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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)**

TO: CONSTRUCTION TESTING FIRMS

FROM: Kelly Berard, DPW Administrator

SUBJECT: DPW PROJECT NO. 22602  
Idaho Division of Veterans Services (IDVS)  
Lewiston Veterans Home  
Lewiston, Idaho

RFQ submittal packages will be received at the Division of Public Works office, located at 502 N. 4th Street, PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0072, by 2:00 p.m., Mountain Standard Time Zone, **Wednesday, April 8, 2026**, for furnishing construction testing services for the State of Idaho.

Questions that arise as a result of this Request for Qualifications should be addressed to:

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Modifications (addenda) to this RFQ, if any, will be posted on the Division of Public Works web page at <https://dpw.idaho.gov/professional-services/>. It is recommended that responders to this RFQ check this page prior to making their submittal.

Funding for the project is from the State and Federal. The Division of Public Works (DPW) will administer the project according to the terms and conditions of State laws and guidelines. The Construction Testing firm will receive general instructions through the State. A Project Manager from DPW will be assigned to serve as project manager and liaison between the Department of Administration, Idaho Division of Veteran Services, and the Construction Testing firm.

The Construction Testing firm shall warrant the following: not knowingly hire or engage any illegal aliens or persons not authorized to work in the United States as required by Title 67, Chapter 79, Idaho Code. The

Construction Testing firm shall take steps to verify that it does not hire or engage any illegal aliens or persons not authorized to work in the United States; and that any misrepresentation in this regard or any employment of persons not authorized to work in the United States constitutes a material breach and shall be cause for the imposition of monetary penalties and/or termination of any Contract resulting from this RFQ.

## **DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

This project is an expansion and remodel of the existing Lewiston Veterans Home facility. The current facility consists of 66 residents in double occupancy resident rooms with a shared restroom for every two rooms. The current design is to expand and remodel the home to convert all rooms into single-occupancy rooms, each with a single, private restroom. The design expands the existing facility to the north to create two new household wings with a total of 33 new single-occupancy bedrooms and remodels the existing three resident wings to convert the existing household wings into the other 33 single-occupancy rooms.

This project is planned to be a four-phase project. Phase 1 includes extensive sitework around the north and east sides of the building to redo the existing fire lane and to provide the space needed for the new addition. There is a new, continuous retaining wall around the fire lane. Phase 2 is the 23,492 square foot addition to the north of the existing 50,803 square foot building. The new structure at the expansion is primarily slab on grade, although there is a small basement area on the east end with a concrete topped hollow-core plank slab at the main floor level. Above floor structure is structural steel with open web steel joists and joist girders supporting the metal roof decking. As soon as Phase 2 is occupiable, the staff will relocate residents to the new addition and free up the existing north and east wings for remodel in Phase 3. After the Phase 3 remodel is complete, the west wing will be freed up for remodel in Phase 4. The remodel work under Phases 3 and 4 will include select concrete slab removal and replacement to allow for rework of the below-slab plumbing as required for the new single-occupancy restrooms.

The estimated construction budget for this project is \$45,000,000 exclusive of fees, commissioning, contingencies, and tests. Federal Funds / Davis Bacon wages will be associated with this project and likely Build America Buy America. The construction start date is dependent on federal grant opportunity with the earliest plausible grant opportunity allowing for a schedule to commence on or about March 2027 and completion by November 2029. Construction is contingent on federal grant opportunity being awarded.

## **REQUIRED SERVICES**

The State is requesting qualification-based submittals for a Construction Testing firm starting immediately and throughout construction administration.

The Construction Testing firm is required to have all licenses and certifications for testing and inspection of materials per Project Technical Experience described in this RFQ.

The Construction Testing firm will be required to upload all testing and inspection reports to DPW's web-based construction management software.

The Construction Testing firm will be required to provide comprehensive general liability insurance, worker's compensation, as well as professional liability insurance.

The Construction Testing firm will represent the Owner, the Division of Public Works (DPW), reporting directly to the assigned DPW Project Manager/Owner's Representative and will coordinate with the Construction Manager and Design Professional. The Construction Testing firm shall have the ability to respond to calls for testing within 24 hours' notice. Test results shall be made available within 24 hours of the test performed.

## REQUIRED PROJECT TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE/REQUIREMENTS

The Construction Testing firm may provide services including, but not limited to testing and inspections for, soils compaction, aggregates, retaining walls, cement, concrete formwork, concrete mixes, structural steel, including shop fabrication, welding, bolt connections, reinforcing steel, post-installed and cast-in-place anchors, concrete masonry units, erection of precast concrete (hollow-core), seismic systems, cold-formed steel framing, asphalt and concrete paving, concrete sidewalks, fire-rated penetrations, and protection during cold weather.

### QUALIFICATION SUBMITTAL CONTENT

#### A. **Basic Qualifications:** (Max 20 Points)

1. Provide basic data relative to the Construction Testing firm's company size, history, personnel, certification and experience for the Project's Technical Requirements, resources available to meet the project schedule and duration, and general information. Individual resumes, awards, associations, etc., may be included. (Max 8 points)
2. Provide information (at least three projects within the last five years) that validates that the company has experience and technical certification for the Project's technical requirements. (Max 8 points)
3. Provide information if the Construction Testing firm uses any software programs to monitor, track, and assign tasks. (Max 4 points)

The Division of Public Works reserves the right to investigate and confirm the proposer's financial responsibility. This may include financial statements, bank references and interviews with past consultants, employees, and creditors. Unfavorable responses to these investigations are grounds for rejection of proposal.

#### B. **Team Member Qualification:** (Max 36 Points)

1. List the individuals expected to accomplish the work. Describe who will perform the various tasks, the amount of their involvement and responsibilities, their qualification, and relevant experience to the project's technical requirements. (Max 12 points)
2. List three projects each individual has completed construction testing and/or inspections within the last five years. Name the project, the Owner, cost of construction, and what were tests/inspection completed by the individual. (Max 12 points)
3. Describe the Construction Testing firm and individual's capability and availability to perform all of the testing/inspections during the duration of the project/work. (Max 5 points)
4. The work required must be conducted by a qualified testing firm/individual who is approved by a qualified testing and inspecting agency meeting the requirements of ASTM and shall be certified by the Building Official. The technical project requirements also require a licensed Geotechnical Engineer to perform some of the project inspections. Provide Idaho certifications and licenses for the individuals performing the work. (Max 7 points)

**C. Examples of Work:** (Max 20 Points) Provide FOUR examples of previous projects for each individual performing the construction testing/inspections that are the same testing/inspection requirements required for this project. Examples include the date of the testing/inspections, project name, location, project owner, square footage, project construction date, and a reference/contact for each project.

**D. Format: (Max 4 Points)** To assist evaluation it is desirable to format the proposal similar to the headings listed above. The proposals should be clear and to the point. Primary contact should be clearly identified on the cover sheet with an email address.

**SUBMITTAL**

Submit five (5) copies of the submittal; include one USB drive containing a PDF of the submittal. In your RFQ cover letter, include the email address of the primary contact person; **failure to provide this information may result in the proposal being nonresponsive.**

**EVALUATION**

A selection committee consisting of two (2) persons from DPW, two (2) persons from Idaho Division of Veterans Services, and an independent selection committee member will evaluate and rank the firm’s submittals deemed to be the most highly qualified to perform the required services. The Selection Committee may choose to interview any, all or none of the respondents as may be in the best interest of the State. The ranking criteria will be weighted according to the following:

<b>Initial Ranking, Written Point Scoring</b>		
	Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
A	Basic Qualifications	20
B	Team Member Qualifications	36
C	Examples of Work	20
D	Format	4
Written Total		80
<b>Presentation – Interview Point Scoring</b>		
	Criteria	Maximum Possible Points
	Competency and abilities to address the items above in the written RFQ submittals.	15
	Selection Committee’s Q & A	5
Presentation – Interview Total		20

If interviews are held, selected firms will be notified as to the place, time, and date of the interview. The interview process will be worth 20 points. The Construction Testing firm invited for an interview will receive a final score based on the sum of the Selection Committee’s initial ranking and final ranking.

The timeframe for the firms invited for an interview is approximately 45 minutes: 25-30 minutes for the presentation; 15-20 minutes for the Selection Committee’s Q&A; and 5 minutes for the Construction Testing firm’s closing comments.

**AWARD**

Based on the results of the final rankings, DPW will recommend a course of action to the PBFAC at their next regularly scheduled meeting. If recommended, a notice of intent to negotiate will be issued by DPW.

**PROPOSED DATES:**

Last Day for Questions	March 26, 2026
Receive RFQ Submittals	April 8, 2026 – DPW Main Office, <b>Boise</b>
Shortlist Notification	April 27, 2026
Oral Interviews ( <i>tentative</i> )	Week of May 11-15, 2026 – Likely by Online Meeting
PBFAC Selection Approval	June 2, 2026
Negotiate Contract	June 2026

**SELECTION**

The State will attempt to select a firm at the next scheduled Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council meeting. Upon selection of a firm, the State will issue a letter of intent. However, final award is contingent upon the successful negotiation of an Agreement.

The contents of the submittal may be used in a legal contract or agreement. Proposers should be aware that methods and procedures proposed could become contractual obligations. The State reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received as a result of this request.

The State may also negotiate separately with any source in any manner necessary to serve the best interests of the State of Idaho. Awards will be made on the basis of submittals resulting from this request and subsequent interviews.

**ATTACHMENT**

Contractor’s draft schedule to be used for general durations and sequences. Exact start and stop dates are to be finalized upon GMP with the CMGC.

**END 22602 CONSTRUCTION TESTING FIRM RFQ**