

# Definitions of Surveying and Associated Terms

## Request for Proposals

First published in 1978, the ACSM classic reference book *Definitions of Surveying and Associated Terms*, was updated in 2005 and has a series of reprints. The book is in urgent need to be updated with surveying, engineering, photogrammetry, geomatics, cartography, and new technology terminology coined during the last 15 years.

The National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) is looking for surveying and geomatics departments or interested individuals/companies to carry out the compilation of a new, updated *Definitions* book. The work is expected to include the following:

- Review of the most recently revised *Definitions* book (digital version available)
- Review of a newer, broader reference, the *Glossary of the Mapping*
- Compilation of a new *Definitions* manuscript combining valid terms from both publications
- Validation of selected terms and technical editing of the material by faculty (where students do the initial compilation) or companies
- Review of a draft manuscript by NSPS
- Incorporation of amendments, comments, etc. into the final draft
- Submission of the final manuscript to NSPS in digital format, by the deadline agreed upon.

NSPS invites interested parties to submit proposals for the implementation of the project. The proposal should include the following:

- Qualifications to carry out the research (interest in terminology research a plus)
- Proposed duration of the project
- Implementation procedure
- Tools and indexing capability
- Estimated costs of researching new terminology, compiling it, and incorporating it into the digital file of the currently used *Definitions* book.

NSPS will enter into a formal contract with the selected provider specifying the time period within which a final draft must be submitted, as well as the amount of funds that will be awarded for the research. The schedule of award disbursement of the agreed upon fee will be: one third at the beginning of the project; one third at submission of the draft manuscript for technical review; and one third at the time the final draft manuscript is submitted to NSPS for language editing and design.

After the compilation of the new document, it will be reviewed by an expert or a panel of experts to ensure that the terminology included in the updated *Definitions* book reflects the current state-of-the-art in the field. Candidates for the expert review may follow the same guidelines for preparing their proposals as specified above for the compilation part of the project.