



LEGAL NOTICE
April 1, 2025

Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
Request for Biennial Statement of Qualifications (SOQ): Architectural; Landscape
Architectural; Professional Engineering; and Surveying Services

Public Notice: The Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks (Metro Parks) is issuing a Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to pre-qualify a variety of professional design firms for projects for which the total cost is less than \$75,000.

Professional design services means services within the scope of practice of an architect or landscape architect registered under Chapter 4703 of the Ohio Revised Code or a professional engineer or surveyor registered under Chapter 4733 of the Ohio Revised Code.

As required, the firm's qualifications statements will be evaluated based on the factors listed in the Ohio Revised Code Sections 153.65.

Firms interested in submitting shall **clearly mark each category for which they are submitting on the cover** (Architectural; Professional Engineering; Landscape Architectural; Environmental; and Surveying Services). Firms may be pre-qualified in more than one category.

Your Statement of Qualifications must address the items detailed in the **“Request for Statement of Qualifications” dated April 2025** to be considered. Firms can download the **“Request for Statement of Qualifications”, April 2025** at www.metroparks.net, *About Us/Contract Bidding*.

It is the design firm's responsibility to keep their qualifications current by providing an updated SOQ over a two year period if it is necessary.

Deadline to submit is July 1, 2025.

REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

**Architectural, Landscape Architectural,
Professional Engineering and Surveying Services
2025 – 2026**



**Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks
1069 W. Main Street
Westerville, Ohio 43081**

April 2025



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Information Regarding Metro Parks

The Columbus and Franklin County Metro Parks (“Metro Parks”) is a public agency serving the citizens of central Ohio by providing a regional system of clean, safe, natural area parks. Metro Parks features 20 outstanding natural area parks with more than 230 miles of trails and over 28,900 acres of land in seven central Ohio counties.

Overview of Request

Metro Parks issues this Request for Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to establish a list of Architectural, Landscape Architectural & Engineering firms (including civil, mechanical, electrical, architectural, landscape architectural, environmental, & surveying) to be used for future projects. Metro Parks may select a single design professional or firm for any project with an estimated professional design fee of less than seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000). Metro Parks shall determine that the selected design professional or firm is the most qualified to provide the required professional design services.

Many of these projects take place within a natural resource setting in which every effort is made to integrate capital improvement projects into the natural landscape, to protect sensitive areas, and to minimize impacts to high quality natural areas and wildlife habitat. The specific future projects may require professional architectural and engineering services for feasible studies, design and architectural / engineering contract documents, permitting, surveying, cost estimating, construction observation, and other services (including civil, mechanical, electrical, architectural, environmental, & landscape architectural work). Projects will vary in scope and may include, but are not limited to:

- **Architectural**
 - Studies of existing or proposed structures
 - Building renovation and restoration
 - Historic building evaluation and restoration
 - Roof renovation projects
 - Development of plans and documents for new structures
- **Engineering**
 - Multi-purposed trails, gravel/asphalt
 - New roads and parking lots
 - Bridge repair or installation
 - Bridge inspections
 - Trail underpasses
 - Site infrastructure projects: storm/sanitary sewer, septic systems, wells
 - HVAC upgrades
 - Lake and river shoreline restoration and erosion protection
 - Hydrological and drain tile studies



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- Sanitary treatment facilities
- Wetland delineation and consultation
- Riparian stream bank restoration
- Ecological and hydrologic restoration
- Environmental services
- Geotechnical services
- GIS, data processing and AutoCAD services
- **Landscape Architectural:**
 - Site master plans
 - Playground, adventure recreation activities
 - Fishing and boating amenities
 - Planting and irrigation design
 - Lake, river and stream shoreline restoration/erosion protection
- **Surveying:**
 - Boundary and topographic surveys
 - Preparation of plats and legal descriptions

Review and Award

Terms of Statement of Qualifications

Metro Parks reserves the right to award single or multiple contracts for specific services. Metro Parks will request firms resubmit an updated Statement of Qualifications every two (2) years.

Contracts may be awarded for a period of one (1) year with an option to extend for two (2) additional years, in the best interest of Metro Parks and agreed upon by the contracted firm. The contract shall be subject to cancellation for cause or inconvenience with written notice prior to the date of cancellation at the sole discretion of Metro Parks.

ORC 153.65 Professional design services definitions

“Qualifications” means all of the following:

- Competence of the professional design firm to perform the required professional design services as indicated by the technical training, education, and experience of the firm’s personnel, especially the technical training, education, and experience of the employees within the firm who would be assigned to perform the services;
- Ability of the firm in terms of its workload and the availability of qualified personnel, equipment, and facilities to perform the required professional design services competently and expeditiously;



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- Past performance of the firm as reflected by the evaluations of previous clients with respect to such factors as control of costs, quality of work, and meeting of deadlines;
- Any other relevant factors as determined by the public authority.

Statement of Qualifications Content

Your SOQ should include the following information:

1. Name, address and brief history of your firm.
2. Philosophy of your firm.
3. Description of your firm's related experience and background with specific examples of projects similar in type to those listed in *Overview of Request*.
4. Description of your firm's experience working with local, state and federal permit agencies, Storm Water Management, Ohio Department of Transportation, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Ohio Industrial Compliance, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Army Corp of Engineers, etc.
5. Resumes and professional registration information of staff members that may be assigned to the types of projects listed in *Overview of Request*.
6. Three (3) to five (5) professional references with contact information for projects that are comparable to those listed in *Overview of Request*.
7. Additional information and comments you believe to be pertinent, but not specifically mentioned elsewhere, including general fee philosophy.

Submittal Guidelines and Contact

The length of the Qualifications should not exceed forty (40) pages in a PDF format. Submit by email to:

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Landscape Architect/Project Manager

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Submittal deadline

Proposals must be received by **4:30 PM EST, July 1, 2025**.

