



**Legal Notice**  
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**Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks**  
**Request for Biennial Statement of Qualifications (SOQ): Architectural; Professional Engineering; Landscape Architectural; and Surveying Services**

Public Notice: The Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks (Metro Parks) is issuing a Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 153.65 - 153.73 inclusive to pre-qualify a variety of professional design firms for projects for which the total cost is less than \$50,000.

Professional design services means services within the scope of practice of an architect or landscape architect registered under Chapter 4703 of the Ohio Revised Code or a professional engineer or surveyor registered under Chapter 4733 of the Ohio Revised Code.

As required, the firm's qualifications statements will be evaluated based on the factors listed in the Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65.

Firms interested in submitting shall **clearly mark each category for which they are submitting on the cover** (Architectural; Professional Engineering; Landscape Architectural; Environmental; and Surveying Services). Firms may be pre-qualified in more than one category.

Your Statement of Qualifications must address the items detailed in the **"Request for Biennial Statement of Qualifications" dated January 2023** to be considered. Firms can download the **"Request for Biennial Statement of Qualifications", January 2023** at [www.metroparks.net](http://www.metroparks.net), *About Us/Contract Bidding*.

It is the design firm's responsibility to keep their qualifications current by providing an updated SOQ over a two year period if it is necessary.

Deadline to submit is April 1, 2023.

# **REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**Architectural, Landscape Architectural,  
Professional Engineering and Surveying Services**

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**Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks  
1069 W. Main Street  
Westerville, Ohio 43081**

January 2023

## Overview of Request

The Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks (“Metro Parks”) issues this Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to establish a list of Architectural, Landscape Architectural & Engineering firms (including civil, mechanical, electrical, architectural, landscape architectural, environmental, & surveying) to be used for future projects. Metro Parks may select a single design professional or firm for any project with an estimated professional design fee of less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), as provided under ORC 153.71 Administrative Rules. The Metro Parks shall determine that the selected design professional or firm is the most qualified to provide the required professional design services.

Many of these projects take place within a natural resource setting in which every effort is made to integrate capital improvement projects into the natural landscape, to protect sensitive areas, and to minimize impacts to high quality natural areas and wildlife habitat. The specific future projects may require professional architectural and engineering services for feasible studies, design and architectural / engineering contract documents, permitting, surveying, cost estimating, construction observation, and other services (including civil, mechanical, electrical, architectural, environmental, & landscape architectural work). Projects will vary in scope and may include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ building renovation and restoration
- ❖ historic building evaluation and restoration
- ❖ roof renovation projects
- ❖ HVAC upgrades
- ❖ multi-purpose trails, gravel / asphalt
- ❖ new roads and parking lots
- ❖ repaving of roads and parking lots
- ❖ bridge repair or installation
- ❖ bridge inspections
- ❖ trail underpasses
- ❖ playgrounds, fishing and boating amenities
- ❖ lake and river shoreline restoration and erosion protection
- ❖ hydrological and drain tile studies
- ❖ site infrastructure projects: storm/sanitary sewer, septic systems, wells
- ❖ sanitary treatment facilities
- ❖ wetland delineation and consultation
- ❖ riparian stream bank restoration
- ❖ ecological and hydrologic restoration
- ❖ adventure recreation activities
- ❖ site master plans
- ❖ environmental services
- ❖ geotechnical services
- ❖ GIS, data processing and AutoCAD services



## **Request for Statement of Qualifications Architectural, Landscape Architectural & Engineering Services**

### **Review and Award**

#### **Terms of Statement of Qualifications**

Metro Parks reserves the right to award single or multiple contracts for specific services. Metro Parks will request firms resubmit an updated Statement of Qualifications every two (2) years.

Contracts may be awarded for a period of one (1) year with an option to extend for two (2) additional years, in the best interest of Metro Parks and agreed upon by the contracted firm. The contract shall be subject to cancellation for cause or inconvenience with written notice prior to the date of cancellation at the sole discretion of Metro Parks.

#### **ORC 153.65 Professional design services definitions**

“Qualifications” means all of the following:

- Competence of the professional design firm to perform the required professional design services as indicated by the technical training, education, and experience of the firm’s personnel, especially the technical training, education, and experience of the employees within the firm who would be assigned to perform the services;
- Ability of the firm in terms of its workload and the availability of qualified personnel, equipment, and facilities to perform the required professional design services competently and expeditiously;
- Past performance of the firm as reflected by the evaluations of previous clients with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and meeting of deadlines;
- Any other relevant factors as determined by the public authority.

#### **Statement of Qualifications Content**

Your SOQ should include the following information:

1. Name, address and brief history of your firm.
2. Philosophy of your firm.
3. Description of your firm’s related experience and background with specific examples of projects similar in type to those listed in *Overview of Request*.
4. Description of your firm’s experience working with local, state and federal permit agencies, including Franklin County Building Department, local zoning commissions, Storm Water Management, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Industrial Compliance, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corp of Engineers, etc.
5. Resumes and professional registration information of staff members that may be assigned to the types of projects listed in *Overview of Request*.
6. Three (3) to five (5) professional references with contact information for projects that are comparable to those listed in *Overview of Request*.



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7. Additional information and comments you believe to be pertinent, but not specifically mentioned elsewhere, including general fee philosophy.

### **Submittal Guidelines and Contact**

The length of the Qualifications should not exceed forty (40) pages in a PDF format. Submit by email to:

**Tatiana Parfenova**

Landscape Architect/Project Manager

[parfenova@metroparks.net](mailto:parfenova@metroparks.net)

### **Submittal deadline**

Proposals must be received by **4:30 PM EST, April 1, 2023.**

