

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Transportation Engineering and Planning

CONSULTING FIRMS

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission (GRPC) invites proposals from qualified consultants to conduct a study on traffic safety and access along specific corridors supporting all modes of traffic to and from Port properties and their surrounding neighborhoods in Gulfport, Mississippi. The GRPC was awarded a United States Department of Transportation Federal Highway Administration SS4A Supplemental Planning Grant of \$344,000.00. The total federal amount is \$275,000.00, and the local share \$69,000, from the Mississippi State Port Authority at Gulfport.

General Scope

The supplementary planning effort will include a comprehensive traffic analysis, expanded data collection, a road safety audit, and provide complementary planning to identify challenges and recommended safety improvements. The goal of the study is to prepare a project for a future implementation award, including countermeasures, survey data, and conceptual corridor options for roadway and median configurations.

The planning will also focus on short-term, low-cost, and high-impact strategies to enhance safety and access for personal vehicles, freight trucks, transit buses, and non-motorized users. The planning will involve assessing safety, context, equitable investments, and multimodal access, including public engagement, to develop a holistic and well-defined strategy that reduces serious injuries and roadway fatalities while improving traffic flow within the targeted area. The final report will be provided as an excerpt of the current Mississippi Gulf Coast Vision Zero Action Plan.

The scope of work will be divided into five tasks:

- I. Project Scoping
- II. Data Collection, Safety Audit, Review, and Analysis
- III. Public Outreach
- IV. Countermeasures, Design Concepts, and Recommendations
- V. Deliverables

Study Area

The proposed study area includes the City of Gulfport road segments, intersections and neighborhoods near the off-terminal port facility on 28th Street from 30th Avenue to 39th Avenue and 34th Avenue from 28th Street to 33rd Street; the truck route along 30th Avenue to the off-terminal port property; and the US Hwy 90 corridor between 33rd Avenue and US Hwy 49 north of the deepwater port facility south of the city's downtown.

Request for Qualifications

Notice is hereby given that the Gulf Regional Planning Commission is seeking responses from **CONSULTING FIRMS**. Interested and qualified applicants may submit Request for Qualification (RFQ) packages to the Gulf Regional Planning Commission, 1635 Popps Ferry Road, Suite G, Biloxi, MS 39532. **Packages are due by 4:00 PM on Tuesday, December 23, 2025.** Any packets that are not submitted by the 4:00 PM deadline will not be considered for the project.

Submittals

The Gulf Regional Planning Commission is requesting qualifications for the project described above. Applicants should prepare a response that is no more than twenty (25) pages (double-sided pages) in length, addressing the following:

- Experience, qualifications, and capacity for the Firm and key personnel.
- Provide experience of similar projects.
- Note experience working together with consulting team partners if submitting with multiple firms.
- Provide qualifications and certifications necessary for the project.
- Include a project approach or plan of action.
- Address approaches and solutions to potential challenges or issues.
- Project time frame is 12 months.

Applicants should also include a one-page cover letter that summarizes their proposal and identifies a point of contact and contact information for the consulting firm.

If the applicant wishes to submit an RFQ Package to GRPC, they should submit one (1) original proposal, a cover letter, and a digital copy. Printed submissions must be double-sided on standard letter-sized paper (8.5" x 11"). All RFQ Packages must be submitted in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the exterior of the package with the following: **"REQUEST for QUALIFICATIONS: PORT OF GULFPORT SAFETY AND ACCESS STUDY."**

All submissions must be addressed to Kenneth Yarrow, Executive Director, at 1635 Popp's Ferry Road, Suite G, Biloxi, MS 39532. This RFQ is an invitation by GRPC for interested consultants to submit qualifications, which may be subject to subsequent negotiations. GRPC reserves the right to reject any proposals.

Selection

A selection committee will be established to evaluate proposals representative of GRPC, the Port of Gulfport, and the City of Gulfport. The Selection Committee will evaluate all submissions for the project and determine if interviews are necessary. The following evaluation criteria will be used to rate the proposals:

- Qualifications (40 pts) - List of Qualifications of persons to be assigned to the project
- Experience (40 pts) – Include the firm's experience, projects that were previously undertaken, including the project type, activities or tasks addressed, and the project status.
- Capacity for Performance (20 pts) - Identify the number and title of staff assigned to provide services.

Please submit any questions in writing via email to Jeff Loftus, GRPC Project Manager, at jol@grpc.com by December 17, 2025.

The Legal Notice for the Request for Qualifications was published twice in the Sun Herald on November 30, 2025, and December 7, 2025. It was also published once in the Clarion Ledger on December 3, 2025.