

**CITY OF MERCEDES, TEXAS  
ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, FINANCIAL ADVISOR AND BOND COUNSEL  
REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS**

The City of Mercedes, Texas requests the submission of qualifications statements, which will lead to the possible award of a contract to provide services for a project involving the City's wastewater treatment and collection system facilities and water treatment and distribution facilities and will be funded by the Texas Water Development Board through either the Clean Water State Revolving or Drinking Water State Revolving Funds and/or its other funding programs, NADBank, USDA-RD, Bureau of Reclamation and other funding agencies as appropriate.

Consulting Services to be obtained for:

Financial Advisor  
Engineering  
Construction Management  
Bond Counsel

**Guidelines for Content of Qualification Statements**

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 City of Mercedes.

Detailed instructions on preparation of the qualification statement and engineering evaluation criteria must be obtained from the City of Mercedes. For more information on preparing and submitting the qualification statement, contact Alberto Perez, City Manager, at [aperez@cityofmercedes.com](mailto:aperez@cityofmercedes.com) or 956-565-3114. This information should be requested as soon as possible in order to allow time to prepare the document and comply with the procedures.

**Submittal Deadline**

One copy of the qualifications statement must be filed electronically via email with the city secretary at: [jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com](mailto:jcastillo@cityofmercedes.com) by 3:00 p.m., Monday, February 9, 2026.

**Minimum Qualifications and Selection Criteria**

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

**Contract Terms and Negotiation Schedule**



The consultant for Financial Advisor, Engineering Consultant, Construction Manager and Bond Counsel services is expected to negotiate an agreement for services that is acceptable to the City. If an acceptable contract cannot be negotiated, the City 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 Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Request for Proposals (RFP) 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 RFP, 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 Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) and the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes and offers procurement opportunities to all businesses during solicitations. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors/consultants make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements in a nondiscriminatory manner through demonstration of the six affirmative steps for Construction, Supplies, Equipment, and Services." For more details of the DBE Program, please visit [www.twdb.texas.gov/DBE](http://www.twdb.texas.gov/DBE) ."

The City of Mercedes, Texas 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. Disadvantaged Business Enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.