria 2	8.00	Terracon has extensive experience using the GDM.
Criteria 3	8.00	Terracon has extensive experience applying the GDM and indicates a definitive plan for conducting projects under this on-call.
Criteria 4	8.00	Terracon has the ability to perform most of the required field services in-house. Some of the field work will be consulted out depending on the requirements of the project. In addition, Terracon has the capability to perform the majority of the required laboratory testing in-house.
Criteria 5	5.00	Terracon indicates that they will use DBEs as necessary/required.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	6.00	BLE is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects; however, no bridge design work is clearing referenced. BLE list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	4.00	BLE demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; however, the past performance on projects listed in this proposal are more of a supporting task, The projects listed lack a specific bridge that has been designed by BLE. The S-272 Bridge Replacement demonstrates competence in retaining wall design and shop drawing deliverables, BLE highlights their involvement in the major I-85/I-385, this work included CMT and inspection services, MSE walls, storm drain installation and backfill inspection, and roadway testing of embankment fill, Projects listed did not include key personnel or CPE references for the work performed.
Criteria 3	4.00	BLE demonstrates familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, currently on the SCDOT On-Call Environmental Engineering Services contract. BLE does not list examples to support a high level technical understanding of the SCDOT GDM.
Criteria 4	4.00	BLE has the ability to perform some of the work with in-house staff. Mostly task such as Surveying, Drilling, and Environmental work our sub-consultants.
Criteria 5	9.00	BLE is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	37.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	7.00	Catlin is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. Catlin list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	5.00	CATLIN demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Lee Stone was named in S-87 over Smith Swamp and give a past performance score of 8.3.
Criteria 3	6.00	CATLIN demonstrates familiarity with Agency practices and procedures,. CATLIN highlights the use chapters 4 and 5 of the SCDOT, field investigations and laboratory work. CATLIN also makes note of their familiarity with chapter 21, Geotechnical Reporting, CATLIN does not list examples to support a high level technical design understanding of the SCDOT GDM
Criteria 4	8.00	CATLIN demonstrates the ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house drilling/CPT. CATLIN is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	CATLIN is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	2.00	Colliers is comprised of team with a fair range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects; Direct response to Criteria 1 is lacking, CED approach is vague in specific details.
Criteria 2	2.00	Colliers response to Criteria 2 is in complete. Past performance and quality is not highlighted or verified with CPE scores.
Criteria 3	2.00	Colliers demonstrates some familiarity with DOT procedures, but lack specific examples relating to SCDOT GDM. The criteria response is vague and incomplete.
Criteria 4	2.00	CED demonstrates the ability to perform some of the services, however the majority of the task will be using sub-consultants.
Criteria 5	0.00	CED fails to go into details about a DBE utilization plan.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	18.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	5.00	EAS is comprised of a team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects; .EAS list qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	2.00	EAS demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores not listed or key personnel in this criteria.
Criteria 3	5.00	EAS outlines a good procedure for executing project start ups and execution. Would like to see a little more emphasis on the SCDOT GDM in terms of number of borings, drilling techniques, sample handlings, bore hole abandonment, coring techniques etc. Overall good presentation of how the on-call procedure will go.
Criteria 4	4.50	EAS has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff, , in-house labs no certified yet.
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	35.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	5.00	ECS is comprised of a team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects; .ECS list qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	7.50	ECS demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided an ranged from 7.0 to 8.2 .
Criteria 3	6.50	ECS demonstrates familiarity with Agency practices and procedures,. ECS highlights the use chapters 4 and 5 of the SCDOT, gives examples such as rock coring pictures, field investigations and laboratory work. CATLIN also makes note of their familiarity with chapter 21, Geotechnical Reporting, ECS does not list examples to support a high level technical design understanding of the SCDOT GDM
Criteria 4	5.00	ECS has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff.
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	ESP is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. ESP list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	ESP demonstrates vast experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided an ranged from 6.0 to 8.1
Criteria 3	8.00	ESP demonstrates solid familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, giving great detail to the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation understanding and application.
Criteria 4	6.50	ESP has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff. Mostly tasks filed explorations, traffic control, and MC2 additional Engineering support.,
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	10.00	F&ME is comprised of a very impressive team with an excellent range of experience among staff members. The team is over 40 years experienced with an excellent range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. F&ME list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is excellent for the work required.
Criteria 2	8.50	F&ME demonstrates a high degree of experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a superior capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided an an average score of 7.0
Criteria 3	9.00	F&ME demonstrates very good familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, F&ME demonstrates a consistency in the the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation understanding and application.
Criteria 4	9.50	F&ME demonstrates excellent ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house drilling/CPT. F&ME is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	56.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	8.50	ICE is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. ICE list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	ICE demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided an ranged from 5.1 to 8.2 .
Criteria 3	8.00	ICE demonstrates solid familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, giving great detail to the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation GDM understanding and application.
Criteria 4	9.50	ICE demonstrates excellent ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house drilling/CPT. ICE is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	ICE is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	49.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	8.50	is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. Insight Group list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	8.00	Insight Group demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided an ranged from 7.0 to 8.2 .
Criteria 3	8.00	Insight Group demonstrates solid familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, giving great detail to the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation understanding and application.
Criteria 4	7.00	Insight Group demonstrates excellent ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house CPT. Drilling not in house. ICE is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	ICE is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	50.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	MC squared is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. MC squared list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	5.00	MC squared demonstrates experience with DOT practices similar to SCDOT's GDM, however little experience is listed SCDOT GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores not listed in this criteria.
Criteria 3	6.00	MC squared demonstrates familiarity with Agency practices and procedures. MC squared provides a wide variety of DOT projects involvement across many. different levels.
Criteria 4	7.00	MC squared has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff. Mostly task such as Surveying and Drilling work are sub-consultants.
Criteria 5	9.00	MC Squared is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	10.00	S&ME is comprised of a very impressive team with an excellent range of experience among staff members. The team is over 50 years experienced with an excellent range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. S&ME list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is excellent for the work required.
Criteria 2	9.00	S&ME demonstrates an extremely high degree of experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a superior capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided ranging from 5.8 to 9.0
Criteria 3	9.50	S&ME demonstrates excellent familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, S&ME demonstrates a consistency in the the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation understanding and application.
Criteria 4	9.50	S&ME demonstrates excellent ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house drilling/CPT. S&ME is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	EAS is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	57.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	Schnabel is comprised of a very impressive team with a good range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. Schnabel list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required
Criteria 2	6.00	ECS demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM and other DOT's,; The projects listed demonstrate a good capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past DOT performance scores were provided an ranged from Acceptable to Outstanding, CPE's from SCDOT were not noted. Key personnel was not given with the scores.
Criteria 3	4.50	Schnable demonstrates some experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The work mentions demonstrate a good capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables.
Criteria 4	7.00	Schnable has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff. Mostly task such as Surveying and Drilling work are sub-consultants.
Criteria 5	9.00	Schnabel is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	3.00	The team will be comprised of sub consultant group with good experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a good range of geotechnical engineering projects;
Criteria 2	3.00	SCI demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM, although no project experience as a direct consultant to SCDOT,; The projects listed demonstrate a high degree of capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores not listed in this criteria.
Criteria 3	6.00	SCI demonstrates experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The work mentions demonstrate a good capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables.
Criteria 4	2.00	SCI has the ability to perform a fraction of the work with in-house staff. Most if not all technical work will come from Dan Brown Associates,
Criteria 5	10.00	SCI is a DBE firm.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	34.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	ESP is comprised of a good team with a range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with a very range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. ESP list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is sufficient for the work required.
Criteria 2	2.50	STV response to Criteria 2 is in complete. Past performance and quality not verified with CPE scores.
Criteria 3	5.00	STV demonstrates familiarity with Agency practices and procedures,
Criteria 4	7.50	STV has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff.
Criteria 5	9.00	STV is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	41.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	8.00	Summit is comprised of a very impressive team with an excellent range of experience among staff members. Summit list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is excellent for the work required.
Criteria 2	2.00	Summit's response to Criteria 2 is in complete. Past performance and quality is not highlighted or verified with CPE scores.
Criteria 3	4.00	SUMMIT demonstrates some familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, lack examples,
Criteria 4	7.50	SUMMIT has the ability to perform much of the work with in-house staff.
Criteria 5	9.00	SUMMIT is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 5

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	Terracon is comprised of a solid team with an excellent range of experience among staff members. The team is experienced with an excellent range of geotechnical engineering projects; Several specific bridge work is clearing referenced. Terracon list impressive qualifications and technically competent staff. The level of competence outlined in this proposal is excellent for the work required.
Criteria 2	9.00	S&ME demonstrates an extremely high degree of experience with SCDOT's GDM,; The projects listed demonstrate a superior capability for geotechnical investigations, lab testing, and GSDR deliverables. Past performance scores were provided ranging from 6.0 to 10.0
Criteria 3	9.50	Terracon demonstrates excellent familiarity with Agency practices and procedures, Terracon demonstrates a consistency in the the contracting understanding and application and to the Engineering and Report Preparation understanding and application.
Criteria 4	9.50	Terracon demonstrates excellent ability to perform all aspects of geotechnical services with staff, wide range of in house laboratory testing capabilities, and in house drilling/CPT. Terracon is committed to immediate readiness to SCDOT request.
Criteria 5	9.00	Terracon is committed to the utilization of DBE sub-consultants.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	56.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Bunnell-Lammons Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	6.50	Teams staff is large and qualified to perform the contract services. Several SC PEs listed in the proposal. Experience listed in the proposal is similar to the types of work that will be called for in this contract, but tends more toward CE&I and building construction.
Criteria 2	3.00	No performance scores or staff who worked on the projects were listed for the five projects that were highlighted in the proposal. The GDM is mentioned but no specific instances of its use are given.
Criteria 3	1.00	The proposal did not address the approach to providing services. Several statements were made that things will be done by the GDM but understanding of the GDM requirements is not demonstrated in the proposal.
Criteria 4	6.00	The prime can perform many of the tasks required in-house. Drilling will be split between BLE and MAD. Most lab tests will be completed in-house. Staff is large and availability averages 82.5%.
Criteria 5	6.00	DBE plan lists firms that will be used. The types of work these firms will perform is listed in another section of the proposal.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	32.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : CATLIN Engineers and Scientists

Criteria 1	8.00	The staff is well qualified to perform the required services. Team personnel are licensed in SC as PEs. Team has experience working on a wide range of geotechnical projects that are similar to this contract.
Criteria 2	9.00	Experience on similar projects is very detailed. Experience using GDM is also explained in detail. Performance scores for similar projects given in the proposal average 8.0.
Criteria 3	9.00	Proposal indicates thorough knowledge of multiple versions of the GDM. Experience shows 650+ similar projects completed for state DOTs. Approach to providing services is well thought out and reasonable.
Criteria 4	7.00	Catlin can perform many of the tasks required by the contract. They can perform 80% of the lab tests in-house but will have to sub out triaxial and direct shear testing. Staff availability shown in another section of the proposal and is based on group services not individual members.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan lists specific firms, specific goals for each firm and the type of work each firm will perform. Stated goals are achievable if those types of work happen.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	52.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Colliers Engineering & Design

Criteria 1	7.00	Staff is qualified to perform some of the services required under the contract. Several SC PEs are listed in the proposal. Colliers lab is not listed as accredited on the AASHTO website. Catlins lab is accredited. Responses to the selection criteria is not well organized.
Criteria 2	4.00	The team has performed on similar types of projects but some of the experience listed in the proposal was more in the right-of-way aquisition type of work than geotechnical. The GDM was mentioned in a couple of places but no specific project experience with the GDM was given. No performance scores were listed for any of the experience.
Criteria 3	4.00	The approach to providing services on a transportation project is very generic and not detailed. The proposal indicates that the consultant knows there is a GDM but does not show that the consultant has used the GDM on any specific projects.
Criteria 4	4.00	A general list of services is offered in the proposal but no detailed list of services is contained in the proposal. No details of tests that can be performed by the lab is shown. Staff availability is given as "full-time to meet the needs of the SCDOT" but in the table later in the proposal the maximum availability is listed as 50% with one person available only 15%.
Criteria 5	0.00	No DBE plan included.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	29.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : EAS Professionals,Inc.

Criteria 1	6.50	Team has many staff members that are qualified to perform the tasks under this contract including several PEs registered in SC. Prime's experience is mostly building sites and not transportation projects. Most transportation experience is by team members at previous firms.
Criteria 2	4.00	No CPE data available and no ratings from other agencies given in the proposal. No specific instances of GDM usage by individual team members given in the proposal. Team members do have experience on similar types of projects to those that will be included in this contract.
Criteria 3	6.00	The team's approach to providing geotechnical services is detailed , reasonable and indicates that team members have previously worked on similar contracts. The team states that they routinely use the GDM but they do not give specific examples to show that they are familiar with it.
Criteria 4	6.00	EAS can provide most services required in-house and the team has coverage for all of the services that are frequently use on this contract. Team's staff is large. Availability is listed as 50% for all staff. Labs are not currently certified.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan lists firms to be used, type of work to be performed and a goal for usage. The goal is reasonable given the types of work to be done by the DBE firms.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	41.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : ECS Southeast, LLP

Criteria 1	8.00	Team has a large staff of PEs registered in SC. Team also has experience on similar contracts with DOTs and has completed multiple projects like those that will be seen on this contract.
Criteria 2	8.50	Team has completed 25 similar projects to those that will be on this contract. Specific uses of the GDM were demonstrated on 4 projects with average CPE scores of 7.6. ECS also received an award from ACEC for a NC project.
Criteria 3	7.00	The approach outlined by ECS is reasonable and shows they have experience with similar types of contracts. However, using the GDM in the approach is only mentioned in passing and could have been more detailed.
Criteria 4	8.50	Prime has a large staff and intends to perform most services in-house with sub consultant drillers being used to provide services during high demand periods or for specialty services. Average availability is 54%.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan lists DBE firms MAD for drilling and SCI for drilling and lab testing. Goal for each is 10%. Given the types of projects under this contract, the plan will be very achievable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	51.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : ESP Associates, Inc.

Criteria 1	7.50	Team has 8 staff professionals listed. All are PEs or PGs registered in SC. All have experience in transportation projects for state DOTs and most have previous on-call experience.
Criteria 2	7.00	Six projects are listed in the proposal that have CPE scores. Average score is 6.8. Nine project are listed under similar on-call experience. Several specific instances of GDM usage are cited in the proposal.
Criteria 3	6.50	The teams approach to providing geotechnical services is very detailed and indicates that the prime is thoroughly familiar with working on this type of contract. References to the GDM in this section could have been more detailed.
Criteria 4	7.00	ESP can conduct most of the services required by this contract except drilling in-house. Drilling will be performed by subs. Subs will help with lab testing, traffic control and environmental services. Staff availability averages 54%.
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan is to use Soil Consultants for 15% of the work on the contract. The work to be performed will be drilling and lab testing. The goal is easily achievable given the types of projects conducted under this contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : F&ME Consultants

Criteria 1	9.00	F&ME's staff has extensive experience working on DOT on-call contracts and many are registered as PEs in SC. The project team is capable of providing all services required by this contract. F&ME has completed multiple projects similar to those that will be included in this contract.
Criteria 2	8.50	F&ME has completed many projects using the GDM under various on-call geotechnical contracts. Six similar projects are listed in the proposal with an average CPE score of 8.2
Criteria 3	5.00	F&ME's approach to providing geotechnical services is not as detailed as it could be but is reasonable. Knowledge of the GDM is demonstrated but could be elaborated on more than it is by giving specific details on how it relates to the approach.
Criteria 4	6.00	F&ME can provide most of the services required by the contract in-house. The team can provide all of the required services. Availability of the listed team members is 49%. F&ME has always been very responsive to our needs.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan includes 5 DBE firms with goals for each firm and an overall goal. Plan also gives the type of work each firm will perform. The plan is achievable given the types of projects that will be included in this contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Infrastructure Consulting & Engineering, PLLC

Criteria 1	8.00	ICE's team is qualified to provide the services required under the contract. Many of the staff are registered as PEs and PGs in SC. The prime has experience working on similar type projects for DOTs. All of the required services required by the contract can be provided by the team.
Criteria 2	6.00	The proposal lists seven completed projects with an average CPE score of 5.7. Three other similar projects were listed without CPE scores. The GDM is not mentioned in this section.
Criteria 3	3.00	The approach to providing services is very generic and doesn't get very involved with the GDM. The approach could be for any kind of project and is not specific to geotechnical projects.
Criteria 4	6.00	ICE will be performing most engineering tasks and lab testing in-house. Drilling and seismic investigations will be done by subs. Staff availability averages 69% for 4 staff members.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan to use Soil Consultants and Traffic Control Solutions for drilling and geophysical services.
Criteria 6	6.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	38.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Insight Group, LLC

Criteria 1	8.00	Staff is qualified to provide services required by the contract. Several SC PEs are listed in the proposal. Staff is also experienced in providing on-call projects for state DOTs. Project manager has years of experience leading on-call geotechnical projects. All services required by the contract can be performed by team members.
Criteria 2	7.00	Seven previous projects listed as similar experience had average CPE scores of 7.1 Staff is listed for each project. However, the project experience was not related to the use of the GDM except for one project that is still in progress.
Criteria 3	7.00	The approach to providing services is reasonable and shows they have experience with our procedures. Knowledge of the GDM also could have been more specific. Members of the prime have reviewed the GDM as part of ACEC but some day to day experience using the GDM would be useful.
Criteria 4	6.50	All services can be provided by the team. The prime has the ability to perform CPT testing in-house but drilling will be done by subs. Lab testing will be mostly performed in house with subs being used for some specialty tests. Availability of prime's staff is 100% and subs availability is 82.5%.
Criteria 5	9.00	DBE plan lists specific firms, types of work for each firm and includes a goal for each sub and an overall goal. The goal is achievable based on the types of work and projects under this contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : MC Squared, Inc.

Criteria 1	7.00	The team can perform all of the tasks required by the contract. Team members are experienced in working for DOTs and performing on-call contracts. The prime firm has a few SC registered PEs.
Criteria 2	4.00	The prime has a large amount of experience working on the kinds of projects that will be included in this contract. However, none of the projects listed in the experience section mentioned the use of the GDM and no ratings for performance were given for these projects. Prime has used GDM for seismic projects.
Criteria 3	9.00	The prime's approach to providing services is very detailed, includes many references to specific chapters of the GDM and is reasonable. Prime has a large volume of projects completed for DOTs which shows familiarity with DOT procedures.
Criteria 4	6.00	The prime can perform most of the engineering tasks and lab testing in-house. Drilling will be performed by subs. Staff availability averages approximately 47%.
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan is to use DBE traffic control and drilling firms for 15% utilization. Since all of the drilling will be done by subs, the plan is achievable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : S&ME, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.00	The prime's staff engineers are all registered in SC and have many years experience. Key members have experience working on the types of projects that will be included in this contract.
Criteria 2	7.50	Twelve projects are listed in the past performance section that show the use of the GDM and have CPE scores. CPE scores for those projects average 7.3. All projects listed are similar to the types of projects that will be included on this contract.
Criteria 3	8.50	The prime has been performing on-call contracts since 1999 and has held several different types of on-call contracts. The approach to providing services is very detailed, contains several references to specific parts of the GDM and is resonable.
Criteria 4	8.50	The prime has a large staff and can perform nearly all of the services required in-house. Staff availability averages 57.5%
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan lists specific firms for specific types of work and has a goal for each firm. The goals will be easily achievable given the types of work associated with this contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	51.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Schnabel Engineering, Inc.

Criteria 1	8.50	The team's staff is well qualified to perform the contract services. The team includes many PEs registered in SC. The team has the ability to provide all of the services needed for the contract. The labs in Virginia are listed as AASHTO accredited.
Criteria 2	6.00	The team has numerous projects completed in transportation geotechnical engineering. Specific uses of the GDM are given for multiple team members. Project manager has excellent CPE scores on similar projects although that was with a previous employer. Ratings from other agencies are at least meets expectations but mostly above expectations but the staff those ratings apply to are not named.
Criteria 3	6.00	The approach to providing services is not very detailed but is reasonable. Knowledge of the GDM is shown in several sections of the proposal.
Criteria 4	6.00	Schnabel has the ability to provide most of the services the contract requires in-house and the team has the ability to provide all services. Drilling will be done by subs. Staff averages 37% availability and has more staff members than most.
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan has specific firms listed, the types of work each firm will perform, and a specific goal for each firm. The goal is reasonable and achievable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	45.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Soil Consultants, Inc

Criteria 1	7.00	The teams staff is qualified to perform the services required on this contract. The team is experienced in the types of work that will be included in this contract.
Criteria 2	5.00	Team members have completed several projects similar to the types that will be included under this contract. The prime's personnel have completed projects using the GDM. The sub that will be performing most of the engineering tasks for this contract does not list any experience with the GDM on their projects but they have listed similar project experience. No performance scores were listed for any of the completed projects.
Criteria 3	7.00	The prime's approach to providing geotechnical services is very detailed and includes several references to specific GDM sections. However, it begins at the notice to proceed and does not include the steps leading up to the NTP. Aside from this the approach is reasonable.
Criteria 4	6.00	The prime will perform drilling and lab testing in-house. Most engineering tasks will be performed by subs and the team includes several specialty subs. Staff availability averages 74%.
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan lists specific firms, the types of work to be performed by those firms and gives goals for each. Given the types of work to be performed under this contract, the overall goal of 14% is achievable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	44.00	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : STV, Inc.

Criteria 1	7.50	The team's staff is large and included multiple SC registered PEs. Team members have completed similar projects for DOTs. Team can provide al of the services required under the contract.
Criteria 2	5.00	The projects listed to support the use of the GDM were all done by one of the subs and no performance scores were given. Prime did receive an ACEC award for a bridge replacement project in Charleston but no other performance scores for similar projects were presented.
Criteria 3	4.00	The prime's approach to providing services is extremely detailed in the actual aspects of the work but does not address the preliminary steps in developing projects under on-call type contracts. Several references are made to performing work according to the GDM but no references to specific sections of the GDM are made.
Criteria 4	6.00	STV will perform most of the project management, drilling and engineering functions in-house. Lab testing will be done by the subs along with traffic control, utilities, etc. Staff is large and availability averages 44%.
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan is to use Soil Consultants for 30% of the total contract value by performing drilling and lab testing. The goal is higher than most but with the division of services between the prime and the DBE firm, it is achievable.
Criteria 6	9.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	40.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : SUMMIT Engineering, Laboratory & Testing, P.C.

Criteria 1	8.50	The team can provide all services required by the contract. Several PEs registered in SC are on the team. The prime's staff are experienced with similar projects with a couple of staff members having previous experience as on-call project managers. The project manager for this contract's project management experience is with a previous firm.
Criteria 2	4.00	Five projects are listed in the past performance section as similar projects. No specific uses of the GDM by project staff were listed for these projects. No performance scores are given for any of these projects either.
Criteria 3	3.50	The project manager has previous experience working on SCDOT on-call contracts but with a different firm. No approach to providing services was described in the proposal and no detailed knowledge of the GDM was demonstrated just general references.
Criteria 4	8.50	Summit has the resources to provide most of the required services in-house. Proposal states they will perform 80% of tasks in-house. Staff is large enough to support this contract. Staff availability averages 62%
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan is to use Soil Consultants and Mid-Atlantic Drilling for drilling and lab testing. Plan is achievable.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	43.50	

EVALUATOR SCORING & COMMENTS



EVALUATOR : 6

FIRM : Terracon Consulting, Inc.

Criteria 1	9.00	Terracon's staff is large and has several PEs registered in SC. The staff is qualified to perform the types of work required under this contract The project manager is experienced in on-call projects that are similar in nature. The staff has completed and is currently working on many similar projects
Criteria 2	7.50	Terracon has more than 60 projects completed as either the prime or as a sub since 2015 under geotechnical on-call contracts.CPE scores listed averaged 7.3. Tha past performance section did not demonstrate the use of the GDM by specific personnel.
Criteria 3	5.00	The prime's approach to providing services is reasonable and shows an understanding of how geotechnical on-cal contracts work. References to the GDM in this section are generic and do not reference specific sections of the GDM but do refer to it as a whole.
Criteria 4	7.00	Terracon can perform 95% of the tasks required by the contract in-house with the rest being covered by the subs. Terracon's staff is large and they can respond quickly to the needs of the contract. Staff availability averages 56%
Criteria 5	9.00	The DBE plan lists three firms, the type of work each firm will provide and a goal for each firm. An overall goal of 10 - 15% is also stated. These goals are achievable based on the types of work required by the contract.
Criteria 6	10.00	*** As of 9/5/2023 (This score was added by an utilization evaluator.)
TOTAL	47.50	