

**PANOLA COUNTY, TEXAS: PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING ISSUANCE OF REQUEST FOR  
QUALIFICATIONS FOR ARCHITECTURAL AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
REGARDING COUNTY AUXILIARY BUILDING PROJECT**

NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to Chapters 2254 and 2269 of the Texas Government Code and other authority that Panola County, Texas ("County"), on July 19, 2022, by and through its Commissioners Court ("Commissioners Court"), approved and issued its RFQ No. 2022-01-ABP-ARCH, the Panola County, Texas Request for Qualifications for Architectural and Other Professional Services Regarding the County Auxiliary Building Project ("RFQ" or "Request") for the procurement of architectural and other professional services (including engineering services) regarding an auxiliary public office building project on certain real property located in the City of Carthage, Panola County, Texas as hereafter described.

The County currently is engaged in a public facility and public works project ("Project") for the acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, use, operation, maintenance, remodeling, and repair of a County auxiliary building, to be used as a public office building, on certain real property located in the City of Carthage, Panola County, Texas (said city designated as the County Seat) as hereafter described: (a) Property Tract I – all those certain contiguous tracts or parcels of land with existing improvements, currently owned by the County and containing a total of 0.823 acres, more or less, said tracts being and situated in Panola County, Texas, a part of the George Goodwin Survey therein, located in the City of Carthage, Texas and being all of Lots 1-B, 3, and 4, and part of Lot 2, Block 61 of said city, as described in the plat of said city recorded in Volume 3, Page 396 of the Plat Book Records of Panola, County, Texas, to which reference is made for all purposes, and Property Tract I is generally located at 309 West Panola Street, Carthage, Texas 75633; or in the alternative, (b) Property Tract II – all those certain contiguous tracts or parcels of land with existing improvements, if any, located in the County Seat (the specific location of which is currently undetermined by the County), to be acquired in the future by the County as authorized by law for Project purposes if said property is later determined by the County to be more acceptable for Project purposes than Property Tract I; and (c) Property Tracts I and II are collectively referred to as the "Property" in this notice.

The County requires for the Project the professional services of an Architect (and other professional services, including engineering services) with: (a) demonstrated competence and experience with the acquisition, design, construction, reconstruction, use, operation, remodeling, maintenance, and repair of public office buildings in Texas; and (b) familiarity regarding the relevant and applicable laws, standards, and regulations pertaining to those types of buildings. The selected Architect shall be requested to timely perform the following services for the Project: as specifically described in the RFQ, including but not limited to those services described in AIA Document B101-2017 (a blank copy of which is attached to the RFQ).

The procurement of an Architect for the Project will be conducted pursuant to the ranking and contract negotiation procedure described by chapters 2254 and 2269 of the Texas Government Code and other authority. The RFQ Response submitted by an Architect for the Project will provide all information necessary for evaluation and ranking by the Commissioners Court. Pursuant to section 2254.003 of the Texas Government Code and other authority, the County will select an Architect for the Project on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualifications to perform the requested services for the Project, pursuant to the evaluation criteria described in the RFQ, and for a fair and reasonable price.

Copies of the RFQ may be: (a) obtained from the Panola County Judge at his business office address located at the Panola County Courthouse, 110 South Sycamore Street, Room 216-A, Carthage, Texas 75633 (telephone 903-693-0391); and (b) downloaded from the County's internet website at [www.co.panola.tx.us](http://www.co.panola.tx.us).

Important deadlines and other matters relating to the submission of a timely RFQ Response are identified and described in the RFQ, including the following:

Written Questions – The County will try to answer written questions concerning the RFQ, but shall not be obligated to do so. Written questions regarding the RFQ must be delivered (by mail, courier, e-mail or hand-delivery) on or before August 2, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. County local time to the County Judge at: (a) [for courier, mail, or hand-delivery] his business office address described above; or (b) [for e-mail delivery] at [david.anderson@co.panola.tx.us](mailto:david.anderson@co.panola.tx.us). The County's answers (if any) to written questions submitted regarding the RFQ

will be posted on the County's internet website at [www.co.panola.tx.us](http://www.co.panola.tx.us). The general public and potential Respondents are encouraged to check the County's internet website for information regarding the RFQ.

**Deadline for RFQ Response Submission** – An RFQ Response shall be addressed and timely delivered (by mail, courier, or hand-delivery) on or before August 15, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. County local time to the County Judge at his business office address described above. Responses delivered after that deadline are subject to rejection.

**RFQ Response Opening** – RFQ Responses shall be opened and read aloud by the Commissioners Court at a public meeting to occur on August 16, 2022 at 1:30 p.m. County local time at the Commissioners' Courtroom in the Panola County Courthouse, 110 South Sycamore Street, Carthage, Texas 75633. Responses will be reviewed, discussed, deliberated, and formally ranked by the Commissioners Court at the aforesaid or a subsequent public meeting date, as allowed by law, pursuant to the procedure described in the RFQ.

Please refer to the RFQ for a more detailed description of: (1) all requirements regarding the form, scope, content and delivery of a timely RFQ Response; (2) the RFQ Response evaluation criteria, Architect selection procedure, and contract negotiation procedure required by the RFQ; (3) the scope of professional services sought by the County for the Project; and (4) the Property for the Project. All actual or potential RFQ Respondents should monitor the County's internet website at [www.co.panola.tx.us](http://www.co.panola.tx.us) for information posted regarding the RFQ and to remain informed regarding all addenda, if any, issued by the County regarding the RFQ.

Pursuant to the RFQ, the County may: (a) reschedule, amend, extend, reject, or cancel the RFQ at any time; (b) reject any or all RFQ Responses; (c) waive any formality or irregularity in connection with the requirements of a n RFQ Response; and (d) consider an RFQ Response not made in compliance with the RFQ – although the County will have no obligation to consider a noncompliant RFQ Response. The County will not reimburse an RFQ Respondent for any costs incurred as a result of the issuance of the RFQ, a submitted RFQ Response, or the award or non-award of a contract.