



December 12, 2023

Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT)
Engineering Consultants Section
205 S. 17th Avenue, Mail Drop 361E, Phoenix, AZ 85007

Re: Olsson's Qualifications to Provide Temporary Part-Time Environmental Planner, Contract No. 2024-010

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) depends on reliable, consistent partners to help meet infrastructure needs across the state. Olsson understands navigating the environmental process is a key component to successfully delivering on those needs. Olsson's environmental team, with both local and national expertise, is proud to provide National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) documentation, environmental planning, and permitting support help to ADOT's Environmental Planning program. There is no better choice than Olsson to provide environmental planning support to ADOT. Here's why:

OUR EXPERIENCED STAFF ARE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ALL THE ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING SERVICES YOU NEED.

Our environmental professionals understand the design pathways in addition to ADOT's environmental requirements. We have extensive experience completing categorical exclusions (CE), environmental assessments (EA), environmental impact statements (EIS), wetland delineations, and threatened and endangered (T&E) species reviews. Additionally, we complete air quality studies, noise analyses, environmental justice assessments, public involvement, hazardous materials reviews (HAZMAT), and Section 4(f) and 6(f) assessments. We have in-house experts who can provide guidance for standard ADOT projects or those with unique environmental issues based on their national expertise with DOTs across the country. We offer ADOT a fresh set of eyes and an unbiased view.

WE KNOW FEDERAL AND STATE PROCESSES AND QUICKLY ADAPT AS THEY CHANGE.

We are ready to provide you with our local and national expertise in environmental planning and walk beside you through the various regulatory changes in the environmental space including changes in NEPA regulations, ADOT's NEPA assignment, changes in T&E species listings, and numerous revisions to Waters of the United States permitting regulations, among others. Because we know your processes, we quickly adapt and appropriately apply regulatory changes to keep projects moving forward.

OUR CAPACITY ALLOWS US TO TAKE ON MULTIPLE ASSIGNMENTS.

When you choose Olsson, you get a deep pool of resources at your disposal. We have grown our team across the firm's footprint. Led by Anahita Behrad, ENV SP, who brings a deep understanding of ADOT processes and has worked closely with many of the ADOT Environmental Planners; our team brings a deep bench of environmental experts who have worked on DOT and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) projects and understand how to navigate the federal regulatory environment. Currently, Olsson's environmental staff have limited involvement with our existing ADOT projects, and we believe this is beneficial for ADOT. This allows our environmental staff to not only be responsive, timely, and flexible based upon workload, but also avoids potential conflicts of interest to best serve the ADOT program.

While not a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE), Olsson regularly partners with certified DBEs and finds them meaningful roles on our projects. In 2022, we partnered with 223 DBE subconsultants resulting in \$11.4M in fees. If requested, we can add DBE subconsultants to this contract.

Olsson commits the key personnel identified in this proposal to the extent necessary to meet ADOT's quality and schedule expectations. Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to work with you in making your projects successful. Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 303.214.3449 or abehrad@olsson.com.

Sincerely,

Anahita Behrad, ENV SP
Contract Manager/Sr. Env. Planner

Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE
Authorized SOQ Signer

Engineering Consultants Section SOQ Proposal Certifications Form – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE

Contract Number: 2024-010 Consultant Name: Olsson, Inc.

Please read the nine (9) statements below. The statements are to ensure Consultants are aware and in agreement with Federal, State and ECS guidelines related to the award of this contract. Consultants shall submit the specific Certification form attached to each SOQ advertised, as revisions to the form may occur from time to time. Failure to sign and submit the certification form specified in this SOQ with the SOQ proposal shall result in the SOQ proposal being rejected.

The signature below and submission of the SOQ by the Consultant certifies that to the best of its knowledge:

1.	The Consultant has not engaged in collusion with respect to the contract under consideration.
2.	The Consultant and/or its principals have not been suspended or debarred from doing business with any government entity.
3.	The Consultant and/or Supplemental Service individual proposed have the proper and current Arizona license(s) and registration(s) for services to be performed under this contract.
4.	The Consultant's signature on any SOQ proposal or contract constitutes an authorization to ADOT to ascertain the eligibility of the firm and its principals to enter into contract with the ADOT and with any other governmental agency.
5.	The Supplemental Service individual submitted is employed by the Consultant on the date of submittal.
6.	All information and statements written in the proposal are true and accurate and that ADOT reserves the right to investigate, as deemed appropriate, to verify information contained in proposals.
7.	The Supplemental Service individual submitted by the Consultant that is a former ADOT employee did not have or provide information that gives the Consultant a competitive advantage; and either (1) concluded their employment with ADOT at least 12 months before the SOQ due date or (2) have not made any material decisions about this project while employed by ADOT.
8.	No Federally appropriated funds have been paid or shall be paid, by or on behalf of the Consultant for the purpose of lobbying.
9.	If selected, the Consultant is committed to satisfactorily carry out the Consultant's commitments as detailed in the contract and its SOQ proposal.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to adhere to the nine (9) statements above and/or that the statements are true to the best of my knowledge as a condition of award of this contract (must be signed by a Principal or Officer of the Consultant).

Print Name: Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE Title: Authorized SOQ Signer

Signature:  Date: December 7, 2023

Engineering Consultants Section ADOT Project Involvement Disclosure Statement – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICE

Supplemental Service personnel proposed in an SOQ must disclose on this form **ALL** work he/she is currently performing (or anticipate performing) under any contractual agreements (listed in a submitted SOQ, in negotiations and/or executed contracts) with ADOT. This disclosure includes contracts awarded and/or executed through the Engineering Consultants Section, Procurement Group, Multi-Modal Planning Division or other ADOT Groups or Divisions.

THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND SIGNED FOR ALL SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES CONTRACTS EVEN IF NO WORK IS CURRENTLY BEING PERFORMED, OR IS ANTICIPATED TO BE PERFORMED, BY THE PROPOSED SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES PERSONNEL ON OTHER ADOT CONTRACTS. This form **shall** be submitted or the SOQ shall be rejected.

Consultant Name: Olsson, Inc. Contract Number: 2024-010

Proposed Supplemental Service Personnel Name: Anahita Behrad, ENV SP

% of time available to work on the proposed contract: 65%

No.	ADOT Section	Contract or Agreement Number	Detailed Description of Proposed Supplemental Service Personnel's Role in Project	Average Number of Hours per Week Working on Project	Anticipated Completion Date of Work
1.	ECS	2024-007	Environmental services, if needed, for College Ave. & University Dr. Ped. Underpass	<1	5/30/2025
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(Add additional sheets, as needed)

I hereby certify the above to be true to the best of my knowledge (must be signed by Proposed Supplemental Services Personnel and a Principal or Officer of the firm).

Anahita Behrad, ENV SP
Proposed Supplemental Service Name

Anahita Behrad
Signature

December 7, 2023
Date

Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE
Principal or Officer of Firm Name

Fadi Jalaghi
Signature

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Consultant Name: Olsson, Inc. **Contract Number:** 2024-010

Proposed Supplemental Service Personnel Name: Tony Baumert


% of time available to work on the proposed contract: 45%

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(Add additional sheets, as needed)

I hereby certify the above to be true to the best of my knowledge (must be signed by Proposed Supplemental Services Personnel and a Principal or Officer of the firm).

Anthony "Tony" Baumert
Proposed Supplemental Service Name


Signature

December 7, 2023
Date

Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE
Principal or Officer of Firm Name


Signature

December 7, 2023
Date

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Consultant Name: Olsson, Inc. Contract Number: 2024-010

Proposed Supplemental Service Personnel Name: Jim Timmons

% of time available to work on the proposed contract: 65%

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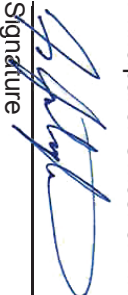
I hereby certify the above to be true to the best of my knowledge (must be signed by Proposed Supplemental Services Personnel and a Principal or Officer of the firm).

Jim Timmons
Proposed Supplemental Service Name


Signature

December 7, 2023
Date

Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE
Principal or Officer of Firm Name


Signature

December 7, 2023
Date

**ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS SECTION
PARTICIPATION IN BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL - CONSULTANT CERTIFICATION FORM
ADOT ECS Contract No.: 2024-010**

This Certification is required in response to legislation enacted to prohibit the State from contracting with companies currently engaged in a boycott of Israel. To ensure compliance with A.R.S. §35-393, this form must be completed and returned with any response to a solicitation (SOQ), Contract Cost Proposals, and Contract Time Extensions. The Consultant understands that this response will become public record and may be subject to public inspection.

Please note that if any of the following apply to this Solicitation, Contract, or Contractor, then the Offeror shall select the "Exempt Solicitation, Contract, or Contractor" option below:

- The Solicitation or Contract has an estimated value of less than \$100,000;
- Contractor is a sole proprietorship;
- Contractor has fewer than ten (10) employees; OR
- Contractor is a non-profit organization.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §35-393.01, public entities are prohibited from entering into contracts "unless the contract includes a written certification that the company is not currently engaged in, and agrees for the duration of the contract to not engage in, a boycott of goods or services from Israel."

Under A.R.S. §35-393:

1. "Boycott" means engaging in a refusal to deal, terminating business activities or performing other actions that are intended to limit commercial relations with entities doing business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel, if those actions are taken either:
 - (a) Based in part on the fact that the entity does business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel.
 - (b) In a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin or religion and that is not based on a valid business reason.

2. "Company" means an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company or other entity or business association, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate, that engages in for-profit activity and that has ten or more full-time employees.


...

5. "Public entity" means this State, a political subdivision of this State or an agency, board, commission or department of this State or a political subdivision of this State.

The certification below does not include boycotts prohibited by 50 United States Code Section 4842 or a regulation issued pursuant to that section. See A.R.S. §35-393.03.

In compliance with A.R.S. §§35-393 et seq., all offerors must select one of the following:

- The Company submitting this Offer **does not** participate in, and agrees not to participate in during the term of the contract, a boycott of Israel in accordance with A.R.S. §§35-393 et seq. I understand that my entire response will become public record in accordance with A.A.C. R2-7-C317.
- The Company submitting this Offer **does** participate in a boycott of Israel as described in A.R.S. §§35-393 et seq.
- Exempt Solicitation, Contract, or Contractor.**
Indicate which of the following statements applies to this Contract:
 - Solicitation or Contract has an estimated value of less than \$100,000;
 - Contractor is a sole proprietorship;
 - Contractor has fewer than ten (10) employees; and/or
 - Contractor is a non-profit organization.

Olsson, Inc.			
Company Name		Signature of Person Authorized to Sign	
6437 W. Chandler Boulevard, Suite 1		Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE	
Address		Printed Name	
Chandler	AZ	85226	Authorized SOQ Signer
City	State	Zip	Date
			December 7, 2023

FORCED LABOR OF ETHNIC UYGHURS BAN Certification Form

Forced Labor of Ethnic Uyghurs Ban

Please note that if any of the following apply to the Consultant, then the Offeror shall select the "Exempt Consultant" option below:

- Consultant is a sole proprietorship;
- Consultant has fewer than ten (10) employees; OR
- Consultant is a non-profit organization.

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 35-394, the State of Arizona prohibits a public entity from entering into or renewing a contract with a company unless the contract includes written certification that the company does not use the forced labor, or any goods or services produced by the forced labor, or use any consultants, subcontractants, or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China.

Under A.R.S. §35-394:


1. "Company" means an organization, association, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company or other entity or business association, including a wholly owned subsidiary, majority-owned subsidiary, parent company or affiliate, that engages in for-profit activity and that has ten or more full-time employees.
 - (a) Based in part on the fact that the entity does business in Israel or in territories controlled by Israel.
 - (b) In a manner that discriminates on the basis of nationality, national origin or religion and that is not based on a valid business reason.
2. "Public entity" means this State, a political subdivision of this State or an agency, board, commission or department of this State or a political subdivision of this State.

In compliance with A.R.S. §§ 35-394 et seq., all offerors must select **one** of the following:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Company submitting this Offer does not use, and agrees not to use during the term of the contract, any of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China;• Any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; or• Any Consultants, Subconsultants, or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China.
<input type="checkbox"/>	The Company submitting this Offer <u>does</u> participate in use of Forced Uyghurs Labor as described in A.R.S. § 35-394.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Exempt Consultant: Indicate which of the following statements applies to this Consultant (may be more than one): <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Consultant is a sole proprietorship;<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant has fewer than ten (10) employees; and/or<input type="checkbox"/> Consultant is a non-profit organization.

Olsson, Inc.
Company Name
6437 W. Chandler Boulevard, Suite 1
Address

Chandler AZ 85226
City State Zip


Signature of Person Authorized to Sign
Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE
Printed Name

Authorized SOQ Signer
Title

1. RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

The Olsson team has been performing environmental planning and permitting services for state DOTs for decades. Our environmental scientists and planners have authored hundreds of approved CEs, EAs, EISs, wetlands delineation reports, Section 404 permits, and multiple technical documents. These projects have led to strong relationships with our clients who rest easy knowing we have the staff, skill, experience, and availability to successfully complete any environmental task issued. With our knowledge of ADOT processes and what it takes to satisfy requirements for federally funded projects, we are ready to help make your project a success. The projects below were selected for their comparable character, size, and complexity.



Missouri DOT, Local Public Agency Environmental On-Call

Olsson is on-call with Missouri DOT (MoDOT) to complete their NEPA documentation and T&E compliance under FHWA oversight. Our work includes requests for environmental review (RER) from local public agencies and request for environmental services (RES) for internal MoDOT projects. Olsson has completed over 600 NEPA projects and over 100 T&E compliance projects for MoDOT. Our T&E compliance projects include effects determinations, programmatic U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) consultations, informal USFWS consultations, and formal USFWS consultations. NEPA projects include reviews for floodplains, HAZMAT, 4(f) and 6(f) resources, wetlands and streams (Section 404), farmland, land disturbance, socioeconomic, noise, and cultural resources.

ROLES

Anahita Behrad, Senior Environmental Planner;
Mark Sowers, Biologist/Environmental Scientist;
Julianne Whitaker, Senior Environmental Planner



Oklahoma DOT, Environmental On-Call & Wetland Mitigation Staff Augmentation

Olsson is providing Oklahoma DOT (ODOT) with staff to oversee their water resources and Section 404 compliance. Our staff are conducting jurisdictional waters and wetlands evaluations and developing wetland and stream mitigation proposals for various projects. The proposals are site specific and use the Section 404/401 of the Clean Water Act and other federal and state laws and regulations. The work includes identifying publicly or privately held wetlands and streams suitable for wetland and stream mitigation; identifying properties currently on the market that could meet the criteria for off-site mitigation; develop, implement, and monitor mitigation plans; develop compliance documents for 404 permit conditions; and coordinate with potential non-profit organizations on mitigation projects.

ROLES

Hannah Clark, Biologist; Julianne Whitaker,
Senior Environmental Planner



Nebraska DOT, Environmental On-Call

Since 2011, Olsson has provided Nebraska DOT (NDOT) with NEPA services in an on-call capacity. Reselected numerous times for this contract, we have successfully provided environmental services for dozens of NDOT projects including routine mill and overlay projects along with more complicated transportation system projects. Our services have included CEs, EAs, wetland delineation/mitigation, T&E species reviews, noise analysis/abatement, Section 106 resource coordination, public involvement, environmental justice assessments, Section 4(f) and 6(f) assessments, and HAZMAT.

ROLES

Anahita Behrad, Senior Environmental
Planner/Task Manager; Tony Baumert,
Senior Biologist/Contract Manager; Jim
Timmons, Air Quality Specialist

2. DEMONSTRATED KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES

The Olsson Team Provides Complete NEPA Services

- CE, EA, EIS
- Section 4(f)/6(f) Determinations
- Hazardous Materials Reviews and Site Assessments
- Noise Studies
- Air Quality Analyses
- T&E Species Reviews
- Prime and Unique Farmlands
- Wild and Scenic River Act
- Floodplain Permitting
- Socioeconomic Studies
- Environmental Justice Assessments
- Public Involvement
- Waterway and Wetlands Determination/Delineation and Permitting
 - Section 404 Permitting
 - Section 401 Permitting
- Wetland and Stream Mitigation Design and Monitoring
- Floodplain Permitting and Agency Coordination
- Water Quality Assessment and Permitting
- Section 408 Coordination

With our extensive resume of roadway, sidewalk, trail, and traffic projects involving federally funded processes, you can be assured we have the background knowledge and understanding of ADOT project execution. Our transportation experience combined with our environmental expertise will provide the depth of resources needed for all ADOT Environmental Planning projects. When issues arise in various disciplines, including water resources, traffic, transportation, land development, noise, NEPA, wetlands and streams, SWPPP, SPCC, air quality, and hazardous waste, Olsson has the resources and previous project experience to get answers within existing staff.

Anahita Behrad, Senior Environmental Planner/Contract Manager

Our experienced Senior Environmental Planner, Anahita Behrad, brings over 15 years of valuable expertise in managing environmental projects for the DOT, with a focus on successful collaborations with ADOT. In her role as the lead for the I-10 Broadway Curve project, Anahita skillfully guided a diverse team, including environmental scientists, engineers, and consultants, through an efficient and compliant NEPA process. The I-10 Broadway Curve project, a pioneering project under ADOT's NEPA Assignment, required careful attention to legal and regulatory requirements. Anahita worked closely with ADOT Environmental Planning (EP) staff, Katie Rodriguez and Steve Olmsted, providing essential support that led to the timely completion of a Finding of No Significant Impact before the project entered the construction procurement phase.

Following the NEPA process, Anahita continued her involvement as an Environmental Compliance Manager during construction. Collaborating with ADOT EP staff, Dena Whitaker, she ensured that the design-build contractor adhered to NEPA and other environmental regulations.

Anahita's proactive approach extended to creating a practical NEPA reevaluation checklist for ADOT, well-received by staff and applicable for future projects.

In addition to her work on I-10 Broadway Curve, Anahita played vital roles in various other ADOT projects, including the Sonoran Corridor Tiered EIS, ADOT SR-260 Lion Springs, ADOT Ruthrauff Road TI, and SR 101/Pima Freeway Widening. Her contributions have consistently demonstrated leadership and expertise in guiding projects to success.

Anahita's influence goes beyond ADOT, as she served as a NEPA Assignment reviewer for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. In this role, she carefully reviewed NEPA documentation from consultants, ensuring compliance with regulations and offering valuable feedback for a legally defensible process. Anahita also played a key role in helping the authority compile a strong administrative record of the NEPA processes.

Anahita's extensive experience makes her a strategic problem solver. Her ability to navigate challenges, whether related to historic preservation, wildlife considerations, or community concerns, showcases her adeptness in finding solutions that balance project goals and environmental stewardship.



Additional Olsson Environmental Staff

Olsson's deep bench of qualified and experienced environmental staff are committed and available to ADOT as needed. Our team includes biologists, air quality and noise specialists, Geographic Information System (GIS) technicians, and cultural resource managers who work alongside our transportation engineers to provide ADOT with a complete team. While Anahita will serve as the Contract Manager and Senior Environmental Planner, below are biographies for a Senior Biologist and Air Quality Specialist we also propose for this contract. As stated in the Request for Qualifications (RFQ), resumes for these individuals can be provided with our cost proposal and they are available for interview. Additionally, should the need arise, we also have dozens more environmental staff who can be added. A few of their names and availabilities are listed on page 12.

Tony Baumert, Senior Biologist

Tony Baumert is an experienced field ecologist and project manager with 25 years of experience in both research and consulting. Tony is formally trained as a research ecologist, having spent 10 years within academia. Tony holds a bachelor's degree in biology from St. John's University (MN) and was a doctoral candidate in Ecology and Evolution at the University of Pittsburgh where he focused on issues in community ecology.

For the past 15 years, Tony has worn many hats as a consultant, working as a field biologist, project manager, and technical expert specifically focusing on NEPA-related issues, T&E species surveys, wetlands and streams, mitigation, and habitat restoration for numerous industries across the United States. Specific to the role of Senior Biologist, Tony is experienced with NEPA document preparation, 404 permitting, wetland delineation, stream assessments, restoration and mitigation plans, T&E species surveys, invasive species management, and habitat restoration. Under the umbrella of Threatened and Endangered Species Act, Tony has completed dozens of species surveys including plant, birds, reptiles, and bats; prepared technical survey reports and Biological Assessments; and has served as the primary point of contact to both federal and state agency regulators.

Beyond his technical qualifications and experience, Tony has a strong working knowledge of environmental policy and regulations, and intimately understands the environmental process to move a project effectively and efficiently from start to finish. Furthermore, much of Tony's experience involves projects that have not subscribed to a typical normal regulatory or approval pathway, cultivating a strong ability to communicate with project sponsors and regulators and identify challenges (and their solutions) early in the life of a project and carve out a path forward. Given this skill set, Tony serves clients as a technical reviewer, advisor, and project planner regarding complex environmental scenarios.

Jim Timmons, Air Quality Specialist

Over the course of 10-year tenure in Air Quality Compliance, Jim has garnered extensive experience, demonstrating a steadfast commitment to regulatory adherence and environmental stewardship. He has successfully navigated complex air quality processes, incorporating elements such as haul road emission factors and precise emission calculations.

Jim's proficiency extends to preparing and reviewing diverse air quality compliance reports and ensuring accuracy and alignment with a spectrum of regulatory requirements ranging from Greenhouse Gas Reports to Toxic Release Inventory, Emissions Inventory, Tier II, and Annual Compliance Certifications. Through thorough inspections and audits of industrial facilities, he has compiled comprehensive reports designed for effective communication with management and executives. Collaborating seamlessly with cross-functional teams, Jim plays a pivotal role in developing and implementing strategies aimed at emissions reduction and regulatory compliance.



3. KNOWLEDGE OF FEDERAL, STATE, AND INDUSTRY STANDARDS

Anahita's unparalleled knowledge, familiarity, and hands-on experience in transportation NEPA uniquely positions her to drive success in complex highway projects. Anahita excels in NEPA compliance, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the intricate web of federal regulations governing highway projects. Her proficiency extends to conducting comprehensive EAs and impact analyses, ensuring strict adherence to NEPA guidelines throughout the project lifecycle. Anahita seamlessly integrates her NEPA expertise with FHWA standards and guidelines, navigating federal regulations adeptly to ensure compliance. Her approach aligns project goals with the requirements set forth by the FHWA, promoting seamless integration into the federal transportation framework.



Anahita is intimately familiar with ADOT's processes, translating federal guidelines into actionable plans that meet both state and local requirements. Her experience demonstrates effective collaboration with ADOT ensuring seamless alignment with state-specific standards.



Anahita understands Section 404 of the Clean Water Act requirements and has been skillfully navigating the challenges associated with wetlands and waterway impacts in highway projects. Her approach involves early engagement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the process, comprehensive assessments, and implementing mitigation measures to comply with federal and state regulations.



Although not a trained archaeologist, Anahita is well-versed in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, ensuring the preservation of cultural resources in highway projects. She has led efforts to identify, evaluate, and address potential impacts on historic properties, collaborating with the State Historic Preservation Office and tribal entities to strike a balance between project goals and preservation requirements.



Anahita excels in applying the intricate provisions of Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) of the Department of Transportation Act, safeguarding parks, recreational areas, and natural habitats affected by highway projects. Her approach involves strategic planning to minimize impacts and enhance environmental stewardship.



Anahita is well-versed in air quality regulations and noise abatement guidelines for ADOT. She ensures compliance with federal and state standards, working with ADOT experts to implement measures to mitigate air emissions and minimize noise impacts on surrounding communities.



Anahita is adept at addressing concerns related to the T&E Species Act, coordinating with qualified biologists to implement measures to protect vulnerable species and their habitats during highway projects. She navigates the regulatory landscape to secure necessary permits and ensure project success while preserving biodiversity.

In summary, Anahita's extensive expertise in NEPA, federal regulations, and Arizona state-specific requirements uniquely positions her to lead highway projects with ADOT. Her comprehensive understanding of environmental compliance and strategic approach to regulatory challenges, coupled with the overall skill set and experience of Olsson's Environmental team, ensures successful and sustainable outcomes for transportation infrastructure in Arizona.



4. AVAILABILITY

Successfully completing task orders relies on the dedicated attention and commitment of our team. We hereby confirm that the assigned staff members have adequate availability to prioritize and focus on this on-call over other concurrent work. The project team members designated for each task order are committed to providing the necessary time and effort to ensure its successful completion. Their availability will be assessed, and they will be fully aligned with the project timelines. Project-related tasks will be prioritized over other non-critical work during the specified task order duration. Adequate resources, including time and expertise, will be allocated to address the specific requirements and deliverables outlined in the project scope. The team will exercise flexibility in adapting to evolving ADOT needs. As Contract Manager and Senior Environmental Planner, Anahita is committed to maintaining open lines of communication with ADOT. Regular check-ins and status updates will be scheduled to address any emerging issues promptly and ensure the project stays on course. The table below outlines some of our key staff and their availability to assist ADOT on upcoming task orders.

Name	Role	Availability
Anahita Behrad, ENV SP	Senior Environmental Planner/ Contract Manager	65%
Tony Baumert	Senior Biologist	45%
Jim Timmons	Air Quality Specialist	65%
Mark Sowers	Environmental Planner	50%
Caleb Pharris	Senior Biologist	65%
Will Calderon	Air Quality Specialist	65%
Hannah Clark	Biologist	65%
Julianne Whitaker	Senior Environmental Planner	65%

Why Choose Us?

- ✓ **EXPERTISE:** Our team members possess a wealth of experience and expertise in their respective fields, ensuring the successful execution of ADOT projects.
- ✓ **COLLABORATION:** We prioritize effective collaboration with project team members, stakeholders, and regulatory agencies to facilitate smooth project coordination.
- ✓ **COMPLIANCE:** Ensuring adherence to federal and state laws, regulations, and environmental standards is at the core of our approach, guaranteeing legally defensible compliance.
- ✓ **NEW PERSPECTIVE:** Our team brings a new outlook to ADOT projects leveraging our broad national expertise and experience collaborating with various DOTs across the country. Our goal is to support you in enhancing and streamlining your processes.



ANAHITA BEHRAD, ENV SP

Contract Manager/Senior Environmental Planner

EXPERIENCE SUMMARY

Anahita is a skilled professional in NEPA documentation and other environmental regulations with more than 15 years of experience managing environmental projects to DOTs. With her collaborative and organizational mindset, she can identify organizational inefficiencies and complex situations and quickly formulate solutions, empowering colleagues and clients alike to grow and learn. She has extensive experience in managing, preparing, and reviewing CE, EA, and EIS in compliance with NEPA; performing environmental justice analysis and developing mitigation measures; performing Section 4(f) and Section 6(f) evaluations; managing and preparing technical reports and permits for noise, air quality, and hazardous materials (Phase I); and managing and preparing documentations in accordance with Section 404 of Clean Water Act and Section 106 of National Historic Preservation Act.

EDUCATION

- B.S. Urban and Regional Planning, California State Polytechnic University of Pomona

CERTIFICATIONS/TRAINING

- Envision Sustainability Professional Certified

OLSSON EXPERIENCE

- 2023 to Present

OVERALL EXPERIENCE

- 2008 to Present

* Previous Firm Experience

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

- ADOT, I-10 Broadway Curve Environmental Assessment; Tempe, AZ*
 - Anahita was the NEPA Lead and Task Manager responsible for managing technical staff and subconsultants, while also completing the environmental justice, land use, socio economic, visual and aesthetic, and parks and recreation analysis. This project runs along 11 miles of Interstate 10 between the Loop 202 and I-17 near Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. This is the first major urban freeway reconstruction project in Maricopa County and includes capacity improvement, C/D roads, pedestrian facilities, and interchange reconstructions. Anahita also assisted ADOT during procurement of the project and provided environmental compliance and mitigation oversight along with providing guidance on NEPA reevaluations during construction on behalf of ADOT.
- ADOT, Sonoran Corridor Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement; Pima County, AZ*
 - Anahita provided QC and NEPA compliance oversight for a Tier 1 environmental impact statement for the Sonoran Corridor, which connects I-19 and I-10 south of the Tucson International Airport. As part of the NEPA process, ADOT and FHWA engaged stakeholder agencies, organizations, and members of the community throughout the study process.
- ADOT, SR 101L Pima Freeway Widening (Princess/Pima to Shea Blvd); Scottsdale, AZ*
 - Anahita served as the NEPA Lead for preparing the environmental documentation. This project added capacity to SR 101L. The project included environmental documentation preparation, utility relocation coordination, roadway design, drainage design, geotechnical investigations and reports, structure analyses, traffic design, and construction bid document preparation.

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- ADOT, SR 260 Lion Springs Geotechnical; Tonto National Forest, AZ*
 - Anahita served as NEPA Lead on this highway widening project within the Tonto National Forest. She provided the necessary analysis and documentation for environmental clearance to perform geotechnical activities prior to the overall NEPA clearance for the project.
- ADOT, I-10 Ruthrauff Road Traffic Interchange Design Services; Tucson, AZ*
 - Anahita served as the Environmental Planner and NEPA Reviewer for this project that reconstructed I-10 under Ruthrauff Road. Project designs included ramps, frontage roads, and drainage improvements.
- ADOT, Bullhead Parkway and Silver Creek Road Safety Improvements Categorical Exclusion; Bullhead City, AZ*
 - Anahita was the NEPA Lead for this ADOT safety improvement project in Bullhead City.
- City of Flagstaff, Lone Tree Overpass; Flagstaff, AZ*
 - Anahita served as the environmental compliance manager to design and construct a new overpass to span over railroad tracks and a future low-flow channel. Right-of-way acquisition was required from multiple properties.
- City of Flagstaff, Downtown Mile Environmental Assessment; Flagstaff, AZ*
 - Anahita served as the Environmental Manager and led the NEPA process for this multidisciplinary project including coordination with FRA as the lead agency and other stakeholders. The project consisted of multiple components including pedestrian overpasses, rail realignment, and roadway upgrades.
- WSDOT, Interstate Bridge Replacement Project; Statewide, WA*
 - Anahita provided environmental management support responsible for tracking this project's progress with various technical reports, facilitating meetings with project stakeholders and cooperating/coordinating agencies, and performing quality control reviews on various technical reports. This project replaced the I-5 bridge connecting Oregon to Washington and involved coordination with 12 major stakeholders including FHWA, FTA, ODOT, WSDOT, USACE, and multiple cities and ports.
- City of Brighton, I-76 and Bridge Street Interchange Environmental Assessment; CO*
 - Anahita was the Lead Environmental Planner for this project that included a new interchange at Bridge Street and I-76 in coordination with the City of Brighton. She managed the planning and development of the overall approach and strategy to this project. This included all stakeholder coordination and planning as well as ensuring that Colorado DOT's needs and requirements were effectively addressed.
- CDOT, I-70 East (Central 70) Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision and Reevaluations, CO*
 - Anahita was the NEPA Task Manager and Lead Environmental Planner and also responsible for environmental justice, land use, socio economic, visual and aesthetic, parks and recreation analysis, Section 4(f) and Section 6(f), and public involvement. The project included a Supplemental DEIS, FEIS, and ROD along with two reevaluations. The EIS analyzed impacts from multiple build alternatives for reconstructing 11 miles of Interstate 70 through Denver. This included direct and indirect effects from viaduct and at-grade or partially covered freeway alternatives.

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- CDOT, I-70 Floyd Hill to Veterans Memorial Tunnels Environmental Assessment; CO*
 - Anahita served as the Lead Environmental Planner and was also responsible for environmental justice, land use, socio economic, and visual and aesthetic analysis. This project was a Tier 2 document, studying alternatives to the existing alignment, which had safety and geometric concerns. The area was within popular recreation areas and was especially sensitive to montane wildlife such as Canadian Lynx and Bighorn Sheep.
- CDOT, I-25 Central Planning & Environmental Linkages; CO*
 - Anahita served as Lead Environmental Planner responsible for compiling the existing conditions portion of the report for environmental resources and performing Section 6(f) and environmental justice analysis. This project involved preparing a Project and Environmental Linkage (PEL) Study for I-25 from Santa Fe to 20th Street. This section of I-25 is one of the most valuable links in Colorado's transportation system.
- ODOT, Regional Mobility Pricing Project; Portland, OR*
 - Anahita provided environmental document support and was responsible for preparing and the quality control of various EA sections and technical analysis. ODOT proposed implementing and operating congestion pricing on all lanes of approximately 55 miles of I-5 and I-205 in the Portland metropolitan area. Congestion pricing is a type of tolling that charges higher prices during peak traffic periods and at more congested locations.
- City of Aurora, Wild Horse Pass Third-Party NEPA; Aurora, CO
 - Anahita is serving as an Environmental Planner on this EIS. The City of Aurora will be responsible for the engineering and technical studies necessary for the EIS. While Olsson will review the documents from Aurora and advise the BLM on the adequacy of the analysis for completing the EIS. Our scope includes verifying Aurora Water's CRAM hydrology model, supporting NEPA coordination and scoping, collecting and compiling data necessary to write the EIS, maintaining records, preparing and distributing the Draft and Final EIS, and compiling and responding to public comments.
- Town of Castle Rock, Downtown Pedestrian Lighting; Castle Rock, CO
 - Anahita completed a CE as the Town of Castle Rock wanted to improve the quality and safety of its downtown pedestrian lighting. Olsson provided a multidisciplinary team to handle a broad variety of project needs, including designing pedestrian facilities, electrical systems, and lighting; surveying, mapping, plats, and legal descriptions; geotechnical investigations and subsurface utility engineering (SUE); environmental services for a CE; and construction phase services. All our designs elevated Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance.

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From: [ADOT Business Engagement and Compliance Office](#)
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Olsson , Inc., AZUTRACS Number: [10793](#) has submitted a Bidder/Proposer list for **2024-010** on 12/07/2023 at 7:06 PM MST (UTC - 07:00).

Olsson , Inc. submitted a blank bidders/proposers list. This means that they did not list any firms that they reached out to or were contacted by during the preparation of this bid/proposal.
NOTE: Subbing out work is encouraged, where applicable. Under some circumstances, no subbing opportunities are available.



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Katie Hobbs, Governor
Jennifer Toth, Director
Greg Byres, Deputy Director for Transportation/State Engineer
Steve Boschen, Division Director
Korina Lopez, Group Manager

Date: November 20, 2023

TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NUMBER 01

REFERENCE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ)
CONTRACT NUMBER 2024-010
CONTRACT DESCRIPTION: SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES
ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING GROUP
TEMPORARY PART-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNER

The following revisions are made to the referenced RFQ:

1. All references in the RFQ, ECS Consultant Contract Manual, ECS Information Bulletins and the ECS website related to submitting Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) through eCMS are hereby stricken. SOQ submittals will ONLY be accepted via email to the following address: ECSSOQ@azdot.gov. SOQs emailed to any other address will NOT be accepted.
2. Section 4.20, *Number 4: Professional Liability (Errors and Omissions Liability)*, subsection 4 b of the contract boilerplate, referenced in Section XVII of the RFQ, is changed:

From:

- b. In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, the Consultant warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of **three (3) years** beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

TO:

- b. In the event that the professional liability insurance required by this Contract is written on a claims-made basis, the Consultant warrants that any retroactive date under the policy shall precede the effective date of this Contract; and that either continuous coverage will be maintained or an extended discovery period will be exercised for a period of **eight (8) years** beginning at the time work under this Contract is completed.

April R Conti-Farris

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Contract Specialist
Engineering Consultants Section

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Olsson, Inc.

CONSULTANT NAME

SIGNATURE

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Date: December 5, 2023
TO: ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
SUBJECT: AMENDMENT NUMBER 02
REFERENCE: REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS
CONTRACT NUMBER 2024-010
Supplemental Services, Environmental Planning Group, Temporary Part-Time
Environmental Planner

The following questions have been asked in reference to the above Request for Qualifications package:

1. On page 2, the last paragraph states that ADOT may select up to two (2) firms from among those submitting SOQs. Is that two firms per category (Sr. Environmental Planner, Air Quality Specialist, and Sr. Biologist) or just two firms total and those two firms need to fill all three roles?

Answer: Two firms total.

2. Can you please explain when we should provide multiple 12-page submittals? Such as if we propose one Sr. Environmental Planner, one Air Quality Technician, and one Sr. Biologist are we providing three separate submittals or one submittal for the complete team? What if we propose an alternate team member for each role, is that then six submittals?

Answer: Multiple submittals are not required and will not be accepted. The request is for one 12 page submittal. The submitted Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) should highlight proposed supplemental services personnel. Proposers will submit one SOQ for the complete team.

3. On page 5, first paragraph, we are asked to identify key personnel and include corporate responsibilities, titles, resumes, and availability for the contract manager. Is the contract manager also the technical person we are providing (Sr. Environmental Planner, Air Quality Technician, and Sr. Biologist) or are you wanting a contract manager to oversee the three technical part-time staff?

Answer: The Contract Manager is responsible for the overall contract; this person could also fulfill a technical role. The Contract Manager resume will be the only resume submitted.

4. If a firm submits on all three roles, can they be selected for just one position out of those three?

Answer: Yes. Contracts will be awarded to the two firms chosen by the selection panel. Supplemental services personnel will be added by modification to the contract and is based on the need of the ADOT Environmental Planning Group.

5. We are currently resubmitting our pre-qualifications and adding environmental technical services to our pre-qualification due to staff hires since our last pre-qualification. Can we submit as a prime on this contract since we are pre-qualified but didn't have environmental listed in the technical services area on our current pre-qualification?

Answer: Yes, you can submit as a prime.

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ADOT CERTIFIED DBE FIRM? (YES/NO)

No

SUBCONSULTANT(S):	TYPE OF WORK	ADOT CERTIFIED DBE FIRM (YES/NO)
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DBE GOAL ASSURANCE/DECLARATION

This Contract is Race Neutral (No DBE Goal-DBE use encouraged).

By signing below, and in order to submit an SOQ proposal and be considered to be awarded for this contract, in addition to all other pre-award requirement, the consultant/Proposer certifies that they will meet the established DBE goal or will make good faith efforts to meet the goal for the contract and that arrangements with certified DBEs have been made prior to SOQ and/or Cost Proposal submission. The proposer will meet the established DBE goal or will make good faith efforts to meet the goal on each Task Order assignment associated with the contract and that arrangements with certified DBEs have been made prior to SOQ and/or Task Order proposal submission.



Signature

December 7, 2023

Date

Fadi Jalaghi, PE, SE

Authorized SOQ Signer

Printed Name

Title

SOQ SUBMITTAL CHECKLIST

Place a check mark on the left side of the table indicating compliance with the following:

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