REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
For Phase II and Phase III Engineering Design Services

The Upper Kirby Redevelopment Authority (UKRA) intends to contract with professional engineering firms to provide engineering services for the projects listed below. The work to be performed by the engineering firm under each proposed contract shall consist of Phase II and III professional engineering services pursuant to the City of Houston’s standard design criteria and UKRA’s standard design contract attached to this document. The UKRA intends for these design packages to be managed by Gunda Corporation, LLC, UKRA’s Program Manager. To qualify for selection, the submitting firm must have a professional engineer, registered in Texas, who can sign and seal the work to be performed under the contract.

The successful firm will be required to fully complete the Certificate of Interested Parties Form 1295 found on the Texas Ethics Commission website, https://www.ethics.state.tx.us/whatsnew/elf_info_form1295.htm. Neither engineer(s) nor any person acting on engineer’s behalf shall attempt to influence the outcome of the selection or award by the offer, presentation, or promise of gratuities, favors, or anything of value to any appointed official or employee of the Upper Kirby Redevelopment Authority, their families or staff members. All inquiries regarding the solicitation are to be directed to UpperKirbyRFQs@gundacorp.com. Upon issuance of the solicitation through the pre-award phase and up to the award, aside from engineer’s formal response to the solicitation and written requests for clarification during the period officially designated for such purpose by the UKRA Representative, neither engineer(s) nor persons acting on their behalf shall communicate with any appointed official or employee of the UKRA, their families, or staff through written or oral means in an attempt to persuade or influence the outcome of the award, or to obtain or deliver information intended to or which could reasonably result in an advantage to any engineer.

To be considered for evaluation, firms should submit a specific statement of qualifications (SOQ) for the project(s) below and may not submit more than one response to this RFQ. The submittal shall include a transmittal letter. Following the transmittal letter shall be a one-page letter from each sub-consulting firm proposed in the submittal indicating that firm’s desire to be included and indicating a general statement of the scope of services that the sub-consultant will perform if the submitting firm is selected. The length of submittal document shall not exceed 10 pages (single sided). The qualifications shall include:
- Specific technical capabilities of the firm(s) for the project(s), including, capability to prepare designs for Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) projects;
- Demonstrated experience in accomplishing similar projects;
- Demonstrated record of timeliness on similar projects;
- Demonstrated ability to find cost saving/cost effective solutions;
- Examples of effective services rendered during the construction phase of projects engineered by the firm;
- Identification and qualifications of employees proposed to be assigned on the project(s) along with their availability for the project;
- Identification and qualifications of sub-consultants proposed to be used on the project(s);
- Demonstrated knowledge of local conditions, especially knowledge relevant to scope;
- Demonstrated ability to fulfill M/WBE goals;
- List of references with contact information for whom similar work has been performed.
A committee appointed by UKRA’s Board of Directors will review the submittals and recommend the most highly qualified submitting firms for selection.

A pre-submittal meeting to discuss these solicitations will be held at 2:00 PM on June 1, 2017 in the UKRA offices at 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 102, Houston Texas 77098. A firm may not have more than two (2) representatives at this meeting.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Provide one (1) hard copy of a letter of interest and a pdf copy on a flash drive notifying the UKRA of the provider’s intent to be considered for these professional services, including, qualifications and accompanying statements. Submit qualifications in a sealed envelope and clearly identify RFQ package number(s) and firm name on the outside of the envelope. Submissions should be addressed to the Upper Kirby Redevelopment Authority, 3120 Southwest Freeway, Suite 102, Houston, Texas 77098 Attention: Jamie Brewster, President.

**DEADLINE:** Submissions will be received until 2:00 p.m. (CDT) on June 22, 2017. Submissions received after this time will not be considered. If firms wish to be considered only for specific packages of the 9 listed below, please indicate such in the letter of interest.

**PACKAGE NO. 1**
**UK-109 - Kirby Drive Paving and Drainage Improvements from San Felipe to Westheimer**

This project will reconstruct the roadway along Kirby Drive between San Felipe Street and Westheimer Road to the latest City of Houston standards. The project will include reconstruction of the roadway, reconstruction of the sidewalks to ADA requirements, and reconstruction of traffic signals within the project area. The existing 18-inch storm sewer within the Kirby right-of-way north of Westheimer will be replaced with 24-inch RCP. All of the existing inlets and inlet leads will be replaced in accordance with City of Houston standard design requirements. The existing sanitary sewer will be upsized from 24-inch and 36-inch pipe to 30-inch and 42-inch pipe.


**PACKAGE NO. 2**
**UK-113 - Greenbriar Drainage Improvements**

The main storm sewer trunk will be upsized with 36-inch to 78-inch RCP with the laterals from 24 to 36 inches in diameter. Greenbriar Drive between Westheimer Road and US Highway 59 will be completely replaced with new concrete pavement following the existing pavement cross section. Pavement conditions on the adjacent side streets vary causing varying recommendations concerning partial or complete removal or replacement of pavement.

- Kipling Street between Westgate Street and Newman Street
- West Alabama Avenue West of Greenbriar Drive
- Sul Ross Avenue West of Greenbriar Drive
- West Main Street from Greenbriar Drive to Morningside Drive
- Richmond Avenue West of Greenbriar Drive
- Lexington Avenue from Greenbriar Drive to South Sandman Street

The existing aerial private utilities between Richmond Avenue and US Highway 59 will be relocated into underground ducts that will be constructed with this project. Coordination with all existing aerial private utilities is required.

PACKAGE NO. 3
UK-118 – Buffalo Speedway Paving & Drainage Improvements from US Highway 59 to Westheimer Road

Improvements include the replacement of the existing 24-inch storm sewers with 36-inch and 42-inch diameter RCP from south of Westheimer Road to US Highway 59. All inlets and leads will be replaced in accordance with the current City of Houston design requirements. The pavement along Buffalo Speedway will be reconstructed to current City of Houston standards following the existing lane configuration – a 4-lane boulevard with two (2) lanes in each direction and three (3) lanes southbound south of Richmond Avenue. All sidewalks between Westheimer Road and US Highway 59 will be replaced with minimum 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks. The existing 12-inch water line between Westheimer Road and US Highway 59 will be replaced size-for-size. The existing 8-inch to 12-inch sanitary sewers between West Alabama and Danville Street will be replaced size-for-size. The existing aerial private utilities between Westheimer Road and US Highway 59 will be relocated into underground ducts that will be constructed with this project. Coordination with all existing aerial private utilities is required.

Anticipated Milestones:  

PACKAGE NO. 4
UK-119 – Westpark Paving and Drainage Improvements from Kirby to Edloe

Storm sewers along Westpark Drive will be replaced with 24-inch and 30-inch RCP between Edloe Street and Buffalo Speedway and with 24-inch to 42-inch RCP between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby Drive. All inlets and leads will be replaced in accordance with current City of Houston design requirements. The pavement along Westpark Drive will be replaced to current City of Houston standards as a 4-lane concrete roadway. Between Wakeforest Street and Kirby Drive, the proposed cross section will include a 10-foot wide median. All sidewalks along the south side of the road between Edloe Street and Kirby Drive will be replaced with a minimum 6-foot concrete sidewalk. To replace the bicycle lanes previously lost on Westpark Drive, construction of a 14-foot wide shared path within the 50-foot METRO right-of-way adjacent to the north side of Westpark Drive is anticipated.

Anticipated Milestones:  

PACKAGE NO. 5
UK-120A – West Alabama Paving and Drainage Improvements from Kirby to Shepherd

West Alabama improvements include the replacement of the existing 18-inch storm sewers between Revere Avenue and Greenbriar Drive with 48-inch RCP. The existing inlets, leads, and trunk collector storm sewers between Kirby Drive and Revere Avenue, with the exceptions of the intersections of Kirby Drive and Shepherd Drive, will be replaced in conformance with current City of Houston design requirements. The pavement along West Alabama will be reconstructed with a 44-foot wide concrete pavement section meeting the current City of Houston design standard and providing a minimum of one (1) lane in each direction with a center or left turn lane. Bicycle facilities will be provided along the corridor and will be coordinated with the City of Houston’s improvements east of Shepherd Drive. The existing sidewalks will be replaced with minimum 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks and will be coordinated with the placement of the proposed bicycle facilities throughout the corridor. The existing aerial private utilities between Kirby Drive and Shepherd Drive...
will be relocated into underground ducts that will be constructed with this project. Coordination with all existing aerial private utilities is required.

Anticipated Milestones:  

PACKAGE NO. 6  
UK-120B – West Alabama Paving and Drainage Improvements from Buffalo Speedway to Kirby

The existing inlets, leads, and trunk collector storm sewers between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby Drive, with the exceptions of the intersections of Eastside Street and Kirby Drive, will be replaced in conformance with current City of Houston design requirements. The pavement along West Alabama will be reconstructed with a 44-foot wide concrete pavement section meeting the current City of Houston design standard and providing a minimum of one (1) lane in each direction with a center or left turn lane. Bicycle facilities will be provided along the corridor and will be coordinated with the City of Houston’s improvements west of Buffalo Speedway. The existing sidewalks will be replaced with minimum 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks and will be coordinated with the placement of the proposed bicycle facilities throughout the corridor. The existing aerial private utilities between Buffalo Speedway and Kirby Drive will be relocated into underground ducts that will be constructed with this project. Coordination with all existing aerial private utilities is required.

Anticipated Milestones:  
Initiation of Construction: FY 2024.

PACKAGE NO. 7  
UK-121 – Edloe Paving and Drainage Improvements

Between Westpark Drive and Bissonnet Street, the pavement along Edloe Street will be replaced with new concrete pavement meeting the current City of Houston design standards and following the existing lane configuration of three (3) lanes in each direction. The 11-foot by 6.5-foot reinforced concrete box storm sewer under Edloe Street serves as the enclosure of HCFCD unit D111-01-00 Poor Farm Ditch that conveys drainage from the US Highway 59 and Westpark Drive corridors to Brays Bayou and will remain. All existing inlets and leads along Edloe Street will be removed and replaced to current City of Houston design standards. A new 12-inch sanitary sewer will be constructed between Westpark Drive and Bissonnet Street. This project must coordinate with the proposed improvements along Westpark Drive and Bissonnet Street. The existing bridge over US Highway 59 will remain.

Anticipated Milestones:  
Initiation of Engineering: 3rd Quarter 2022.  
Initiation of Construction: 2nd Quarter 2023.

PACKAGE NO. 8  
UK-122 – Bissonnet Paving and Drainage Improvements

Improvements along Bissonnet Street include the replacement of the existing 24-inch and 36-inch storm sewers with 36-inch to 54-inch RCP. All inlets and leads will be replaced in accordance with the current City of Houston design requirements. The pavement along Bissonnet Street will be reconstructed to current City of Houston design standards with two (2) lanes in each direction separated by a 14-foot wide median. All sidewalks between Edloe Street and Buffalo Speedway will
be replaced with minimum 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks. A new 12-inch sanitary sewer will be constructed between Edloe Street and Buffalo Speedway.

Anticipated Milestones:

PACKAGE NO. 9
UK-126 – Kirby Drive Paving Improvements from US59 to Bissonnet

Improvements include replacement of the existing inlets and leads along Kirby Drive between US Highway 59 and Bissonnet Street per current City of Houston design standards. The pavement along Kirby Drive will be reconstructed to current City of Houston requirements for a concrete roadway with three (3) lanes in each direction between US Highway 59 and Bissonnet Street. All sidewalks will be replaced with minimum 6-foot wide concrete sidewalks. The existing aerial private utilities between US Highway 59 and Bissonnet Street will be relocated into underground ducts that will be constructed with this project. Coordination with all existing aerial private utilities is required.

Anticipated Milestones: