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REQUEST FOR INTEREST (RFI) 23-20-RFI CULTURAL RESOURCES ASSISTANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Alaska Railroad Corporation (ARRC) is a public corporation and instrumentality of the State of Alaska formed pursuant to AS 42.40 and is the last full service (passengers and freight) railroad in the United States, with a route that runs from Seward and Whittier at tidewater to the interior of Alaska just beyond Fairbanks. The corporate headquarters are in Anchorage. ARRC averages approximately 680 employees (year-round and seasonal), with employment reaching 750 in the summer season.

ARRC is a public corporation of the State of Alaska. More information about ARRC may be found at www.alaskarailroad.com.

BACKGROUND

The Alaska Railroad Corporation has the need for Cultural and Historical Resource support services for various projects, including compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the Alaska Historic Preservation Act. The Consultant will provide cultural and historic resource support in accordance with applicable laws and regulations on an as-needed basis.

SCOPE OF SERVICES

The Desired services may include, but are not be limited to the following tasks:

- APE/Background Research: Identify the Area of Potential Effect (APE) in consultation with ARRC, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), Office of History and Archaeology (OHA), and federal agency representatives. Conduct background research of pertinent archeological and historical literature and compile information about potentially historic properties within the APE. Consult with agencies, federally recognized tribes, Native corporations and organizations, and other individuals likely to have knowledge of or concerns with historic properties in the area.
- Field Surveys: Coordinate with the SHPO/OHA to determine the need for field surveys, and obtain archaeological survey permits or permissions necessary to accomplish the surveys. Conduct field surveys, including pedestrian examinations of the ground surface and subsurface testing, with the frequency

and nature of testing determined in consultation with SHPO/OHA and ARRC. Prepare draft and final cultural resource survey reports.

- Eligibility and Effect Recommendations: Conduct Determinations of Eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places. Assess potential impacts and make recommendations for findings of effect (e.g., no historic properties affected, no adverse effect, or adverse effect).
- Mitigation: Develop and implement mitigation or treatment plans if adverse effects to cultural resources require mitigation. Plans may include standard approaches such as data recovery or architectural recordation, or other more creative and innovative approaches (e.g., assisting in development of tribal historic preservation plans, developing educational materials and web sites, purchasing properties containing historic properties, or developing historic property management plans).
- PAs/MOAs: Draft Programmatic Agreements and Memoranda of Agreement between ARRC, SHPO/OHA, and other parties.
- Consultation: Consult with ARRC regarding preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, and reconstruction of historic properties in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards and Guidelines.

Important Notice: The Alaska Railroad does not intend to award a contract from this RFI, nor will it be financially responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of any response for the requested information. This RFI is issued for the sole purpose of obtaining information as described in this notice.

RESPONSE INFORMATION

Your response must include details on your company's experience, qualifications, services offered, and why your services will work for the ARRC. Do not include any pricing, federally audited rates or overhead rates in your emailed response.

Interested firms must indicate their interest by submitting an electronic response (.pdf format is preferable) with the following information:

- Firm Name, Address, Contact Name, Phone number, Email address
- Resume of key personnel
- Address how your firm meets the scope requirements;
- List of clients similar services have been provided for (to determine experience).

This Request for Interest does not constitute a formal solicitation. ARRC is not responsible for any costs associated with the preparation of responses. The issuance of the Request for Interest provides no guarantee that the ARRC will proceed with a formal solicitation.

Please submit an electronic response no later than 3:00 PM Alaska Time, March 20, 2023 to the attention of:

Alaska Railroad Corporation
Greg Goemer
Sr. Contract Administrator
Email: GoemerG@akrr.com

On the subject line of the email please provide: 23-20 Cultural Resources Assistance

Questions can be addressed by email to the individual listed above.

Please note ARRC does not accept responsibility for failed e-mailed response deliveries. It is the responsibility of the interested party to follow up with the individual listed above to ensure your response was received prior to the deadline specified above.

Sincerely,



Greg Goemer
Sr. Contract Administrator
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