

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
ISSUED BY THE  
LITTLE CALUMET RIVER BASIN DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

**GENERAL INTRODUCTION**

The Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission (LCRBDC) is currently requesting proposals from engineering firms to prepare a preliminary engineering report for modifications to the Lake George Dam (State ID 45-2). Lake George Dam is an earthen embankment located approximately 600 feet west of the intersection of Center Street and Front Street in Hobart, Indiana. The dam is regulated by the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and is classified by IDNR as a high hazard structure. It is roughly 550 feet long and 15 feet tall, impounding Deep River to create a lake that extends approximately 8,500 feet upstream at normal pool. The lake has an established legal lake level.

**GOALS FOR THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

It is the intent of LCRBDC to select a consulting firm (or team of firms) to conduct a preliminary engineering study to identify and develop alternatives to alleviate upstream flooding while maintaining the established legal lake level and incorporating desirable aesthetic and functional features. In addition to hydraulic improvements, alternatives should consider an ADA-compliant pedestrian bridge over the dam linking the two park parcels to accommodate two-way foot and bike traffic, shoreline stabilization, and a fish ladder or other means of fish passage. The selected firm would be expected to perform hydraulic modeling, prepare cost estimates for each alternative, and collaborate with LCRBDC, the City of Hobart, and other stakeholders as required. The final deliverable for this project is a preliminary engineering report summarizing the findings, including conceptual layouts and cost estimates of each alternative.

**REQUIRED PROPOSAL CONTENT**

**Key Personnel** – Identify Project Team organization chart, team capabilities, roles, and provide assurance of team's ability to deliver quality of work products required. Identify key personnel who are likely to be assigned as part of the team. Describe how these individuals have worked on similar projects.

**Project Approach and Schedule** – Include a statement acknowledging the general scope of services and setting forth the approach the firm will use to address the Scope including proposed deliverables and an assessment and responsibility for the risk involved with undertaking the Project. Discuss lines of communication necessary to maintain the project schedule. The LCRBDC anticipates that the preliminary engineering report will be complete within 6 months from the date of when the contract is signed.

**Fee** – The Firm(s) proposal must include a not to exceed dollar amount to accomplish the goal of this proposal within the timeline provided.

**SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

The LCRBDC, and the city of Hobart will evaluate and rank those firms submitting their qualifications. Selection criteria will be based upon experience in evaluating and designing dam rehabilitation improvement projects of similar nature and size; technical training, education, and experience of proposed personnel assigned to this project; ability to manage a major public sector project as evidenced by past performance on similar projects; management capabilities; commitment by senior management to this project; staffing availability; innovation and creativity.

Depending on the number of proposals, a short list of top-rated proposers may be invited to make a presentation and interview with the LCRBDC and the city of Hobart. Contract negotiations with the top rated firm will commence immediately following selection with a goal of awarding a contract as soon as possible.

**SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS** – Respondents shall deliver one (1) electric version to the Executive Director by 12:00 PM Tuesday, April 11, 2025. Submittals can be delivered to the office of the:

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Any questions shall be directed to the Executive Director, Daniel C. Repay.  
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