REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR BOND COUNSEL SERVICES

East Aldine Management District (A political subdivision of the State of Texas located within Harris County), (the "District") is seeking qualifications for bond counsel services with a bond counsel firm for a project awarded under the FY 2025-2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) program from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB). Contract will be awarded contingent upon receipt of TWDB funding.

A. INTENT OF PROPOSAL

The District is soliciting Request for Proposals ("RFP") and Statement of Qualifications from interested qualified professionals to provide the following: assist in obtaining loan and to provide legal opinion with respect to assessing the viability of authorizing and issuing evidence of indebtedness by the District for capital financing or refinancing; preparation of resolution, indenture or order authorizing and securing the debt and other authorizing documents as necessary. The District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for any reason it finds to be in the best interest of the District.

The District seeks to afford the opportunity for qualified SBE, MBE, and WBE firms to propose to provide the services described herein.

B. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services to be provided by the Bond Counsel shall include the following duties, as necessary:

1. Preparation of any and all documentation necessary to assist in the securing of Financing for the Project under any applicable financing program of the TWDB;
2. Preparation of documentation for the issuance of one or more series of obligations evidencing the financial assistance to be provided by the TWDB, issuing applicable legal opinions related to the same, and the submission of a transcript of proceedings necessary for the receipt of the approving opinion the Attorney General of such obligations;
3. Assistance in the preparation and negotiation of a Loan/Principal Forgiveness Agreement between the District and the TWDB;
4. Assistance in the preparation of any and all documentation, including escrow and related agreements, necessary to meet the obligations of the District under any approved TWDB Resolution for the use of loan proceeds provided under a Loan/Principal Forgiveness Agreement for the financing for the Project;
5. Drafting of ordinances, orders or resolutions as may be necessary to implement any of the District's responsibilities under any TWDB financial assistance package;

6. Assist the District in making such amendments to its District policies, rules, and regulations to meet implementation or regulatory requirements under TWDB loan and/or loan forgiveness rules; and
7. The attendance at Board meetings or meetings with the TWDB as necessary for the Financing of the Project.

C. STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

The Proposer shall provide a description of the history and background of the firm, identification of the services currently being provided to issuers in Texas and other information relevant to the provision of Bond Counsel Services.

1. General information about the firm.
    a. Name, address, and telephone number of the firm.
    b. History of the firm.
    c. List names and titles of officers of the firm who will be directly responsible for Bond Counsel services.
    d. Information pertaining to the firm's compliance with licensing and other requirements.
2. References – List three (3) references of entities or governmental entities for which similar services have been provided.
3. Identify personnel to be assigned responsibility for administering the account (provide resume and location for the individual representative that the firm will assign to the account).
4. List the experience of the individuals assigned to the account with the Texas Water Development Board's Program and placement of debt instruments with the Board. Please list the work performed, including the dollar amount of the debt issue or other financing. Please include the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of contact persons.
5. Additional services—describe any other service or experience of the firm, which you deem beneficial in acting as Bond Counsel to the District.
6. Attach a copy of the bond counsel services contract proposed by our firm without fee information.

D. RECEIPT OF PROPOSALS

If your firm is interested in being considered as Bond Counsel for the District, three (3) bound copies of the proposal must be sealed and clearly marked on the face of the shipping material "BOND COUNSEL RFP". RFP is to be received no later than **Thursday, August 14, 2025**, until 5:00 p.m.

BOND COUNSEL
REQUEST FOR SEALED QUALIFICATIONS
EAST ALDINE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
2909 EAST ALDINE AMPHITHEATER DRIVE
HOUSTON, TEXAS 77039

E. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. This contract is contingent upon release of funds from the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

2. Any contract or contracts awarded under this Invitation for Bid (IFB) or Request for Proposals (RFP) are expected to be funded in part by a loan from the TWDB. Neither the State of Texas nor any of its departments, agencies, or employees are or will be a party to this IFB, RFP, or any resulting contract.

3. This contract is subject to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program, which includes EPA approved fair share goals for Minority and Women-owned Business Enterprise (M/WBE) firms. EPA rules require that applicants and prime contractors make a good faith effort to award a fair share of contracts, subcontracts, and procurements to M/WBEs through the demonstration of the six affirmative steps. For more details of the DBE program please visit www.txdb.texas.gov/dbe. The current fair share goals for the State of Texas are as follows:

CATEGORY	MBE	WBE
CONSTRUCTION	8.0%	8.0%
EQUIPMENT	8.0%	8.0%
SERVICES	8.0%	8.0%
SUPPLIES	8.0%	8.0%

4. Equal Opportunity in Employment -- All qualified Applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, handicap, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11246, as amended by Executive Order 11375, and as supplemented in Department of Labor regulations 41 CFR, Part 60. Small, minority and women-owned enterprises are encouraged to submit proposals.