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Greene County Highway is seeking to retain an Engineering/Architecture Firm, to provide Preliminary and Final Highway Services, for a Federal, State and Locally funded project, located in Greene County, under the Transportation, Community, System Preservation Program (TCSP).

Project or Contract Title: Preliminary and Final Design, for the Rails-to-Trails Economic Development and Tourism Study, Greene County.

PIN 1759.29: Involves a Rails-to-Trails Economic Development and Tourism Study, for Greene County, New York.

The Project may require, but not be limited to the following highway and bridge design services:

Provide design studies, to assess the condition of the rail-to-trail's location; compilation and inventory of historical and cultural resources, natural resources, recreational resources, land ownership, and land uses with an analysis of their impact on the project. Location of potential access points and parking areas; identify right-of-way issues; identify environmental issues; investigate the potential for public/private partnerships; utility involvement as needed; provide content and design for interpretive brochures, recreation trail maps, signs, and historic displays; provide design of trail segments, pocket parks, parking, and interpretive displays; construction cost estimating; production of relevant GIS mapping; advanced detailed plan development; coordination with agencies to obtain permits or approvals as necessary; organize public hearings (e.g. prepare displays, write speeches etc.); develop a comprehensive implementation plan; identify potential fund sources; analyze the potential economic benefits to Greene County, including increased tourism, real property values, and the local economy. This is in accordance with the New York State Transportation, Community, System Preservation Program (TCSP).

PIN 1759.279 – Consultant Designation **March 2012**, Consultant Agreement is anticipated to begin in **May 2012**, with Rails-to-Trails Study due in **May 2013**. The project funding is capped at **\$117,900.00** using TCSP and County funds.

Greene County Highway Department will be **Requesting Expression of Interest Proposals** for a Greene County Rails-to-Trails Economic Development and Tourism Study from Engineering Firms licensed to do business in the State of New York.

Please submit three (3) copies of the **Proposal** no later than **11:00 am, February 10, 2012** at the office of the County Superintendent, 240 West Main Street, Catskill, New York 12414.

The consultant selection shall be determined according to the following Evaluation Factors, listed in order of decreasing importance:

1. Experience of the, proposed staff and Project Manager with Federal-Aid Projects of similar scope.
2. Experience of the, firm with Federal-Aid Projects of similar scope.
3. The firm's familiarity with the project area, NYSDOT Region 1, and NYSHPO.
4. The firm's demonstrated understanding of the project, reasonableness of proposed approach and schedule.
5. Conciseness and completeness of the proposal.

Sincerely,

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