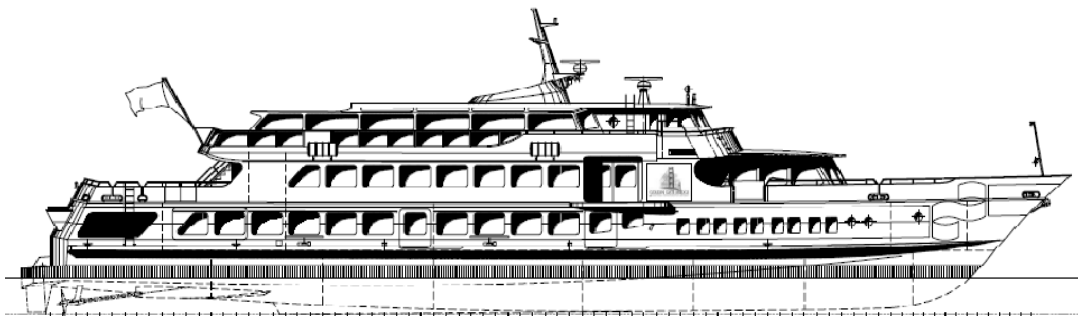




GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT
REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) NO. 2011-FT-4
REFURBISHMENT OF THE M.S. SAN FRANCISCO FERRY

Due Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2011, by 2:00 P.M., Pacific Standard Time



1. NOTICE OF PRE-QUALIFICATION

Notice is hereby given that the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) intends on pre-qualifying Shipyards (“Prospective Bidders”) for eligibility to compete for the award of a contract for the refurbishment of the M.S. San Francisco ferry. The District will determine which Prospective Bidders are eligible to bid on this project through this pre-qualification process. It is mandatory that all Prospective Bidders who have an interest in bidding on this project fully and properly complete the Pre-qualification Questionnaire requested herein. If all requested materials are not provided, the firm will be disqualified.

Upon receipt of the Pre-qualification Questionnaire, the District will determine whether a Prospective Bidder meets the minimum qualifications described below. Only those Prospective Bidders who meet the minimum qualifications, both for themselves and for their specified engineering resources, will be invited to bid on the project.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE RFQ

The District owns, operates, and maintains the M.S. San Francisco ferry. The M.S. San Francisco ferry was originally delivered to the District in 1976 as the G.T. San Francisco ferry in full ABS classification. The vessel was powered with three gas turbine engines and three titanium Jacuzzi water jets with a services speed of 32 knots. In 1985 the vessel was repowered to twin Detroit diesel 16V149 engines and propellers with the service speed lowered to 20 knots

and renamed the M.S. San Francisco ferry. In 2002 the M.S. San Francisco ferry was repowered again to MTU 12V4000's. Presently the current engines are nearing the end of their useful life, and the vessel is in need of major refurbishment after 35 years of continuous service.

The refurbishment of the M.S. San Francisco ferry will entail a complete stripping of the vessel down to bare metal in all areas of the vessel. Structural modifications and repairs will be made to the vessel's aluminum structure returning it to like new condition. The repaired and modified aluminum structure will then receive new engines, reduction gears, pumps, piping, wiring, switchboards, interior furnishings, joinery, insulation, flooring, lighting and everything else required to return the vessel to operational form. The intention is that the vessel will be in like-new condition in all respects, ready for 20 additional years of service for the District.

3. PRE-QUALIFICATION PROCESS

A. General Overview

Each Prospective Bidder must provide all requested information and/or documents as set forth in the Pre-qualification Questionnaire detailed below. Any Prospective Bidder failing to do so will be deemed non-responsive and eliminated from consideration.

The completed Pre-qualification Questionnaire will be reviewed by the District. Following the review, the District will notify each Prospective Bidders whether it has met the minimum qualifications. Pre-qualified Bidders will be issued the Invitation for Bids (IFB), including all bid documents necessary to prepare bids on Contract No. 2011-FT-4, *Refurbishment of the M.S. San Francisco Ferry*. Only those firms that receive pre-qualification approval will receive the bid documents and be allowed to bid on the IFB.

The District is subject to the California Public Records Act. Unless a completed pre-qualification questionnaire is exempt from disclosure by law, its contents, as well as any request for explanation, response to this request, protest or any other written communication between the District and the Prospective Bidder shall be available to the public.

If the Prospective Bidder believes any communication contains trade secrets or other proprietary information that it believes would cause substantial injury to the Prospective Bidder's competitive position if disclosed, the Prospective Bidder shall request that the District withhold from disclosure the proprietary information by marking each page containing such proprietary information as confidential.

If the Prospective Bidder requests that the District withhold from disclosure information identified as confidential, and the District complies with the Prospective Bidder's request, the Prospective Bidder shall assume all responsibility for any challenges resulting from the non-disclosure, indemnify and hold harmless the District from and against all damages (including but not limited to attorneys' fees that may be awarded to the party requesting the Prospective Bidder information), and pay any and all cost and expenses related to the withholding of the Prospective Bidder's information. The Contractor shall not make a claim, sue or maintain any legal action

against the District or its directors, officers, employees or agents in connection with the withholding from disclosure of Contractor information.

Each completed Pre-qualification Questionnaire must be signed under penalty of perjury in the manner designated in the form, (i) by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the Prospective Bidder, and (ii) by an individual who has the legal authority to bind the engineering firm specified in the completed Pre-qualification Questionnaire. If any information provided by a Prospective Bidder becomes inaccurate, the Prospective Bidder must immediately notify the District and provide updated accurate information in writing, under penalty of perjury.

The District reserves the right to waive any minor irregularities and omissions in the information contained in the Pre-qualification Questionnaire and to make the final determination as to who will be approved to submit a bid for the project. A determination as to pre-qualification is not a determination as to any bidder's ultimate responsibility or responsiveness to the Bid specifications.

The District may refuse to grant pre-qualification where the requested information and materials are not provided. The RFQ due date will not be changed in order to accommodate late submittal, submittal of missing materials, supplemental materials, and/or corrections to submitted materials.

This request for pre-qualification does not commit the District to issue an IFB, to award any contract, or to pay any costs incurred in the completion of the pre-qualification package. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to cancel in whole or in part this RFQ, reject any and all Pre-qualification Questionnaires, and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Pre-qualification Questionnaire or in the RFQ procedures. The District further reserves the right to reject all pre-qualification submittals when such procedure is considered by it to be in the best interest of the District.

B. Schedule

1) Questions about the Pre-qualification Process

Questions concerning this RFQ shall be directed **in writing only** to the Secretary of the District, Ms. Janet S. Tarantino, using the following transmittal methods:

- Fax to (415) 923-2013, or
- Mail to Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, P.O. Box 9000, Presidio Station, San Francisco, CA 94129-0610, or
- E-mail to districsecretary@goldengate.org.

The questions shall be submitted as soon as possible, but no later than Tuesday, March 8, 2011, by 2:00 p.m. The District is not obligated to respond to questions received after the deadline. Only written inquiries will be permitted. Copies of all questions and District answers will be posted on the District's website and distributed to all parties who have requested this request for pre-qualification.

The District will only respond to written inquiries. Under no circumstance should any Prospective Bidder contact, discuss with, or inquire of any District consultant, employee, or Board member on any matter relating to this solicitation process. This requirement is to ensure that the same information is communicated to all parties and that no inconsistent, incomplete, or inaccurate information is transmitted separately.

2) Submittal of Pre-qualification Questionnaire

The completed Pre-qualification Questionnaire must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked “RFQ No. 2011-FT-4, *Refurbishment of the M.S. San Francisco Ferry*” and plainly endorsed with the Prospective Bidder’s name and address. Please submit two CDs, each containing all materials requested, to Ms. Janet S. Tarantino, Secretary of the District, at the following address:

Office of the Secretary of the District
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
P.O. Box 9000, Presidio Station
San Francisco, CA 94129-0601

or by delivery to:

Office of the Secretary of the District
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District
Administration Building
Golden Gate Bridge Toll Plaza
San Francisco, CA

All requested drawings should be in pdf or AutoCAD format.

To be eligible for consideration, materials should be received at the Office of the Secretary of the District by **Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m., Pacific Standard Time**. The District will accept submittals after that date and until the due date for the resulting IFB. However, the District will not postpone the RFQ submission deadline to accommodate a Prospective Bidder that submits a Pre-qualification Questionnaire after March 22, 2011 nor will it expedite its review to accommodate a Prospective Bidder that submits a completed Pre-qualification Questionnaire during the IFB solicitation period. The District will provide bid documents only to those who have pre-qualified. In order to guarantee sufficient time to prepare bids, Prospective Bidders are strongly encouraged to submit the Pre-qualification Questionnaire by Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at 2:00 p.m.

3) District Determination--Dispute Process

The District will notify each Prospective Bidders as to whether it meets the minimum qualifications necessary for pre-qualification. In the event that the District disqualifies a Prospective Bidder for not meeting the minimum qualifications, the District will provide the Prospective Bidder with the basis of such determination, and any evidence supporting such determination.

A Prospective Bidder may dispute its disqualification as follows: The Prospective Bidder may, within two business days of receipt of the District's letter of disqualification, and no later than two business days prior to the due date for bid submittal set in the IFB, rebut any evidence used as a basis for disqualification and present evidence as to why the Prospective Bidder should be found qualified. The District's General Manager, or designee, will review the Prospective Bidder's letter and make a final determination within fourteen calendar days of receipt. The General Manager's decision shall be made at least one day prior to the closing time for receipt of bids and shall be final.

4. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The Contractor will be required to supervise engineering resources that will coordinate with the District's engineer-consultant and/or project manager. In order to pre-qualify to bid on the Contract, a Prospective Bidder must meet all minimum qualifications, both for itself and for the engineering resources proposed. Prospective Bidders may submit Pre-qualification Questionnaire responses for multiple engineering firms, but will only pre-qualify if both it and at least one of the proposed engineering resources (either in-house or subcontracted engineering firm) meet all minimum qualifications.

A. Bidder Minimum Qualifications

Bidders must meet the following minimum qualifications in order to be pre-qualified to bid on this IFB:

- 1) In the last five years, the Bidder must have acted as a Prime Contractor in extensively refurbishing or building new at least one high-speed (capable of speeds greater than 20 knots) aluminum vessel greater than 100' in length.
- 2) In the last five years, while acting as a Prime Contractor, the Bidder must have managed the engineering process for an extensive refurbishment or new build project of at least one vessel greater than 100' in length.
- 3) At least once in the last five years, the Bidder must have managed the process of having tonnage calculations and drawings engineered for a vessel that was then admeasured and certified for tonnage requirements. This process must have included modifications involving installing and/or detailing in at least one of the following areas: tonnage bulkheads; framing; deep framing; tonnage openings; or other tonnage structure. A project does not meet this minimum qualification if the tonnage calculations resulted in none of the above modifications being performed.
- 4) The Bidder may not have had a Government Contract terminated for cause, default, or breach due within the last two years.

- 5) The Bidder may not currently be barred, or have been barred in the last three years, from bidding or performing work for any State, Local or Federal Government.

B. Engineering Minimum Qualifications

Engineering resources must meet the minimum qualifications below. These qualifications may be met either by an outside firm, or a Prospective Bidder's in-house engineering resources.

- 1) Engineering resources must possess a valid and current professional engineer license.
- 2) Engineering resources' current personnel must have experience at least once in the last five years designing and/or engineering high-speed (capable of speeds greater than 20 knots) aluminum vessels that are built to classification society rules for high speed light weight craft (Det Norse Veritas, Lloyds, G-L, or ABS), In order to meet the minimum qualification set forth in this paragraph, the work must have included defining production level welding schedules to classification society rules.
- 3) Engineering resources' current personnel must have experience at least once in the last five years designing and/or engineering vessels that are inspected under USCG subchapter K, T, or H.
- 4) Work on the projects that meet the minimum requirements set forth in 4.B.2 and 4.B.3 must have met classification society rules with regard to structural detailing of light weight aluminum structures. See the Pre-qualification Questionnaire for detailed examples that are required to demonstrate that this minimum qualification is met.
- 5) Engineering resources must have engineered at least once in the last five years a vessel's structure and interior arrangement for tonnage requirements. This engineering work, performed either by the engineering resource's current personnel or a special tonnage consultant, must have included engineering at least one of the following: tonnage bulkheads; framing; deep framing; tonnage openings; or other tonnage structure.

5. PRE-QUALIFICATION QUESTIONNAIRE

In order to determine whether a shipyard and its engineering resources are minimally qualified, the following Pre-qualification Questionnaire must be completed. Please title the document "Pre-qualification Questionnaire—RFQ No. 2011-FT-4."

A. Shipyard

The Prospective Bidder that will act as the Prime Contractor must submit the following information and answer the following questions about the shipyard:

- 1) List all projects completed within the last five years in which you acted as the Prime Contractor on work involving building or extensively refurbishing high-speed (capable of speeds greater than 20 knots) aluminum vessels greater than 100' in length. For each project, include the client name, a project description sufficiently detailed to show how it meets the Minimum Qualifications, and a contact name and phone number.
- 2) List all projects completed within the last five years in which you managed the engineering process for an extensive refurbishment or new build project of a vessel greater than 100' in length. For each project, include the client name, a project description sufficiently detailed to show how it meets the Minimum Qualifications, and a contact name and phone number.
- 3) List all projects completed within the last five years in which you managed the process of having tonnage calculations and drawings engineered for a vessel that was then admeasured and certified for tonnage requirements. This process must have included modifications involving installing and/or detailing in at least one of the following areas: tonnage bulkheads; framing; deep framing; tonnage openings; or other tonnage structure. For each project, include the client name, a project description sufficiently detailed to show how it meets the Minimum Qualifications, and a contact name and phone number.
- 4) Have you had a Government Contract terminated for cause, default, or breach due within the last two years?
- 5) Are you now or have you been barred from bidding or performing work for any State, Local or Federal Government within the last three years?

B. Engineering Resources

The Prospective Bidder must submit the following information and answer the following questions about the engineering resources it seeks to pre-qualify. If submitting more than one firm as engineering resource, answer the following about each entity you wish to pre-qualify.

- 1) Provide evidence of valid and current professional engineer license.

- 2) List all projects completed with the last five years designing and/or engineering high-speed (capable of speeds greater than 20 knots) aluminum vessels that were built to classification society rules for high speed light weight craft (Det Norse Veritas, Lloyds, G-L, or ABS). For each project, specify whether the work included defining production level welding schedules to classification society rules. Include the name and job title of the individual(s) responsible for the work and state whether these individuals are still employed by the engineering resource. If appropriate, please also list projects completed by current personnel within the last five years that meet the Minimum Qualifications even if performed while employed by a different engineering resource.
- 3) List all projects completed with the last five years designing and/or engineering vessels that were inspected under USCG subchapter K, T, or H. For each project, include the name and job title of the individual(s) responsible for the work and state whether these individuals are still employed by the engineering resource. If appropriate, please also list projects completed by current employees within the last five years that meet the Minimum Qualifications even if performed while employed by a different engineering resource.
- 4) Using project(s) listed in response to 5.B.2 and 5.B.3, provide examples of work (drawings in pdf or AutoCAD format) that demonstrate structural detailing of light weight aluminum structures in compliance with classification society rules in each of the following areas: stiffener terminations; stiffener cutouts; tripping brackets; and soft toe brackets. An engineering resource that either does not submit the required examples, or whose examples are not compliant with classification society rules is not minimally qualified.
- 5) List all projects completed with the last five years that involved engineering a vessel's structure and interior arrangement for tonnage requirements. Provide examples of work (drawings in pdf or AutoCAD format) that demonstrate engineering experience in at least one of the following: tonnage bulkheads; framing; deep framing; tonnage openings; or other tonnage structure. State whether the examples were prepared by current personnel or a special tonnage consultant.

C. Certification

All firms seeking pre-qualification must sign the certification below and attach it to its Pre-qualification Questionnaire. This includes the Prospective Bidder and all engineering firms as applicable. Copy this certification form for completion by each legal entity proposed to be on the pre-qualified team.

I, the undersigned _____, certify and declare that I have read all the foregoing answers to this Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and that all responses are correct and complete of my own knowledge and belief. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct.

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Place of Execution)

(Date)