

RFP For Monon South Oversight of Trail Design and Construction

Radius Indiana seeks a qualified trail design team interested in providing design and engineering services for the construction of portions of the Monon South pedestrian hiking/ biking trail stretching over 50+ miles of length in south central Indiana. The selected design team should carry out work on behalf of Radius Indiana, in conjunction with Southern Indiana Trailways, Inc.

Scope of Services

Qualified candidates must possess familiarity with current trail construction methods and materials, including both pavement and crushed stone surfaces, as well as adherence to soil management and capping plans. Candidates must demonstrate familiarity with the measurement of carrying capacity of culverts, bridges, and structures, and be able to discern appropriate and fiscally-prudent methods to achieve adequate weight-bearing capacity along the trail. Candidates must demonstrate the ability to establish trail segments that are built to minimize ongoing maintenance costs.

Qualified candidates must be able to discern and manage easement, rights-of-way issues and any permitting issues that may arise, whether with utilities, adjoining property owners, local government units, state government or other entities, including before, during, and after construction of the trail, as well as in sections of the trail not planned for immediate improvements. Candidates should be familiar with Indiana laws and regulations regarding trespassing related to recreational trails.

Qualified candidates must be familiar with requirements associated with funds drawn from American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) sources.

Qualified candidate must be able to demonstrate experience working with county and municipal governments regarding infrastructure construction and management and must be able to work through local government relationships in a professional and competent manner.

Qualified candidates must maintain office space within fifty miles of either Salem, Indiana, or Mitchell, Indiana if selected for the project, to be available for consultation with local community partners.

Qualified candidates must demonstrate experience working with nonprofit, local historic preservation, recreational, and tourism organizations and must demonstrate the ability to incorporate the interests and views of such stakeholders into the design and construction of the trail.

Qualified candidates must demonstrate the ability to communicate in public forums in a positive and constructive manner, even in the face of skeptical or hostile opponents to the trail.

Deliverables

Final deliverables will be agreed upon after discussion with the selected consultant. Anticipated outcomes include the following:

- Hiring of a designated lead manager for the project.
- Engineering design for the trail along its 50+ mile length.
- Maps of recommended locations where road crossings should be regraded to improve local vehicular traffic crossing the trail.

- Assistance with the management of a competitive bidding process for construction of the trail in designated segments
- Production of estimated annual fees for services provided from Q2-2023 through Q3-2026
- Estimate of maximum expenditure to be billed for services provided

Candidates interested in responding should submit proposals by the close of business on Friday, February 10, 2023. Selected candidates will be interviewed. Inquiries about the RFP should be addressed to: Jquyle@radiusindiana.com. Proposals should be delivered to:

Radius Indiana
Attn: Monon South RFP
1504 I Street
Bedford, IN 47421

Proposals should include:

- Team names and positions and descriptions of experience and skills of each member
- Names, addresses and SAMS numbers of each subcontractor that would be employed and a description of their relevant experience and past performance
- Name and contact information of the official contact person for the contract
- Samples of at least two comparable previous projects with names and telephone numbers of contacts with whom the bidder's performance can be discussed
- Please provide a detailed service plan and methodology that will ensure the expectations outlined in the Scope of Services are met
- A project timeline including start dates
- Proof of insurance and/or bonding
- Total calculated price

Responses will be judged on the following basis -

Demonstrated familiarity with trail construction methods:	20 points
Demonstrated familiarity with soil management and capping plans:	20 points
Demonstrated familiarity with management of easement, rights-of-way issues and permitting:	20 points
Knowledge of ARPA funding requirements	20 points
Demonstrated experience working with county and municipal governments:	10 points
Demonstrated experience working with nonprofit, local historic preservation, recreational, and tourism organizations:	10 points
Office facilities located within designated geographic area:	10 points
Estimated cost of services	10 points