



Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia

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Proudly managing the Baileys Trail System in Athens County, Ohio

DATE: December 10, 2024

TO: Architect and Engineering Professionals

FROM: Jessie Powers, Executive Director, ORCA

RE: Announcement of Request for Qualifications for Professional Design Services

The Outdoor Recreation Council of Appalachia (ORCA) intends to contract for Engineering and Architectural services for the Baileys Trail System Hub (Visitor's Center) Project. This project has been awarded a State of Ohio Abandoned Minelands Economic Revitalization (AMLER) Grant, administered by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. AMLER funds will be used for the project design, and AMLER funds along with other private or public funds will be used for its construction. Engineering and/or Architectural firms interested in being considered for a contract to provide the required services should reply with a statement of qualifications no later than **January 10, 2025 at 3:00 PM (EST)**. Statements received after this deadline will not be considered.

ORCA is seeking Architectural/Engineering services for a State of Ohio-funded project. The preliminary project description for the project is attached. A Statement of Qualifications is required for a firm to apply for the project. Statements of Qualifications should include information regarding the firm's history, experience with relevant projects, and references.

Please see the attached Instructions to Respondents for further direction. The Instructions to Respondents details the criteria upon which firms will be evaluated. As required by Ohio Revised Code 153.65-71, responding firms will be evaluated and ranked based upon their qualifications. Following this evaluation, representatives of ORCA will enter into contract negotiations with the most highly qualified firm.

Statements of qualifications should be transmitted using ONE of the below methods:

Electronic Submission

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Mail Submission

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If you have any questions regarding this Request for Qualifications, please feel free to call me at 740-677-0113 or email info@orcaohio.com.