

**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
EVADALE WCID NO. 1
BOND COUNSEL**

Evadale Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 (the “District”) requests the submission of qualifications statements, which will lead to the possible award of a contract to provide bond counsel services.

Scope of Work

The scope of work shall include the usual and necessary services of a bond counsel in connection with the issuance, sale, and delivery of bonds, notes, and other debt instruments.

Guidelines for Content of Qualification Statements

Responders should demonstrate a history of providing bond counsel services for governmental agencies with particular emphasis on experience working with the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

DO NOT INCLUDE COST INFORMATION with the qualification statement. Responses that include cost or pricing information will be rejected and will not be considered by the District.

Detailed instructions on preparation of the qualification statement must be obtained from the District. For more information on preparing and submitting the qualification statement, contact Patsy Mahan, General Manager, at (409) 276-2030. This information should be requested as soon as possible in order to allow time to prepare the document and comply with the procedures.

Submission Deadline

Three copies of the qualifications statement must be filed with the District on or before March 23, 2020, at 5p.m. CST. Proposals received after the submission deadline will not be accepted and will be returned unopened to vendor.

Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria

The District will evaluate the proposals to determine which firm has the best qualifications.

Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule

The consultant for Bond Counsel services is expected to negotiate an agreement for services that is acceptable to the District. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the District may formally end negotiations and begin negotiating with the next highest qualified person or firm.

This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the TWDB. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Qualifications (RFQ) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFQ, or any resulting contract. RFQ's are issued in accordance with Section 2254 of the Texas Government Code (Professional Services Act).

This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA-approved fair share goals toward procurement of Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) firms. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE Program and the current, applicable fair share goals, please visit www.twdb.texas.gov/dbe.

The District is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap or national origin. Small, minority, and women-owned business enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.