

# **Requests for Proposals**

## **Introduction**

The Lorain County Commissioners are soliciting proposals from qualified brownfield redevelopment planning firms to conduct an area-wide corridor redevelopment plan funded by a \$200,000 U.S EPA Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant. The project area will consist of a blighted 24.7 acre parcel located north of W. 1<sup>st</sup> street directly on the shores of Lake Erie, known as the Pellet Terminal site, and the corridor that connects the Pellet Terminal site to what was once home to a vibrant commercial corridor, and traditional downtown central business district anchored on the south east by two steel manufacturers Republic and U.S. Steel. The project study area has been devastated by the downturn in the domestic steel production industry over the last 25 years and has experienced disinvestment, decay, poverty and abandonment. In early 2016 Republic Steel announced the layoffs of more than 650 employees and have since idled the steel plant. Lorain, Ohio now has a population of 64,097 almost a third of which, 22,484, live in the proposed project study area. This Request for Proposal (RFP) provides specifications and requirements for prospective, qualified firms to complete a proposal with itemized cost estimates for services. Only proposals submitted not later than 4:00 pm on June 23rd, 2017 will be considered. The work will be funded under a Brownfield Area-Wide Planning Grant awarded by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Proposed work should meet any federal requirements for work funded by an EPA Brownfields Grant.

To obtain a complete RFP, please Contact KC Saunders, Purchasing Coordinator by phone (440) 329-5240 or [krsaunders@loraincounty.us](mailto:krsaunders@loraincounty.us) . Firms responding to this RFP should submit five (5) print copies and one digital copy of their proposal to:

KC Saunders  
Purchasing Coordinator  
226 Middle Ave, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Elyria, OH 44035

Proposals must arrive no later than 4:00pm Friday June 23rd, 2017. No faxed or emailed proposals will be accepted. All proposals will be reviewed by the Lorain County Commissioners, which will select the firm to be awarded the contract.