

**CITY OF TUSCALOOSA PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT
SUBCONTRACTOR PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
HORIZONTAL DIRECTIONAL DRILL (HDD) SUBCONTRACTOR**

Project: Utility Relocation for ALDOT Project No. DEMOF-A210 (943), Woolsey Finnell Bridge Replacement and Approaches on SR-6 (US-82) over the Black Warrior River

Owner Rep: Bryan Gurney, P.E., Director of Capital Projects, Water & Sewer, City of Tuscaloosa, Post Office Box 2089, Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35403-2089
Owner Contact: Amy Whitson, Contracts and Compliance Manager, City of Tuscaloosa, awhitson@tuscaloosa.com

Number: OCA-25-1145 / 2024.729.001

Trade(s): Horizontal Directional Drill (HDD)

Engineer: The Cassady Company, Inc. 4700 Highway 69 North, Northport AL 35473, (205) 330-0098

The following criteria are hereby established as the minimum qualifications for HDD subcontractors on this public works project. Only subcontractors that have successfully completed the prequalification process and have been determined to be qualified by the city will be approved to install directional bores for this project.

Specification 02750 Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) (similar to what will be included in the construction contract documents) is attached as a reference for project requirements.

In order to be considered for qualifications, HDD bore subcontractors shall submit proof of the following to: Amy Whitson, Contracts and Compliance Manager, City of Tuscaloosa via email at awhitson@tuscaloosa.com no later than October 2, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. local time:

1. Licenses: Alabama General Contractor License (Attach copy)

Classification: MU-S: Municipal and Utility (Attach copy)

2. Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Subcontractor Experience:

The HDD subcontractor must list at least fifteen (15) years of experience in similar projects, including the following:

- The subcontractor must have successfully completed no less than six (6) equal or greater sized HDD bore installations, with a minimum contract value exceeding \$1,000,000.00, and with work experience including the following activities: HDD bore for a river crossing, and HDD bore for installation of steel encasement pipe of at least 30-inches in diameter, and ductile iron carrier pipe with flex ring gaskets of at least 24-inches in diameter, and HDD bore installations for potable water mains.

- Provide a job history and reference list for the above which includes the name, title and telephone and email contact information for each reference.
- Briefly describe each HDD bore installation, including length of bore, encasement pipe diameter and material, carrier pipe diameter and material, and include project location, name, address and phone number of project owners, date of completion and whether any of the installations involved claims, disputes or litigation by or against the subcontractor.

3. Litigation and Contract Disputes.

List all litigation (including any arbitration or mediation proceedings) to which your business has been a party. If no contracts have been terminated, or if the business has not been a party to any claims or litigation, please include a statement to that effect.

4. HDD Bore Supervisor Experience

Provide the names of the HDD bore supervisor or supervisors who shall remain on site and be in responsible charge throughout the drilling operation. The subcontractor's supervisor shall have supervised directional drilling of a minimum of 10,000 linear feet of pipe of a similar or greater diameter, of similar material, over similar lengths, and with similar subsurface conditions. Provide and list experience record for HDD bore supervisor(s) that would be assigned to this project.

5. HDD Bore Equipment Operator Experience

HDD equipment operators shall be trained to operate specific Horizontal Directional Drilling equipment for this project with at least fifteen (15) years of experience in directional drilling. Provide names and experience records for such operators.

6. Additional Requirements

As part of the regulatory permitting requirements for this project, the submitted work experience and references of the HDD subcontractor will be submitted to the State of Alabama Historical Commission for review and comment prior to prequalification approval.

The City of Tuscaloosa reserves the right to request additional and/or supplemental information or explanation from any contractor/subcontractor prior to making a prequalification determination.

The criteria and requirement of boring contractor/subcontractor prequalification are in supplementation of and not as a substitute for any requirements contained in the City's advertisement and instructions to bidders for this project.

Only subcontractors that have provided the above information, in writing with supporting documents, to the City via electronic copy to Amy Whitson, Contracts and Compliance Manager,

City of Tuscaloosa via email at awhitson@tuscaloosa.com no later than October 2, 2025 by 5:00 p.m. local time will be considered for prequalification.

Within the bounds of good faith, the City reserves the right to determine whether an HDD subcontractor has met the prequalification criteria and is therefore qualified to provide horizontal directional drilling services for the stated project.

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