TUCSON AIRPORT AUTHORITY NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

1. Title of Project: PFAS REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION / FEASIBILITY STUDY

2. Owner: Tucson Airport Authority

7250 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 300 Tucson, AZ 85756 (520) 573-8100 Attn: Ken Nichols

3. <u>General Description of Services</u>: The Tucson Airport Authority ("TAA") invites interested firms to submit a Statement of Qualifications ("SOQ") in response to the Request for Qualifications ("RFQ") for Professional Services required for PFAS Remedial Investigation / Feasibility Study ("RI/FS") pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent ("Settlement Agreement") entered into by the Tucson Airport Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"). The RI/FS Workplan details the work associated with the preparation and performance of a remedial investigation and feasibility study concerning per and polyfluorinated substances ("PFAS") at TAA Property that is within the Tucson International Airport Area Superfund site (the "Site").

4. <u>General Description of Project</u>: The project includes all the work as described in the Settlement Agreement's RI/FS Workplan, to include a remedial investigation and feasibility study on the presence of PFAS at TAA Property within the Site at the Tucson International Airport ("TUS") area.

5.	Location of Work:	Tucson International Airport
		7250 South Tucson Boulevard
		Tucson, Arizona 85756

6. <u>RFQ</u>: Written copies of the RFQ are available for review at TAA's Procurement Services Division, and/or a hard copy (or PDF) may be obtained from that office without charge. To request a copy, contact Sara Perry, sperry@flytucson.com. The RFQ contains the instructions, terms and conditions, forms, and other information relating to the RFQ, including, but not limited to, the number of persons or firms to be included on the final list, the selection criteria to be used by the selection committee to select the person or firm to perform the services, the relative weight of the selection criteria, information regarding interviews, and the number of contracts to be awarded.

7. <u>Date and Time for Submission of SOQ</u>: Written SOQs will be received by TAA until 2:00 p.m. Local Tucson Time on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, attention Kathy Myers, Director of Procurement, at the TAA Administration Offices, Tucson International Airport, Third Floor, 7250 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 300, Tucson, Arizona 85756. One (1) original and five (5) copies of the SOQ shall be required to be addressed and delivered to TAA on or before the day and hour

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set for receipt. An SOQ may be withdrawn by written request any time before the scheduled time and date for receipt. Any SOQ submitted after the designated date and time will not be accepted or considered.

8. <u>Pre-Submission Conference</u>: A pre-submission conference for the project will be held on Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. at the Santa Rita Room, Tucson International Airport, Third Level, 7250 South Tucson Boulevard, Suite 300, Tucson, Arizona 85756. At this conference, TAA staff will discuss the scope of services, the proposed date for interviews, the selection process, and respond to questions about the RFQ. The pre-submission conference will also include an opportunity to visit the sites of the proposed services.

9. <u>No Prices or Pricing Information</u>: SOQs submitted by any interested persons or firms shall **NOT** include prices or any pricing information for the proposed services.

10. <u>Costs of Responding to the RFQ</u>: Any and all costs associated with responding to this RFQ or providing an SOQ shall be borne solely by the interested person or firm.

11. <u>TAA's Right to Reject for Any Reason</u>: TAA reserves the right to reject any or all SOQs, any other proposals, or submissions, to cancel the RFQ, or to withhold the award of any contract relating to the RFQ for any reason which TAA determines.

12. <u>Interest List</u>: TAA maintains an interest list consisting of all design professionals, contractors, subcontractors/subconsultants, and major suppliers who have bid on airport projects. Each firm must complete and submit, with its submittal, information with respect to such firm in the form included in the solicitation documents. The listing of a firm on any TAA interest list is not an endorsement of that firm and does not indicate that the firm has been prequalified for airport work.

13. <u>Civil Rights Title VI Solicitation Notice</u>. The Tucson Airport Authority, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

14. <u>DBE</u>: It is the policy of the Department of Transportation ("DOT") and TAA that Disadvantaged Business Enterprise firms ("DBEs") as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 (the "DBE Regulations"), shall have a fair and equal opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with federal funds. TAA, in compliance with 49 CFR § 26, has adopted a program regarding the participation of DBEs on federally funded projects. TAA has set an aspirational 7% (7% of the dollar value of the contract) DBE participation goal for this contract. Specifically, it is the goal of TAA to ensure that, to the extent reasonably possible and consistent with other legal requirements that: (a) DBEs are not discriminated against in the award and administration of TAA's contracts; (b) a level playing field is created on which DBEs can compete fairly for TAA's contracts; and (c) any barriers to the participation of DBEs in TAA's contracts are removed.

15. <u>Legal Requirements</u>: The services to be performed will be subject to the provisions of applicable federal law, and Title 34 of the Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. § 34-101, *et seq.*, as amended). All persons or firms submitting an SOQ and their subconsultants must be duly licensed to perform the work at the time the SOQ is submitted (or exempt from licensing requirements) pursuant to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations. If a licensing exemption is claimed, the person or firm must set forth the basis for the claimed exemption in writing at the time the SOQ is submitted. In addition, the proposed project will be paid for in part with monies to be received from ADOT. For grant funded projects, additional terms and conditions may apply as set forth in the RFQ and proposed Contract Documents.

15.1 <u>Federal Requirements</u>. Any person or firm submitting an SOQ in response to the RFQ must certify compliance with the trade restriction requirements set forth in 49 CFR Part 30 and will be required to comply with the requirements in any resulting contract. Any person or firm submitting an SOQ in response to the RFQ must certify compliance with the prohibitions found in Appendix A of 49 CFR Part 20.

The successful Respondent to this RFQ will be required to assist TAA to ensure compliance with multiple federal requirements, including but not limited to those found in Section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended, and the regulatory provisions of 40 CFR Part 247.

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