

QUESTIONS-10-22-2024

Request for Proposal (RFP)

Design and Alignment of the Southern Tier Trail

Cattaraugus County Department of Economic Development, Planning, and Tourism

- 1) Can you confirm that the scope of the project ends at the completion of 100% construction documents and does not include any bidding support or construction administration? **Yes, it ends at the completion of the 100% construction documents and does not include any bidding support or construction administration.**
- 2) What are the MWBE or SDVOB requirements for this contract? **As a direct recipient of funding from the FHWA, we do not have a specific MWBE goal or target. MWBE is a NY State Requirement. Cattaraugus County will follow the guidelines in [2 CFR 200.321](#) which applies and does encourage the use of certain firms in alignment with a “good faith effort” to align with programmatic goals**
- 3) Has construction funding been secured for all or part of this project? **No it has not.**
- 4) Is there a preliminary schedule anticipated for bidding and construction of the project? **No there is not. It is anticipated that Cattaraugus County will begin the process of applying for construction funds later in the design and alignment process.**
- 5) What type of selection process will be used and will it follow the Brooks Act? **The selection that will be used will be a qualification-based approach that follows Part 172 (Brooks Act).**
- 6) Are there any DBE Requirements? **There are no specific Title 23 requirements or goals. Cattaraugus County will follow the guidelines in [2 CFR 200.321](#) which applies and does encourage the use of certain firms in alignment with a “good faith effort” to align with programmatic goals. The participation of qualified and certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subconsultants may be used as a nominal evaluation criterion where appropriate in accordance with [49 CFR part 26](#) and a contracting agency's FHWA-approved DBE program.**
- 7) Is there a Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for this federally funded project? **No, See above.**
- 8) Does the County anticipate selecting two separate firms for the solicitations, i.e., one firm for the design/alignment and a different firm for the public process? **Yes**
- 9) If one firm is planning to prime both efforts, are two separate responses required or could the firm submit one combined proposal? **Yes**
- 10) The contract period in the RFP indicates January 2024 – September 2027. Will this be extended given the RFP/proposal being released in September of 2024? **The Contract will be January 2025-September 2027.**