

Pre-Solicitation Meeting Announcement

Project

Houston STORM Facility – Swiftwater Training Operations and Rescue Management

Owner

Emergency Services District 100 (ESD 100)

Meeting Date

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Meeting Location

CVFD Conference Center
16005 Bellaire Blvd
Houston, TX 77083

Contact for RSVP

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Scope

NOTICE: This is not a solicitation. This Pre-Solicitation Meeting Announcement is intended solely to inform the construction industry of an upcoming procurement opportunity and to facilitate informal engagement and Q&A. ESD 100 seeks to determine the availability of qualified, capable, and interested sources to support procurement planning.

This meeting's purpose is to share project goals, gather market feedback, and answer questions regarding the construction of the Houston STORM Facility, a state-of-the-art municipal aquatic training center focused on swiftwater rescue in Texas. No award will be made based on participation in this event.

Project Requirement Details

ESD 100 is working to engage the construction industry in a fair, transparent, and collaborative manner to develop the procurement strategy for the Houston STORM Facility. This pre-solicitation meeting is part of that strategy and aims to inform, assess market interest, and allow construction firms to decide how they plan to pursue the upcoming Bid Solicitation.

Project Background

The Houston STORM (Swiftwater Training Operations and Rescue Management) Facility will be the second municipal whitewater training center in the U.S. designed specifically for urban swiftwater rescue. The 27-acre facility includes:

- A 7.2-million-gallon recirculating swiftwater rescue course with two engineered channels constructed of reinforced, watertight concrete over a geosynthetic membrane
- A simulated urban streetscape and village
- A lower pond area adjacent to the channels
- Eleven support buildings ranging from ~2,500 SF to ~34,000 SF

- Multiple vehicular and pedestrian bridges
- Onsite utilities including water, sanitary sewer, storm drainage, and a raw water line
- Associated site improvements, including parking, hardscape, and landscaping

This project responds to the increasing need for realistic, high-impact emergency responder training due to flood-related disasters while maintaining a level of control and safety not available at current training sites in active waterways.

Interested firms are expected to include:

- General Contractors
- Concrete Subcontractors
- Earthwork Subcontractors
- MEP Subcontractors
- Structural steel, wood, and masonry subcontractors
- Waterproofing and building enclosure subcontractor

Approximate Construction Cost

\$80-\$100M

Preliminary Schedule

This anticipated schedule is subject to change and provided for planning purposes only:

- Pre-Solicitation Meeting: August 14, 2025
- RFP Release: September 16, 2025
- RFI Questions Due: September 26, 2025
- Responses to RFIs Issued: October 3, 2025
- Bids Due: October 17, 2025
- Anticipated Bid Award: October 24, 2025

Pre-Solicitation Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, August 14, 2025

Location: 16005 Bellaire Blvd, Houston, TX 77083

Schedule:

- 1:00 PM – Meeting Start / Introductions (ESD 100, Engineering and Architectural Teams)
- 1:10 PM – Project Presentation
- 1:50 PM – Schedule Goals
- 2:00 PM – Q&A Session
- 4:00 PM – Conclude (may be earlier based on number of questions)

RSVP Instructions

To RSVP for the Houston STORM Facility Pre-Solicitation Meeting, please contact:

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Please indicate your name, organization, and number of anticipated attendees. Space may be limited—early RSVP is recommended, but walk-ins will be accepted.

While in-person attendance is preferred, a virtual call-in option is available through Microsoft Teams. Please use the following link to join the meeting virtually:

[Houston STORM Facility Pre-Solicitation Meeting | Meeting-Join | Microsoft Teams](#)

Post Meeting

Presentation materials will be posted after the presentation, but a summary of the Q&A session and a recording of the presentation will not be made available. On the RSVP or in the meeting signing sheet, please note if you would like to be notified when the Request for Bids is released. The sign-in sheet will be posted one week after the meeting on the ESD100 website.

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Owner: [ESD 100](#)

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Date: 8/6/2025

Do not submit any questions over email. A Q&A session will take place during the meeting.

Additional Information

Please check www.esd100.org/notices-and-public-information/ regularly for updates on this project.