



REQUEST FOR STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

BAY-FRIENDLY GARDEN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION
FOR THE
CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT

DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005, 4:30 P.M.

Purpose:

Castro Valley Sanitary District (CVSD) is currently seeking Statements of Qualifications from landscape designers and builders for the design and construction of bay-friendly landscapes for the District office at 21040 Marshall Street, pump station three (3) at 16978 Grovenor Drive and pump station four (4) at 5060 Camino Alta Mira Drive, Castro Valley, CA 94546.

Background:

The current District office, completed in 1997, is considered a green building because of its use of recycled and recyclable materials. Additionally, the District is a Certified Green Business by the Alameda County Green Business Program. It is the intent of the District to renovate the existing landscape to be consistent with those "green" standards, providing a model landscape for the community.

Project Scope:

Design and construct landscapes consistent with the practices in the Bay-Friendly Landscape Guidelines to replace the existing District office landscape as well as the landscape at two District pump stations. The existing landscapes included in this project measure approximately 3,500 square feet at the District office, 1,000 square feet at pump station three (3) and 1,300 square feet at pump station four (4) and currently consist of an array of lawn, hedges, shrubs, ground cover and small trees. The project design must achieve a minimum score of thirty (30) points on the Bay-Friendly Landscape Scorecard. Both the Guidelines and Scorecard are available upon request. Bay-Friendly Landscaping incorporates the following seven (7) principles:

1. Landscape locally
2. Landscape for less to the landfill
3. Nurture the Soil

4. Conserve Water
5. Conserve Energy
6. Protect Water and Air Quality
7. Create Wildlife Habitat

The following practices *must* be included in the design:

1. Landscape for Less to the Landfill
 - a. Select appropriate plants: avoid hedging; no invasive plant species.
 - b. Separate plant debris for clean green discounts.
2. Nurture the Soil
 - a. Avoid synthetic fertilizers: feed soils naturally.
3. Conserve Water
 - a. Create drought resistant soils with compost and mulch.
 - b. Grow CA natives or Mediterranean plants.
 - c. Minimize or eliminate lawn.
 - d. Install and maintain a high efficiency irrigation system.
4. Landscape Interpretation
 - a. Plant identification via signs, plaques, maps, etc.

Submission Requirements:

To be considered for the Bay-Friendly Landscape design and construct project, landscape professionals must submit a Statement of Qualifications (no more than two (2), double-sided pages; twelve (12) pt. font) to the District offices, 21040 Marshall Street, Castro Valley, CA 94546 by **4:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 24, 2005.**

The Statement of Qualifications should include the following criteria:

- A. Experience - Identify the last three (3) projects your organization has completed that are similar in size and scope to the Castro Valley Sanitary District office and pump stations project. Include references.
- B. Resources and Availability - Describe the capability of your organization to commit the necessary resources to this project.
- C. Supporting Documentation - A maximum of three (3) additional materials or statements that will further demonstrate qualifications or experience may also be submitted, i.e. organization brochure, project profiles, awards, etc. The supporting documents are not counted against the page limitation.

Submissions will be evaluated based on the above-listed criteria. Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview before a selection is made.

District Contact:

Contact CVSD at (510) 537-0987 or (510) 537-0757 for questions or further information.