



**US Army Corps
of Engineers** ®
Fort Worth District

Public Notice

Applicant: City of Abilene

Project No.: SWF-2010-00191

Date: November 28, 2016

The purpose of this public notice is to inform you of a proposal for work in which you might be interested. It is also to solicit your comments and information to better enable us to make a reasonable decision on factors affecting the public interest. We hope you will participate in this process.

Regulatory Program

Since its early history, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has played an important role in the development of the nation's water resources. Originally, this involved construction of harbor fortifications and coastal defenses. Later duties included the improvement of waterways to provide avenues of commerce. An important part of our mission today is the protection of the nation's waterways through the administration of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Regulatory Program.

Section 10

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) to regulate *all work or structures in or affecting the course, condition or capacity of navigable waters of the United States*. The intent of this law is to protect the navigable capacity of waters important to interstate commerce.

Section 404

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is directed by Congress under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344) to regulate the *discharge of dredged and fill material into all waters of the United States, including wetlands*. The intent of the law is to protect the nation's waters from the indiscriminate discharge of material capable of causing pollution and to restore and maintain their chemical, physical and biological integrity.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, FORT WORTH DISTRICT

SUBJECT: Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the direction of the United States Army Corps of Engineers for a Department of the Army Permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (CWA) to discharge dredged and fill material into waters of the United States associated with a City of Abilene proposal to construct and operate the Cedar Ridge Reservoir located in Shackelford, Haskell, Jones, and Throckmorton Counties, Texas.

APPLICANT: City of Abilene
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APPLICATION NUMBER: SWF-2010-00191

DATE ISSUED: November 28, 2016
EXPIRATION: January 16, 2017

DESCRIPTION: The attached Notice of Proposals has been published by the City of Abilene to solicit written proposals for a third party contractor to develop an EIS. The USACE and the City will hold an informational meeting on December 19, 2016, at 1:00 p.m., CST, in the Texas Room on the 4th floor at the USACE – Fort Worth District Office (819 Taylor St, Fort Worth, Texas) to provide an overview of the Cedar Ridge Reservoir project and answer questions relative to the RFP.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) has conducted an initial evaluation of the proposed project and its anticipated environmental effects relative to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). After careful consideration, the USACE has determined this project constitutes a major Federal action that has the potential to significantly affect the quality of the human environment and requires the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). In accordance with Regulatory Guidance Letter No. 05-08 Environmental Impact Statements, Third Party Contracting and Headquarters Guidance on EIS Preparation, dated December 7, 2005, Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] 1500-1508), and the USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA (33 CFR 325 Appendix B), the USACE is required to prepare an EIS on the proposed Cedar Ridge Reservoir permit action through the use of a third party contractor paid by the applicant, but who is selected and supervised by the USACE.

DISTRICT ENGINEER
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NOTICE OF PROPOSALS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Abilene will receive written Proposals in the Office of Purchasing, City Hall, 555 Walnut Street, Room 201-A, Abilene, Texas 79601 until 5:00 p.m., CST, on January 16, 2017 for:

An environmental consulting firm to complete a third party Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Cedar Ridge Reservoir project.

The proposed EIS is developed under the direction of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District (USACE) as the lead federal agency responsible for evaluating the City of Abilene's (City) Section 404 permit application requesting authorization for the Cedar Ridge Reservoir project under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act.

The Request for Proposals and addenda, if any, are available at www.civcastusa.com (Keyword Search: 27922-4568). All Proposals must substantially comply with the information provided in the Request for Proposals.

For Proposal information, contact:

- Tommy O'Brien, P.E., tommy.obrien@abilenetx.com, 325-676-6416

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Interested parties should deliver:

- Eight (8) copies of their complete Proposal and one (1) electronic copy in pdf file format of the complete Proposal to the City of Abilene Office of Purchasing by 5:00 p.m., CST, on January 16, 2017; **and**
- Three (3) copies of their complete Proposal and one (1) electronic copy in pdf file format of the complete Proposal to the following address by 5:00 p.m., CST, on January 16, 2017:

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