

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI)

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The Ohio Development Services Agency, Community Services Division,
Office of Redevelopment, is requesting information for:

SiteOhio Certification Program

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Response Due: 01/11/2013 at 4:30pm

This RFI is intended for State of Ohio certified MBE vendors only.

Submit Responses by email to: Procurement@development.ohio.gov

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Background

The Ohio Development Services Agency's (the Agency) Office of Redevelopment administers the SiteOhio Certification Program (SiteOhio).

SiteOhio, authorized by Ohio Revised Code (ORC) §122.9511, was created to increase the State's portfolio of available industrial and manufacturing locations served by utility and transportation infrastructure.

The purpose of the program is to certify sites that are available for immediate development by business prospects. SiteOhio fills the market gaps in Ohio's portfolio of available sites through the certification of sites as satisfying a number of pre-defined, rigorous site development standards. The certified sites can potentially meet the needs of business prospects that approach the Agency or another local economic development entity for location assistance. SiteOhio certification creates an inventory of speculative sites ready for immediate development by industrial or manufacturing end users.

To become a "certified" site means a third party site selection, engineering, and/or site development firm will deem the site as having conditions that meet the demands of current and future industrial and manufacturing development opportunities. Certification is conducted to ensure future investors that the property meets site selection standards and includes the necessary attributes demanded by today's industries. Site certification includes a single category, industrial and manufacturing.

Upon receiving certification, the completed site is added to a statewide inventory of sites and marketed through various outlets. Certified sites are kept ready for future business expansion or relocation projects. The certification remains valid for three years following the certification process.

Information Requested

The Agency is requesting interested firms respond to the request for information by answering the following questions relevant to site certification. Responses should be as specific as possible. Responses **shall not exceed 5 total pages**.

- Describe any experience in the evaluation of site development and infrastructure improvement plans for the purpose of preparing sites for large-scale business and industrial development. Indicate the number of years of experience.
- Describe any experience in providing architectural, mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, structural engineering, civil engineering, and/or condition assessment services. Indicate the number of years of experience.
- Describe any experience in regional or national site searches for corporate site selectors, which included compiling, evaluating, priority ranking, and recommending site viability options. Indicate the number of years of experience.
- Describe any experience with a site certification program including the Ohio Job Ready Sites Program, or a project in which site certification was a determining factor for the business prospect. Indicate the number of years of experience.
- Describe any experience working on the development or management of a site certification program. Indicate the number of years of experience.