**Columbiana County Land Reutilization Corporation**

**Brownfield Cleanup Grant**

**448 Taggart – East Palestine, Ohio**

**Request for Qualifications**

The Columbiana County Land Reutilization Corporation is seeking a qualified engineering firm with expertise in brownfield assessments, environmental remediation, and relevant regulatory compliance to assist with the identification, assessment, and remediation of brownfield sites within our jurisdiction.

1. **BACKGROUND:**

The Columbiana County Land Bank is responsible for acquiring, holding, managing, and repurposing vacant, abandoned, and tax-delinquent properties. An essential aspect of our mandate involves the safe and environmentally responsible repurposing of brownfield sites. We have received an Ohio Department of Development Brownfield Cleanup grant for the former bulk petroleum site and service station located at 448 East Taggart Street in East Palestine, Ohio. We are inviting consultants to submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) to perform the work.

**2. SCOPE OF WORK:**

The selected firm will be expected to:

* Perform Remedial Action Plan (RAP) based on findings, and which will be finalized during contract negotiations. A draft RAP for this project can be found on the Columbiana County Land Bank’s website for reference.
* Assist in the procurement, implementation and management of remediation activities.
* Coordinate with state and local regulatory agencies, including BUSTR and Ohio EPA VAP
* Complete a VAP No Further Action Letter, assuming the site meets VAP standards for Commercial/Industrial Land Use

**3. QUALIFICATION CRITERIA:**

Interested firms should provide:

* Evidence of expertise and experience in brownfield site demolition, assessment & remediation
* Previous experience working with land banks or similar entities.
* References from prior clients.
* Details of experience working with local and state regulatory agencies, especially BUSTR and Ohio EPA VAP.
* Availability and capacity to handle multiple projects concurrently.
* Proof of appropriate insurance coverage
* Previous experience generally, but with an emphasis on Columbiana County and Northeast Ohio

**4. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

Firms should submit:

* Cover letter expressing the firm's interest.
* Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) that addresses all qualification criteria.
* CVs or resumes of key personnel, including two VAP Certified Professionals
* Contact information for at least three references.

**5. SELECTION PROCESS:**

The Land Bank will review the SOQs based on the following criteria:

* Firm's experience and expertise
* Past performance on similar projects generally, but with an emphasis on northeast Ohio
* Knowledge of the site and historical work in Columbiana County
* Availability and capacity
* References

**All submissions should be submitted no later than February 28, 2025 via email and directed to:**

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