

Request for Qualifications – [Geotechnical Services]

State of Ohio Standard Forms and Documents

Administration of Project:



OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (ODNR) DIVISION OF MINERAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT (DMRM) ABANDONED MINE LAND PROGRAM (AML)

Project Name	<u>AML Reclamation – Geotechnical Services FY 2027</u>	Response Deadline	<u>July 2, 2026 5:00 PM*, local time</u>
Project Location	<u>Eastern and Southeastern Ohio</u>	Project Number	<u>AML-G-27A</u>
City / County	<u>Various / Various</u>	Project Manager	<u>Thomas Wiley, PE</u>
Owner	<u>Ohio Department of Natural Resources</u>	Contracting Authority	<u>ODNR-DMRM</u>
Delivery Method	<u>General Contracting</u>	Prevailing Wages	<u>None</u>
No. of paper copies requested (stapled, not bound) =	<u>None (0)</u>	No. of electronic copies requested (PDF) =	<u>One (1)</u>

Submit requested number of Statements of Qualifications (Form F110-330) directly to DMRMconsultants@dnr.ohio.gov. See Section L of this RFQ for additional submittal instructions.

Submit all questions regarding this RFQ in writing to DMRMconsultants@dnr.ohio.gov with project number included in subject line (no phone calls please). Questions will be answered and posted to Reclamation Construction page on ODNR website <https://ohiodnr.gov/business-and-industry/business-opportunities/reclamation-construction> on a regular basis until one week before response deadline. Name of party submitting a question will not be included on Q&A document.

*Firms can submit SOQ at any time during the fiscal year, however, those firms who submit their SOQ by July 2, 2026 will be given preference.

Project Overview

A. Project Description

Geotechnical services are requested to provide for proper reclamation of eligible abandoned mine lands throughout the coal fields of Eastern and Southeastern Ohio.

Ohio's Abandoned Mine Land (AML) program within Division of Mineral Resources Management (DMRM) is dedicated to proper reclamation of abandoned mine sites to restore unusable lands that pose dangers to health/safety of the public and/or environment to that of productive areas for use by private and/or public landowners.

Projects are initiated based on eligibility determination and initial private landowner approval to perform work on their property. DMRM will administer projects.

DMRM will maintain statement of qualifications submitted for a one (1) year period July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027. These consultants will be utilized for projects with a professional services fee of under \$50,000. Selection will be undertaken in accordance with OAC 153:1-1-02 or Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 153.71 (A). Firms will be required to submit Statement of Qualifications annually each June to continue to be considered for selection. While a firm who qualifies is eligible for award of contracts, DMRM does not guarantee that a firm will be awarded any work or make a representation of amount of work a firm may receive.

B. Scope of Services

While specific project site(s) and scope(s) of work have not been identified at this time, SOQs will be retained through June 30, 2027; project(s) and deliverables will be determined on an as-needed basis. Proposal(s) for assigned project(s) within the Agreement will be based on negotiated hourly fee schedule.

As required by the Agreement, and as properly authorized by DMRM, provide the following categories of services:

- Subsurface exploration
- Field and laboratory material testing
- Material failure and settlement forensics
- Geotechnical engineering
- Material placement testing and inspection

For purposes of completing Relevant Project Experience Matrix in Section F of Statement of Qualifications (Form F110-330), below is a list of relevant scope of work requirements for this RFQ:

1. Experience with subsurface exploration of AML reclamation sites, mining reclamation sites or other similar site restoration/reclamation projects
2. Experience with geotechnical engineering aspects of AML reclamation sites, mining reclamation sites or other similar site restoration/reclamation projects
3. Experience with material failure and settlement forensics
4. Experience with field and laboratory material testing
5. Experience with material placement inspection
6. Experience working for state and/or other governmental agencies under professional services contracts.

C. Estimated Budget / Funding

State Funding: N/A
Other Funding: Varies
Construction Cost: N/A
Total Agreement Cost: Varies

D. Anticipated Schedule

Professional Services Start: 07 / 26
Construction Notice to Proceed: N/A
Substantial Completion of All Work: N/A
Professional Services Completed: 06 / 27

E. Estimated Fee Range

N/A

F. EDGE Participation Goal

Percent of Initial Total Engineer Fee: 0.0%

G. Basic Service Providers Required **see note below*

Lead A/E Discipline: Geotechnical
Secondary
Disciplines:

H. Additional Service Providers Required

Subsurface Exploration
Laboratory Services

***NOTE:** Professional engineers and engineering firm(s) shall be appropriately authorized to practice engineering pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Chapter 4733.

I. Evaluation Criteria for Selection

- Previous geotechnical experience compatible with AML reclamation sites, mining reclamation sites, or other similar site restoration/reclamation projects.
- Relevant past work of prospective firm
- Past performance of prospective firm and its proposed consultants
- Qualifications and experience of individuals directly involved with project.
- Proposer's previous experience (numbers of projects, sizes of projects)
- Proposer's apparent resources and capacity to meet the needs of this Agreement.
- Subsurface exploration capabilities
- Laboratory and field testing capabilities
- Selected firm must have capability to use internet within their normal business location(s) during normal business hours.

Executive Orders(s): Interested firms must indicate on their Statement of Qualifications, the locations where their services will be performed in spaces provided or by attachment in accordance with requirements of Executive Order 2019-12D related to providing services only within the United States and requirements of Executive Order 2022-02D prohibiting purchases from or investment in any Russian institution or company. Failure to do so may cause their Statement of Qualifications to be rejected.

J. Aircraft Liability

If a contract entered into resulting from this solicitation involves the use of drones, Consultant must maintain aircraft liability coverage with appropriate per occurrence and aggregate coverage that includes in-flight operations, bodily injury, property damage, and personal injury coverage. Coverage shall also include invasion of privacy and trespass. Coverage will be verified by the Owner as part of the contract execution process.

K. BUILD AMERICA, BUY AMERICA

As required by Section 70914 of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, P.L. 117-58, on or after May 14, 2022, none of the funds under a federal award that are part of Federal financial assistance program for infrastructure may be obligated for a project unless all of the iron, steel, manufactured products, and construction materials used in the project are produced in the United States, unless subject to an approved waiver. The requirements of this section must be included in all subawards, including all contracts and purchase orders for work or products under this program.

Recipients of an award of Federal financial assistance are hereby notified that none of the funds provided under this award may be used for a project for infrastructure unless:

1. all iron and steel used in the project are produced in the United States--this means all manufacturing processes, from the initial melting stage through the application of coatings, occurred in the United States;
2. all manufactured products used in the project are produced in the United States -this means the manufactured product was manufactured in the United States; and the cost of the components of the manufactured product that are mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States is greater than 55 percent of the total cost of all components of the manufactured product, unless another standard for determining the minimum amount of domestic content of the manufactured product has been established under applicable law or regulation; and
3. all construction materials are manufactured in the United States-this means that all manufacturing processes for the construction material occurred in the United States. The Buy America preference only applies to articles, materials, and supplies that are consumed in, incorporated into, or affixed to an infrastructure project. As such, it does not apply to tools, equipment, and supplies, such as temporary scaffolding, brought to the construction site and removed at or before the completion of the infrastructure project. Nor does a Buy America preference apply to equipment and furnishings, such as movable chairs, desks, and portable computer equipment, that are used at or within the finished infrastructure project, but are not an integral part of the structure or permanently affixed to the infrastructure project.

For further information on the Buy America preference, please visit <https://www.doi.gov/grants/BuyAmerica>. Additional information can also be found in the Code of Federal Regulations at: [eCFR :: 2 CFR Part 184 -- Buy America Preferences for Infrastructure Projects](#)

L. Submittal Instructions

Firms are required to submit current version of Statement of Qualifications(SOQ) Form F110-330 available via DMRM RFQ posting webpage.

Electronic submittals shall be combined into one PDF file named with project number listed on RFQ and your firm's name. Use "print" feature of Adobe Acrobat or similar software for creating a PDF rather than using a scanner. If possible, please reduce file size of PDF. In Acrobat, go to Advanced, then PDF Optimizer. Also, please insert project number and firm name followed by "SOQ" in email subject line.

Statement of Qualifications(SOQ) Form F110-330 must be submitted electronically by email. Email your completed SOQ Form 110-330 directly to DMRMconsultants@dnr.ohio.gov Submittals are limited to one SOQ per email with a maximum file size of 25 MB.

Firms are requested to identify professional registrations, memberships, and credentials. Identify that information on the resume page for each individual in Block 22, Section E of the F110-330 form.

Geotechnical Services Selection Rating Form

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Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mineral Resources Management (DMRM)

Project Name AML Reclamation – Geotechnical Services
FY2027

Proposer Firm _____

Project Number AML-G-27A

City, State, Zip _____

Selection Criteria		Value	Score
1. Primary Firm Location, Workload and Size (Maximum 20 points)			
a. Proximity of firm to project site (Varies)	Less than 50 miles	10	
	50 miles to 100 miles	5	
	More than 100 miles	0	
b. Percentage of Amount of Agreements to Applicable Average Annual Revenue	0% to 5%	3	
	5% to 10%	1	
	More than 10%	0	
c. Number of licensed professionals	Less than 3 professionals	7	Max = 7
	3 to 5 professionals	4	
	More than 5 professionals	1	
2. Lead and Staff Qualifications (Maximum 28 points)			
a. Project management lead	Experience / ability of project manager to manage scope / budget / schedule / quality	0 - 11	
b. Technical staff	Experience / ability of technical staff to perform geotechnical investigations	0 - 9	
c. Laboratory staff	Experience / ability of laboratory representative to test and analyze materials	0 - 8	
3. EDGE (Maximum 10 points)			
a. EDGE-certified	EDGE certified	0 or 10	
4. Overall Team Qualifications (Maximum 12 points)			
a. Experience with sites/projects subject to Ohio ORC Sections 1513/1514 within last 10 years.	Less than 4 projects	2	
	4 to 8 projects	4	
	More than 8 projects	7	
b. Team organization	Clarity of responsibility / communication demonstrated by table of organization	0 - 5	
5. Overall Team Experience (Maximum 30 points)			
a. Previous team performance	Past performance as indicated by evaluations and letters of reference	0 - 10	
b. Experience with similar projects (AML Reclamation, mining reclamation sites, site restoration/reclamation projects / delivery methods)	Less than 20 projects	0 - 5	
	20 to 40 projects	5 - 10	
	More than 40 projects	10 - 15	
c. Budget and schedule management	Performance in completing projects within original budget and schedule	0 - 5	
		Subtotal	

Notes:

Evaluator:

Name _____

Signature/Date _____