

The City of Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) recently incorporated an Invitation to Qualify process that prequalifies several selected consulting firms over multiple categories of design, engineering, and planning work, and ultimately decreases the time it takes to get consultants under contract on projects. This method provides clarity for a firm to pursue specific work with the DOMI without incurring significant costs associated with unsuccessful pursuits. The process is clear, open and equitable to all firms.

Once selected, DOMI negotiates fair contract terms and recognizes through contract amendments when work is beyond the anticipated scope. DOMI has demonstrated through multiple procurements and contracts to be equitable in contract terms, committed to procurement methods focused on quality of work, and fair business partner in terms of payment.

To facilitate the delivery of their program and commitment to providing opportunities to the engineering community, DOMI has hired consulting firms to serve as general manager and project oversight as part of efforts to advance their program.

DOMI works closely with the consulting firms through the life of their projects to understand the issues that occur and that require contract adjustments so to fairly accommodate appropriate consultant change orders. Although DOMI has staff educated and experienced in engineering, they place a great deal of trust in their consultant's engineering advice and solutions and appreciate the value of their services.

More important, DOMI also has a vision to look beyond the given set of project objectives to envision how the future will be shaped through the actions of today.

For the reasons discussed above, Gannett Fleming, Inc. has nominated, and ACEC/PA is proud to recognize the City of Pittsburgh's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure as the winner of the 2022 Client of Distinction Award.