



**Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority**

**April 28, 2022**

**Request for Qualifications No. 22-05**

**On-Call Electrical Services**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority (RITBA) is seeking proposals from qualified Electrical firms that have demonstrated experience in providing on-call electrical services. The services provided may be for projects at or near any of the RITBA-owned facilities.

## **BACKGROUND**

RITBA is a quasi-public agency created by the Rhode Island General Assembly in 1954 as a corporate and body politic, with powers to construct, acquire, maintain, and operate bridge projects as defined by law. The Authority was responsible for the construction of the Claiborne Pell Bridge (formerly the Newport Bridge) which opened to traffic on June 28, 1969. The Authority has been responsible for the operation and maintenance of the Mount Hope Bridge between Bristol, Rhode Island and Portsmouth, Rhode Island and the Claiborne Pell Bridge between Newport, Rhode Island and Jamestown, Rhode Island since 1964 and 1969, respectively. On April 25, 2013, the State transferred custody, control and supervision of the land and improvements for the Jamestown Verrazzano and the Sakonnet River Bridges from the Rhode Island Department of Transportation (RIDOT) to the Authority. Ownership and title of the bridges remains with the State. In addition to the four (4) bridges noted above, RITBA also operates and maintains Route 138 through Jamestown and ten (10) smaller bridges associated with this highway and the approaches to the four (4) major bridges.

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS**

RITBA requires respondents keep the proposals to a maximum of ten (10) double sided 8 ½ x 11 pages (no less than 12 font) for each discipline a firm is requesting to provided services for RITBA, excluding:

- Cover Letter
- Table of Contents
- Dividers
- Resumes

RITBA will not accept videos, simulations, or other electronic presentations for this submittal. However, such electronic information may be presented during an interview process for the shortlisted proposers if so necessary.

Proposing firms shall submit one electronic (via email to [procurement@ritba.org](mailto:procurement@ritba.org)) and five (5) printed copies of the proposal to:

Office of Procurement  
Rhode Island Turnpike and Bridge Authority  
1 East Shore Road  
Jamestown, RI 02835

**Attn: On Call Electrical Services – Contract No. 22-05**

The proposal must be received no later than **2:00pm EDT May 26, 2022, EDT**. Late submissions will **not** be accepted. RITBA accepts deliveries during normal business hours Monday through Friday 8:30am to 4:00pm EDT excluding national and local state holidays. It is the sole responsibility of the responding firm to ensure delivery of its proposal on or before the due date/time, RITBA will not accept any proposals that are received after the due date/time. To control the dissemination of information regarding this RFP, firms interested in submitting proposals shall not make personal contact with

any member of RITBA staff and/or Board of Directors. Questions concerning this RFP should be directed, via email to [procurement@ritba.org](mailto:procurement@ritba.org) no later than **2:00pm May 6, 2022, EDT**. RITBA will respond to all relevant questions no later than end of day **EDT May 11, 2022**. This addendum will be posted to RITBA's website ([www.ritba.org](http://www.ritba.org)) and the State of Rhode Island's Division of Purchasing website ([www.purchasing.ri.gov](http://www.purchasing.ri.gov)).

RITBA accepts no financial responsibility for any costs incurred by a firm in responding to this RFP, participating in oral presentations, or meeting with RITBA prior to being awarded the contract. The proposals in response to this RFP become the property of RITBA and may be used by RITBA in any way it deems appropriate. All information submitted in response to this RFP is deemed public and subject to disclosure unless a separate redacted public copy is submitted, regardless of whether the information is marked confidential/proprietary. Firms may redact in the public copy any trade secrets or commercial or financial information which is of a privileged or confidential nature pursuant to the Access to Public Records Act (R.I. Gen. Laws § 38-2 et. seq.). If Firm does not submit a redacted public copy, RITBA assumes that firm is not seeking confidential treatment for any of its information and thus, all information is subject to public disclosure. By submitting a proposal, the firm certifies that it has fully read and understands the RFP, has full knowledge of the scope of work to be provided, and accepts the terms and conditions under which the services are to be performed. RITBA will be the sole judge in determining as equivalent products (if applicable).

RITBA reserves the right to, virtually, interview some, all or none of the firms responding to this RFP based solely on its judgment as to the firm(s) proposals and capabilities. RITBA reserves the right to select firms directly from the proposals received without the use of an interview process. RITBA reserves the right to request and consider additional information from submitters, and to reject any submittals on any basis without disclosing the reason. No firm may withdraw their submittal for at least one-hundred twenty (120) days after the time and date set for submission.

RITBA reserves the right to waive any irregularities and technical defects. RITBA reserves the right to modify, amend or waive any provision of this RFP, prior to the issuance of an award for these services.

## **SCOPE**

The Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority (RITBA) is seeking proposals from qualified Electrical firms that have demonstrated experience in providing on-call professional services. The selected firms shall provide general maintenance, repair, replacement, and installation on an as-needed basis for the RITBA electrical systems. Work is categorized as either low voltage work or high voltage work. The contractor must be available for on call work 24/7, 365 days a year. Normal response time of four (4) hours for non-emergency calls and two (2) hours for emergency calls. The contractor must have a Rhode Island Master Electrician on staff with the ability to apply for any required permits. The term of the agreement will be five (5) years. Pricing for the five years must be provided with Exhibit A.

### Low Voltage (< 600 volts)

The firm shall self-perform work for low voltage, defined as six hundred (600) volts or less. Work in this category is comprised of the following:

- 480v, 277v, 240v, 208v, 120v electrical systems in single & three phase.

- wet & dry type transformers in all voltages, phases, & configurations.
- feeder & branch circuits.
- EMT, PVC, Rigid Metal, IMC, Flexible Metal, Seal-tight, & Wiremold conduit systems.
- lighting systems to include fluorescent, HID, incandescent, LED, and dimming control systems.
- all types of lighting fixtures installed in locations such as bridge towers, support cables, and inspection catwalks.
- electrical feeder panels, distribution panels, branch circuit panels, panel boards, switch boards & switchgear.
- motors, motor starters, motor control centers, & motor control drive equipment.
- busways, bus duct, & related bus distribution equipment.
- emergency power, automatic transfer switches, and UPS.
- overhead feeders, temporary power, & wiring; and
- splice boxes, junction boxes, pull boxes, & hand boxes.

#### High Voltage (> 600 volts)

High Voltage work, defined as more than six hundred (600) volts, shall be performed by a certified high voltage technician. Work in this category is comprised of the following:

- 5kv through 33kv systems & equipment.
- high voltage overhead & underground cables, cable splices & terminations, and fault locating, repair, and testing.
- high voltage switches, tie-switches, switchgear, breakers, fault & overcurrent relays, and associated devices including G&W gas insulated switches.
- high voltage transformers, transformer oils, transformer cooling devices, transformer gauges & monitoring devices, transformer seals & bushings, and terminating devices.
- high voltage conduits & duct-banks.
- high voltage sensors, meters, monitoring devices, current transformers, relays, & controls.

#### Additional requirements:

- Ability to diagnose and repair fire alarm systems.
- Ability to diagnose and repair fiber optic cable.
- Certified highway flaggers on staff.
- Certified UBIU operator on staff if needed.
- Ability to work at heights above two hundred (200) feet over water.

- Must own or have access to a bucket truck or crane with a minimum of forty-five (45) feet working height.

### **Codes and Standards**

All work performed shall be in compliance with all applicable codes, standards, and regulations, including the latest edition of the following codes: ANSI, NETA, and NICET. Work shall also comply with OSHA, ANSI, NETA, NFPA 70 and NICET Safety Regulations, and Industry Standards & Practices that ensure the protection of life, property & equipment. Additionally, the RITBA may issue additional standards for specific work, as applicable.

The services provided may be for projects at or near any of the RITBA-owned facilities including:

- Claiborne Pell Bridge
- Mount Hope Bridge
- Jamestown-Verrazzano Bridge
- Sakonnet River Bridge
- Fishing Pier Access Road Bridge
- Structure E Bridge
- North Main Road (EB & WB) Bridges
- Hummocks Avenue Bridge
- Evans Avenue Bridge
- Wildlife Passages I, II, III, and IV Bridges
- RI Route 138 (Rt. 1A in North Kingstown through to east end of Claiborne Pell Bridge)
- RI Route 138 Pump Station and Drainage Facilities
- Vehicle Toll Gantry and Infrastructure
- Administration Building
- Maintenance Building
- Maintenance Annex Building
- Mount Hope House and Garage
- Sakonnet River Bridge Building
- Tiverton Boat Ramp, Retaining Walls, and Drainage Structures

RITBA may select multiple firms to provide services. The contract term will be for a period of five years beginning around August 2022. Actual work undertaken will be by separate and distinct task orders.

### **SUBMITTAL AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be evaluated by a Selection Committee, which will be seeking to distinguish which proposer has, through the appropriate combination of several criteria, the abilities to best perform the required services to the satisfaction of RITBA. While some criteria may be ranked higher than others in the selection process, the proposal that achieves the highest overall ranking will be considered top-ranked by the Selection Committee. The proposals will be evaluated using the following criteria:

#### **A. Experience of Proposed Team – 40%**

- a. Provide an organizational chart for the proposed team
- b. Provide resumes for each team member
- c. Articulate experience performing similar services for transportation, bridge, and toll facilities
- d. Provide contact information (phone number & email address) of the primary contact for this solicitation

**B. Understanding of Disciplines and Demonstrated Performance – 35%**

- a. Articulate an understanding of and familiarity with the requested disciplines and describe your approach to deliver
- b. Demonstrate performance on on-call contracts with other agencies, particularly as they relate to urgent and high priority work

**C. Experience of Firm – 25%**

- a. Include at least two (2) representative projects to be used as relevant experience for the disciplines your firm is seeking to provide services for, and only those for which some or all the project team were involved and include a contact for the respective client.

RITBA will select firms based upon recommendations of the Selection Committee, and subsequent approval of the Executive Director and the RITBA Board of Directors.

**MBE Participation Goal**

Under Rhode Island General Law §§ 37-14.1, Minority business enterprises are targeted for participation in all procurement and construction projects and shall be awarded a minimum of ten percent (10%) of all dollar value of the procurement or project.

**INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Evidence of the following minimum insurance coverage must be provided:

- a. General Liability limits of \$1,000,000 per occurrence.
- b. Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance with limits of \$1,000,000.
- c. Worker's Compensation coverage to Rhode Island statutory limits or documentation evidencing an approved self-insurance program.
- d. Umbrella Liability limits of \$5,000,000 excess of \$1,000,000 primary layer.
- e. Errors and Omissions Coverage with minimum limits of \$1,000,000.
- f. Professional liability coverage in effect in an amount not less than \$1,000,000.

RITBA and the State of Rhode Island shall be named as additional insured on all policies of insurance except for the Errors and Omission (Professional Liability) and Worker's Compensation insurance.

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

RITBA's standard Professional Services Agreement is attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference. RITBA expects the successful firm to execute this Agreement with no changes to the Agreement. Task Orders will be issued for any work assigned under this Agreement.

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Participation**

The firm must indicate that it will comply with all applicable Federal, State and Local regulations and laws, including Affirmative Action and the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise programs. In accordance with R.I. Gen. Law §§ 37-14.1-1 it is the policy of the State of Rhode Island to support the fullest possible participation of firms owned and controlled by minorities (MBEs) and women (WBEs) (collectively referred to as MBEs herein) in the performance of State procurements and projects.

For further information, visit the Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity's website, at <http://odeo.ri.gov/> and see R.I. Gen. Laws 37-14.1, R.I. Gen Laws Ch. 37-2.2, and 220-RICR-80-10-2. The Office of Diversity, Equity and Opportunity may be contacted at (401) 574-8670 or via email at [Dorinda.Keene@doa.ri.gov](mailto:Dorinda.Keene@doa.ri.gov) .

#### Campaign Finance Compliance

Every person or business entity providing goods or services at a cost of \$5,000 cumulated value is required to file an affidavit regarding political campaign contributions with the RI State Board of Elections even if no reportable contributions have been made. R.I.G.L. § 17-27 Forms may be obtained at Board of Elections, Campaign Finance Division, website at <https://elections.ri.gov/finance/index.php>. Please call (401) 222-2345 or e-mail [campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov](mailto:campaign.finance@elections.ri.gov) with any questions or concerns. For the purposes of this RFP RITBA asks that firm's commit to properly filing all appropriate documentation prior to any contract being signed.

#### Major State Decision-Maker

Does any Rhode Island "Major State Decision-Maker", as defined below, or the spouse or dependent child of such person, hold (i) a ten percent or greater equity interest, or (ii) a \$5,000 or greater cash interest in this business?

For purposes of this question, "Major State Decision-Maker" means:

- (a) All general officers; and all executive or administrative head or heads of any state executive agency enumerated in R.I.G.L § 42-6-1 as well as the executive or administrative head or heads of state quasi-public corporations, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of president, senior vice president, general counsel, director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel or chief of staff.
- (ii) All members of the general assembly and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state legislative agency, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel, or chief of staff; and
- (iii) All members of the state judiciary and all state magistrates and the executive or administrative head or heads of a state judicial agency, whether appointed or serving as an employee. The phrase "executive or administrative head or heads" shall include anyone serving in the positions of director, executive director, deputy director, assistant director, executive counsel, chief of staff or state court administrator.

If your answer is "Yes", please identify the Major State Decision-Maker, specify the nature of their ownership interest, and provide a copy of the annual financial disclosure required to be filed with the Rhode Island Ethics Commission pursuant to R.I.G.L. §36-14-16, 17 and 18.

Title VI Solicitation Notice

RITBA, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 USC §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders or offerors that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises or airport concession disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

Hourly Rates	Pricing				
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
<b>Position</b>					
<b>Master Electrician-regular rate</b>					
<b>Journeyman Electrician-regular rate</b>					
<b>Apprentice Electrician-regular rate</b>					
<b>Master Electrician-emergency call</b>					
<b>Journeyman Electrician-emergency call</b>					
<b>Apprentice Electrician-emergency call</b>					
<b>Bucket Truck</b>					
<b>Crane</b>					

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