

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (Department) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms for on-call services in conducting bat surveys on various highway projects in Arkansas.

The work will generally consist of conducting bat surveys utilizing protocols provided in US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) guidance on survey methodology and preparing reports summarizing the methods and results of the aforementioned surveys for a period of two years.

Individuals in charge of the project shall have all necessary scientific collection permits from the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission (AGFC) and the USFWS. Firms must also have past experience and expertise with bat species that occur in Arkansas.

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information, licenses, recovery permits (Section 10) and scientific collection permits, should be addressed to:

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P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261
or
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Four (4) sets of paper responses and a copy in pdf format on a Compact Disc (CD) must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CDT) on May 8, 2015. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

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