



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST ON-CALL BRIDGE INSPECTION SERVICES (2026-2028)

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) is seeking Letters of Interest from qualified entities to provide Bridge Inspection Services on an as-needed basis for the calendar years 2026 through 2028.

1. GENERAL SCOPE OF SERVICES

The selected firm(s) will provide bridge inspection and other structural services that may include, but are not limited to:

- Provide support staff for the Department's bridge inspection program utilizing the FHWA Bridge Inspector's Reference Manual (BIRM) assessment report.
- Provide inspection services of bridge structures including underwater elements, Nonredundant Steel Tension Members (NSTM), rope access and complex (major) bridges in accordance with ARDOT and Federal requirements.
- Perform QA inspections in accordance with ARDOT policies.
- Perform Ultrasonic Testing of structural steel and welds.
- Perform scour appraisal including Plan of Action documentation and follow-up for triggering events.
- Determine Load Rating.
- Review Cross Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) data and provide remediation or rejection determinations, as needed.
- Assist in inspection and evaluation of bridge construction.
- Provide inspection services in fabrication facilities outside of Arkansas.
- Conduct Pile Driving Analyzer (PDA) dynamic testing, Cross-Hole Sonic Logging (CSL) testing, Pile Integrity Testing (PIT), Thermal Integrity Profiler (TIP) testing, and other approved foundation testing methods.
- Perform CAPWAY (Case Analysis Program) signal matching and 3-D Tomography analysis.
- Earth-borne Vibration monitoring.
- Geotechnical Instrumentation monitoring as it relates to bridge and approach work.
- Provide reports of the results of investigations, monitoring, instrumentation, testing, and analysis.
- Provide detailed recommendations for the acceptance or remediation procedures of any defects found.
- Provide independent analysis of foundation test results (obtained by the Department).
- Provide recommendations for acceptance or remediation procedures.

2. SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Submissions must be received in PDF format no later than **4:00 p.m. CST on January 5, 2026**. Late submissions will not be considered. Responses must be emailed to ConsultantContracts@ardot.gov subject



line **“BRIDGE INSPECTION 2026.”** To be given further consideration, responses to this solicitation must include:

- A one-page cover letter with primary contact information addressed to:
 - **Rex Vines, Chief Engineer – Operations.**
- A description of relevant experience with similar projects or services.
- Demonstration of a clear understanding of the service requirements.
- Approach and methodology for delivering the proposed services.
- References, recommendations, or testimonials, if available, including contact information.
- Completed forms, including:
 - [Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form \(SF\) 330 Parts I and II.](#)
 - [Contract and Grant Disclosure Certification Form EO-98-04.](#)
 - [Certification of adherence to applicable State Laws.](#)

Submissions should be concise and focused on the firm’s approach, key personnel, and relevant bridge inspection experience. Only personnel with direct roles should be listed in SF330. Submissions of fewer than 30 total pages are strongly encouraged. The font size shall be no smaller than size 11, and all pages must be formatted as 8 ½” x 11”.

3. EVALUATION CRITERIA

EVALUATION CRITERIA	POINTS POSSIBLE
Professional staff including the education, experience, number of personnel available, licensure and registration (if required), and any partnership with subconsultant	10
General and professional reputation, including responsiveness to civil rights and equal employment opportunity requirements and opportunities	10
Past work performance with the Department	10
Experience with projects of a similar nature to those advertised	10
Total Points for Letter of Interest	40

4. SCHEDULE

Request for Letters of Interest Advertisement	Sunday, November 23, 2025
Deadline to Request Clarifications	Friday, December 12, 2025
Responses to Requests for Clarifications	Wednesday, December 17, 2025
Letters of Interest Due	Monday, January 5, 2026
Short-List Letters of Interest	Tuesday, January 13, 2026



5. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Details regarding solicitations and requirements, including standard forms and clarifications, can be found at the ARDOT [Consultant Contracts Division webpage](#) or by contacting ConsultantContracts@ardot.gov.

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