



SDVOB Set-Aside Projects

Architectural, Engineering and Surveying services

Request for Information (RFI)

October 2, 2024

1. Introduction

DASNY

The Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (“DASNY”) is a public benefit corporation of the State of New York empowered by Article 8, Titles 4 and 4-B of the Public Authorities Law (the “Act”), to provide design and project management services and to issue bonds, notes and other obligations for a variety of public purposes. Under the Act, DASNY provides various services in connection with the design, construction and financing of capital facilities for the State University of New York, including dormitories and educational facilities; City University of New York Senior Colleges; Community Colleges; Boards of Cooperative Educational Services; cities and counties with respect to court facilities and combined occupancy structures, as defined by law; the Department of Education of the State of New York with respect to certain facilities under its jurisdiction; other State and local governmental entities; independent colleges and universities; facilities for the aged; certain not-for-profit hospitals and nursing homes, as well as various not-for-profit organizations specifically described in the Act. DASNY also administers grant programs in cooperation with the State of New York.

To learn more about DASNY, please visit our website at www.dasny.org.

New York State Office of General Services, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Program

In May 2014, the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Act (the Act) was signed into law*, which, in addition to other measures of support, establishes a policy to maximize the participation of Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Business Enterprises (SDVOB) on State contracts. (The law is now Article 3 of the Veteran Services Act). As a part of that Act, the Division of Service-Disabled Veterans’ Business Development (the Division) was created within the Office of General Services (OGS). The Division monitors the activities of agencies and authorities, develops statewide annual reporting and, most importantly, assists Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses in becoming certified and positioned to do business through State contracts. OGS has set a statewide goal of 6% participation by SDVOB’s.

To learn more about the New York State Office of General Services, Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Business Program, please visit their website at <https://ogs.ny.gov/veterans>.

SDVOB Act Impact

The NYS SDVOB Program has become widely known as the premier SDVOB program in the United States for its positive impact on the State and national veteran community. With the nation-leading 6% SDVOB goal and the widespread usage of SDVOBs, the Act not only benefits the service-disabled veteran business owners, but also has a significant impact on other veterans because SDVOBs typically look to hire veterans and give back to veteran initiatives.

2. Background

DASNY recognizes the need and opportunity in remaining committed to maximizing contractual opportunities for SDVOBs. DASNY employs numerous strategies and programs to identify, notify, educate, and support SDVOBs. DASNY engages SDVOBs for prime and subcontracting

opportunities in construction, construction-related professional services, internet technology, operations, and commodities and services. Outreach includes direct notice of procurement opportunities to SDVOBs; participating in VETCON, and the MWBE/SDVOB Forum; organizing DASNY's statewide virtual networking sessions, enrolling SDVOBs in DASNY's Registry, Plan Holders Lists & Interested Subcontractor/Suppliers List designed to link MWBEs/SDVOBs/SBEs with DASNY opportunities. DASNY's Opportunity Programs Group meets regularly with other divisions to identify opportunities for SDVOBs. DASNY's Capital Management Plan provides bonding assistance, capital access and backend management to SDVOBs. DASNY's MWBE/SB Pilot Program (PAL § 1678(29)) provides opportunities for SDVOB participation.

3. Purpose and Objective

DASNY is releasing this Request for Information ("RFI") to determine interest and solicit information from SDVOB firms that are authorized to provide a variety of architectural, engineering and surveying services to various DASNY Clients throughout New York State.

This RFI is a formal, non-competitive informational inquiry that is being released to obtain market information, desire, and input on general services. Submittal of an RFI is not a condition for future consideration as a potential provider of the services contemplated herein. Consequently, it is understood and agreed that no obligation or commitment is made by DASNY to any Respondent submitting a Response to this RFI.

The information collected through this RFI will inform subsequent procurements to advance the SDVOB Set-Aside Programs.

4. Response Items

DASNY invites Respondents to include answers to the following questions in their Response, referencing the same numbering system as used in this section. The information provided should address the specific response item and be informative and concise.

1. Please provide the following information regarding your organization:
 - Full legal name
 - Address
 - Contact information (Main Representative, Phone Number, Fax Number and Email Address)
 - Link to website
2. What is the size of your Firm (in gross receipt dollars and number of employees)?
3. What areas of expertise does your organization have?
4. Have you recently provided services DASNY projects or provided services on projects for other NYS agencies? If so, please provide the DASNY Project Number or provide the information for the NYS project.
 - What was the approximate dollar amount for this project(s)?
 - Can you describe any challenges you faced and/or describe what worked well?

5. What regions of the state are you able to service?
6. Do you currently or have you ever subcontracted with MWBE firms?
7. If your firm responded to the previous RFP SDVOB Set-Aside (#470), did you have any comments, issues, or concerns with it?
8. What are the key issues that you consider when submitting an RFP response?
9. In general, is there any other feedback about these services that you can provide?
10. Are you interested in responding to an RFP SDVOB Set-Aside Architectural and Engineering Services?

5. Key Events/Dates

Provided below is the schedule of milestones for this RFI process, listed in order of occurrence. Please follow the instructions included in Section 6.

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>
Issuance of RFI	10/02/2024
Deadline for RFI Questions	10/09/2024 (3:00PM)
Post Responses to RFI Questions	10/16/2024
Submission of Information Due Date	10/23/2024 (3:00PM)

6. Inquiries/Questions & Answers

A. Inquiries

All inquiries concerning this RFI or any other aspects of this RFI must be emailed to the Designated Representative for this RFI:

Rob DeVito

E-mail: upstaterfpcoordinator@dasny.org

B. Questions & Answers

No significant interpretation or clarification of the meaning of any part of this RFI will be made orally to any Respondent. Respondents must request such interpretations or clarifications in writing from DASNY. Questions should reference the RFI page and topic number. Questions must be received no later than 3:00 PM EST time on October 9, 2024. Questions must be submitted via email to: upstaterfpcoordinator@dasny.org.

7. Submission of Information

Final submission of Information shall be sent to the email below before 3:00 PM EST on **October 23, 2024**.

DASNY will only review a single response. All submissions must adhere to the following requirements:

1. Submitted files must be in pdf form.
2. The submitted pdf must be less than 50 mb.
3. Response must be submitted to the following email: upstaterfpcoordinator@dasny.org.

8. General Provisions

The issuance of this RFI and the submission of a Response by any Respondent or the acceptance of such Response by DASNY does not obligate DASNY in any manner. By submitting a Response, you agree to the terms of this RFI. DASNY reserves the right to:

- Amend, modify, or withdraw this RFI;
- Revise any requirement of this RFI;
- Require supplemental statements or information from any Respondent;
- Extend the deadline for submission or Responses;
- Hold discussions with any Respondent;
- Communicate with any Respondent to correct and/or clarify Responses which do not conform to the instructions contained herein; and
- Cancel or reissue in whole or in part this RFI.

This RFI shall not be construed in any manner to implement any of the actions contemplated herein, nor to serve as the basis for any claim whatsoever for reimbursement of costs for efforts expended in preparing a Response or otherwise. DASNY shall not be responsible for any costs incurred by any Respondent related to preparing and submitting a Response, attending oral presentations, or for any other associated costs. All costs associated with responding to this RFI will be at the sole cost and expense of the Respondent.

Responses and any other materials submitted in connection with this RFI are subject to disclosure under the New York State Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the Public Officers Law. The submission of a Response is not required to participate in any potential future Request for Proposals.