

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AREA #1 – (GMA 1)

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS:

Professional Services (technical services including research, analysis, and documentation, and groundwater availability modeling) for the Development and Adoption of Desired Future Conditions within Groundwater Management Area 1

In 2005, the Texas Legislature determined that GMAs should meet regularly to conduct joint planning necessary to establish DFCs for all relevant aquifers in the GMAs. This responsibility assigned to GMAs established the intersection between the GMA effort and the regional water planning process established by Senate Bill 1 in 1997. Each GMA is legislatively required to adopt DFCs for all relevant major and minor aquifers in their region. The GMA 1 Committee is comprised of the groundwater conservation districts subject to Texas Water Code, Chapter 36, including: Hemphill County Underground Water Conservation District (“Hemphill District”) {Hemphill County}, portions of the High Plains Underground Water Conservation District (“High Plains District”) {Potter, Randall, & Armstrong counties}, the North Plains Groundwater Conservation District (“North Plains District”) {Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Hutchinson, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore counties}, and the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District (“Panhandle District”) {Potter, Carson, Roberts, Hutchinson, Gray, Wheeler, Armstrong, & Donley counties}.

GMA 1 is comprised of eighteen counties in the northern section of the Texas Panhandle including: Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, Hutchinson, Roberts, Hemphill, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Wheeler, Randall, Armstrong, and Donley counties. The PRPC serves as the administrative agent for GMA 1. As such, GMA 1 procurement will be conducted through the PRPC procurement policies, 2 CFR as well as Texas Water Code Chapter 36.

- I. Statement of Qualifications- The GMA 1, through the PRPC, is seeking to contract with a competent firm(s) or individual(s), with the necessary credentials and qualifications, that has specific experience and knowledge in providing technical services including research, analysis, and documentation and groundwater availability modeling. Please provide with your statement of qualifications a list of past and current clients, and resumes of all staff who will or may be assigned to this project should you receive the contract award. In addition, please provide a list of proposed sub-consultants or team members who are or may be involved in your proposal.

- II. Scope of Services-
 - a. Document aquifer uses and conditions within GMA 1. (TWC 36.108(d) (1))
 - b. Document water supply needs and water management strategies in the state water plan. (TWC 36.108(d) (2))
 - c. Document hydrological conditions within GMA 1, including total estimated recoverable storage, the average annual recharge, inflows, and discharge. (TWC 36.108(d)(3))
 - d. Document environmental impacts of proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d) (4))
 - e. Document impacts on subsidence of proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d)(5))
 - f. Document socioeconomic impacts reasonably expected to occur with the adoption and implementation of proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d) (6))
 - g. Document impacts on the interests and rights in private property by the adoption and implementation of proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d) (7))
 - h. Document the feasibility of achieving proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d) (8))
 - i. Document other information relevant to proposed DFCs. (TWC 36.108(d) (9))

- j. Document relevant comments and proposed revisions received by member districts during the public comment period and public hearings. (TWC 36.108(d-2))
- k. Development of the DFC explanatory report. (TWC 36.108(d-3))
- l. Obtain the appropriate files and information from the Texas Water Development Board to model groundwater availability within GMA 1.
- m. Update pumping files for relevant groundwater availability models utilizing information through 2018 for GMA 1 using flow meter data (including alternative meter methods) provided by member districts within GMA 1.
- n. Perform groundwater availability model runs and provide associated reports as deemed necessary by the Committee.

III. Submission

- 1. Proposals will only be accepted from firms or individuals having requested an RFQ Package
 - a. RFQ packages are available by written request from the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, P.O. Box 9257, Amarillo, TX 79105. Telephone (806) 372-3381, email: dmeyer@theprpc.org. Faxed or emailed requests will be accepted. All inquiries and requests must be directed to the attention of Dustin Meyer.
- 2. Deadline for Submission- **February 12, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.** Please submit twelve (12) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposal and statement of qualifications to:

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission
Attn: Dustin Meyer
PO Box 9257
Amarillo, TX 79105

Physical Address: 415 West Eighth Avenue, Amarillo, Texas 79101

Proposals received after the stated deadline will not be considered.

- IV. Proposal Format- Twelve (12) hard copies and one (1) electronic copy of the proposals, which shall include eleven (11) bound copies and one (1) un-bound copy must be received. Please limit all proposals to fifteen (15) pages, including all appendices. All resumes should be contained in the appendices. All proposals must clearly respond to Items I and II.
- V. Please ensure that all submitted proposals are in the requested format and satisfy the terms of Items I-IV. Proposals not meeting the stated requirements may be considered informal and non-responsive.

The GMA 1 reserves the right to negotiate with any and all individuals and firms that submit proposals and to award more than one contract or to award no contracts.