

**INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL  
FOR  
NATURAL GAS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners will receive written proposals (quotations) from qualified firms in the office of the Purchasing Department located at 135 NE Hernando Avenue, Suite 201, Lake City, FL 32055 until 2:00 PM on **March 10, 2022** for the purpose of completing the following:

**NATURAL GAS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

To be eligible for consideration, all proposers must be qualified natural gas engineers or consultants with expertise in performing natural gas infrastructure assessments. Additional information may be published at the below link upon registering at the same location:

<https://www.columbiacountyfla.com/PurchasingBids.asp>

Interested consultant firms shall submit a written proposal outlining a proposed fee with a brief description of methodology to complete the study along with an estimated timeline. It is anticipated that this project can be performed as a “desktop” review.

As natural gas becomes increasingly important in sustaining economic growth and the manufacturing industry, Columbia County is endeavoring to meet the demand as prospective “clients” and developers come to the table. Currently, the City of Lake City is the authorized distributor for natural gas within the City of Lake City and surrounding areas. However, the City does not always have the capacity or the distribution system to meet the needs of prospective projects for locations further away from their primary distribution lines.

The Study is to focus primarily on how to provide the most cost-effective means to increase natural gas availability to the 2,600-acre North Florida Mega Industrial Park which includes a 500-acre Catalyst Site. Site maps are provided with this IFP.

The Study should include a work plan of three major components:

1. Research and compilation of data on the locations including:
  - available capacity
  - cost per unit to corporate customers of existing natural gas lines
2. Analyze and determine which existing natural gas lines can best be enhanced to increase capacity.
3. Preparation of the report recommending how best to guarantee the necessary volume and improve rates to potentially incentivize prospects

Following approval and given a notice to proceed, the County is desirous of receiving a copy of the Data Research and Compilation with thirty (30) days followed by receiving the Completed Analysis and Determination Report approximately fourteen (14) days later.

Interested Consultants shall submit a signed Proposal to include the following:

- Qualifications and Experience of firm for conducting similar studies
- A proposed scope, outline and timeline to complete the study
- Proposed fee schedule for the complete study

Any questions related to this Invitation for Proposal shall be submitted to the Purchasing Officer via email at the following address: [bccpurchasing@columbiacountyfla.com](mailto:bccpurchasing@columbiacountyfla.com)