

**Request for Proposals
North Aud Block Infrastructure Design
Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation**

The Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation, (“ECHDC”), the Buffalo, NY waterfront subsidiary of the NYS Urban Development Corporation d/b/a Empire State Development (“ESD”), is issuing a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) to retain professional design consultant firms and/or teams (the “Consultant”) to provide design, bid and construction administration services related to the development of infrastructure facilities on the northern portion of the former Memorial Auditorium Block (AKA “North Aud Block”) within the Canalside project in Buffalo, New York (the “Project”).

The purpose of this RFP is to solicit submissions from professional firms/teams for planning, design, and construction administration services for a public infrastructure project to reconstruct elements of the historic street pattern that once traversed the North Aud Block and the Erie Canal. The intent of the Project is to realize the creation of a series of primarily “walking streets” constructed on top of structured subsurface parking, taking advantage of changes in grade and existing excavated areas of the site.

The design of these infrastructure improvements must make specific provisions for and/or allow for new systems to facilitate future development on land parcels shaped by the reconstructed streets, which will later be the subject of one or more competitive solicitation for private development. Thus, the design for the public improvements will include a planning process to help shape and determine assumptions/goals/limits for future development.

Anticipated services to be required include civil/structural engineering, architecture/urban design, planning, landscape architecture, and surveying.

Pursuant to Executive Law Article 15-A, ESD’s Non-Discrimination and Contractor & Supplier Diversity policies will apply to this contract. ESD’s Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity, in consultation with relevant parties, has assigned the following Minority and Woman-Owned Business Enterprise (“MWBE”) participation goals for this project:

- Minority-Owned Business Enterprise (“MBE”) Participation Goal: 15%
- Women-Owned Business Enterprise (“WBE”) Participation Goal: 15%

Pursuant to Executive Article 17-B, ESD’s Participation Opportunities for New York State Certified Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Businesses (SDVOB) policy will apply to this contract. ESD’s Office of Contractor and Supplier Diversity, in consultation with relevant parties, has assigned the following SDVOB goal for this project:

- Overall SDVOB Participation Goal: 3%

ECHDC staff will hold a non-mandatory, pre-submittal meeting at **2:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on December 18, 2018 at 95 Perry Street, Suite 500, Buffalo, NY**. Respondents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the Project and/or submittal requirements of this RFP. For room planning purposes, please contact Loul Rizek at 846-8200 prior to close of business December 14, 2018 to advise of your attendance at the pre-submittal meeting.

Proposals are due prior to **3:00 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2019**. Responses shall be firmly sealed in an envelope or box and contain the Respondent’s name and return address. Proposals shall be delivered to:

**Steven Ranalli
Vice President for Development
Erie Canal Harbor Development Corporation
Attn: Proposal for North Aud Block
95 Perry Street, Suite 500
Buffalo, New York 14203**

All questions on the RFP must be submitted in writing via email prior to on January 4, 2019 and can only be made to **Paul J. Tronolone, AICP** at (716) 846-8200, Eriecanalharbor@esd.ny.gov.