



REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

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Oak Ridge Corridor Video Project

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1 REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) INSTRUCTIONS

1.1 Public Notice

The City of Oak Ridge (City), Tennessee plans to contract with one (1) or more Video Production/Marketing firms to provide videos (Services), development and implementation of a plan for marketing, to showcase Oak Ridge and the Oak Ridge Corridor (Project). Sections of the City are located in Roane County and the remaining areas in Anderson County. (See Appendix 1). The City is seeking a Marketing firm or firms whose combination of experience and expertise will provide timely, professional services to the City. The City reserves the right to enter one or more contracts with any firm selected under this RFQ process. The contract will be for a one (1) year period with the option to renew up to two-and-a-half (2.5) years.

Information related to this solicitation, including any addenda, will be posted to the City's Website at <http://www.oakridgetn.gov/departments/Finance/content.aspx?article=1964> or <http://bit.ly/ORbids>. For questions related to this RFQ, contact Lyn Majeski via Email at lmajeski@oakridgetn.gov.

1.2 Project Overview

The City has identified a need for videos that showcase Oak Ridge and the Oak Ridge Corridor, as yet undefined, projects. These projects may involve **recording, editing, and modifying videos to be shared on social media, websites, and potentially as advertisements on local television and other formats**. The City, in its sole discretion, may choose to enter additional contracts with any firm or firms that are selected and tasked with editing footage, or other tasks contemplated under this RFQ. The selected firm may also be called upon for advisory services as needed.

Firms should highlight experience in video production, marketing, social media, video shooting and editing, and search engine optimization. These videos should improve public education regarding the City and environment of Oak Ridge, attract people to live and shop in Oak Ridge, and show the City's recreational opportunities.

1.3 RFQ Schedule and Proposal Submission

Provided below is the anticipated schedule of events. The City reserves the right to adjust the schedule and to add/remove specific events to meet the unique needs of this Project. The hope of the timeline is that the firm will be selected in time so that prospective work can begin after the New Year.

Advertisement of RFQ:	January 7, 2021
Deadline for Questions:	January 20, 2021
DUE DATE & TIME FOR PROPOSALS:	February 8, 2021 @ 2:00 p.m.
Evaluation Meeting:	February 9-11, 2021
Candidate Meeting:	February 11-22, 2021
Present to City Council:	March 8, 2021
Selection Announcement:	No later than March 9, 2021

Proposals shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope or package, addressed to the City of Oak Ridge. The name and address of the firm, the RFQ Title – Oak Ridge Corridor Video Project, shall be placed on the outside of the package. All items required for a responsive proposal shall be included. It is the sole responsibility of the proposer to ensure that the proposal package is received no later than the established due date and time at the proper location. Proposals received after the due date and time will not be considered. Proposals submitted by email, facsimile, or other electronic means will not be accepted.

Submit/Deliver to:

In Person or By Overnight Delivery

Attn: Lyn Majeski
Finance Department
City of Oak Ridge
100 Woodbury Lane
Oak Ridge, TN 37830

Regular Mail

Attn: Lyn Majeski
Finance Department
City of Oak Ridge
P.O. Box 1
Oak Ridge, TN 37831-0001

1.4 Evaluation Criteria & Process

Firms will not be considered unless the firm and its sub-consultants are properly licensed and registered with all applicable entities.

Evaluation criteria include, but are not limited to, the following, listed in relative order of importance:

- Qualifications and experience of firm in providing similar services for similar projects;
- Project understanding, methodology, and approach;
- Qualifications and relevant experience of key team members;
- Availability of key team members; Familiarity with local conditions, codes and practices, as evidenced in previous projects; and
- Responsiveness, relevance and readability of proposal package

The City Manager will appoint an evaluation committee whose responsibilities will include performing independent technical evaluations of each proposal and making selection recommendations based on the evaluation criteria provided above. Evaluations will focus on identifying the relative strengths, weaknesses, deficiencies, and risks associated with each proposal. The City reserves the right to obtain clarification or additional information with any firm in regard to its proposal.

The City reserves the sole right to select the most qualified firm(s) on the basis of the best overall proposal that is most advantageous to the City.

Firms who submit proposals will be notified of the selection results. Final recommendation of any selected firm is subject to the approval of City Council or City officials.

1.5 Proposal Format

Interested firms must submit five (5) bound, original proposal, including all required forms and one (1) CD or USB-drive containing a digital copy of the complete proposal package in PDF format.

Proposals shall be printed on 8-1/2" x 11" paper; although pages containing organizational charts, matrices, or large diagrams may be printed on larger paper in order to preserve legibility. Type size shall be no smaller than 11 points for narrative sections, but may be reduced for captions, footnotes, etc. as required while maintaining legibility. Submissions that do not conform to the requirements listed herein may be removed from consideration at the sole discretion of the City.

Please submit packages comprised of materials that are easily recyclable or reusable.

1.6 Proposal Content

Proposals **shall not exceed 15 pages**. The front cover, table of contents, and back cover are not considered part of the 15-page limit. Any material printed front and back will constitute two pages. Proposals should be arranged as follows:

Coversheet: General Information

- A. Describe your interest in this Project and the unique attributes your firm and team bring to the Project.
- B. State any conflicts of interest your firm or any key team member may have with this Project.
- C. Identify and describe any pending claims, disputes, and/or litigation and any that occurred within the past five (5) years involving your firm or any of your proposed sub-consultants. With respect to resolved matters, describe the outcome.
- D. Debarment – The Respondent certifies by submission of a response to this RFQ that neither it nor its principals is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal, State, or Local department or agency.

Tab 1: Qualifications and Experience of Firm in Providing Similar Services for Similar Projects

- A. Provide a description of the company that will enter into the contract(s) with the City, including origin, background, current size, financial capacity, available resources, general organization, and company headquarters. Identify the name and title of the person authorized to enter into the contract(s) with the City.
- B. List a maximum of 5 relevant, similar projects, either currently in progress or having been completed ***in the past five (5) years***, containing work comparable to this specific Project, including any projects with the City, as follows:
 - List only projects involving the key team members or sub-consultants proposed for this Project.
 - List projects in date order with newest projects listed first and include the following:
 - Brief project description;

- Owner’s representative having knowledge of the firm’s work, include the contact name, phone, email, address;
- Contract dollar amount and total time period involved; and
- Discuss the methods, approach, and controls used on the project in order to complete it in an effective, timely, economical, and professional manner

Tab 2: Project Understanding, Methodology, and Approach

Discuss your firm’s approach to the following:

- A. Project management and quality control procedures, processes for performance, and past involvement of these types of projects;
- B. Management and quality control procedures related to sub-consultants;
- C. Processes and procedures for meeting schedules and budgets;
- D. Analytics or insights showing proof of performance on previous marketing campaigns including pre-COVID and current/post-COVID.

Tab 3: Qualifications and Relevant Experience of Key Team Members

- A. Provide an organization chart of all key team members who will be directly involved in providing services, including any sub-consultants, to be assigned specifically to this project. Identify the Project Manager who will be authorized to make decisions for and act on behalf of the firm. Identify any member of the team that is certified as a minority, woman or small business firm.
- B. Describe any previous collaboration(s) between key team members, the responsibilities of each team member during these collaborations, and the project(s) outcome. Cite any significant achievements reached as a result of this collaboration. Discuss the successes of the team collaboration, any problems encountered, and methods used to mitigate issues.
- C. Resumes should be submitted for each proposed key team member.

Tab 4: Availability of Key Team Members for This Project, Including Response Time

- A. Discuss availability of key team members from March 2021 through June 2021. This section is not intended to be a specific list of each team member’s workload but is meant to allow firms to show their availability to the City should they be selected. It is acknowledged that firms will have other ongoing non-City projects during the length of the contract, and how those outside agreements affect City needs will need to be outlined.

Tab 5: Familiarity with State, Regional Marketing and Local Oak Ridge, Roane and Anderson Counties as Evidenced in Previous Projects

- A. Discuss your firm’s familiarity with local conditions, codes, and practices and how these were

applied on previous projects.

Note that **Tab 4 and Tab 5** can be included on the same page if that is more efficient.

2 REPRESENTATIONS, CONDITIONS, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Communications

All communication of any nature with respect to this RFQ shall be addressed to the Contracts Administrator identified in this RFQ. With the exception of communications with the Contracts Administrator for this RFQ, prospective firms and their staffs are prohibited from communicating with elected City officials, City staff, and any selection committee member regarding this RFQ or submittals from the time the RFQ was released until the selection results are publicly announced. Violation of this provision may lead to disqualification of the firm's proposal for consideration.

2.2 Duties and Obligations of Firms in the RFQ Process

Interested firms are expected to fully inform themselves as to all conditions, requirements, and specifications of this RFQ before submitting a proposal. Firms must perform their own evaluation and due diligence verification of all information and data provided by the City and their own evaluation and due diligence of any consultants the firm proposes to engage to provide any of the professional services. The City makes no representations or warranties regarding any information or data provided by the City. Firms are expected to promptly notify the City in writing to report any ambiguity, inconsistency, or error in this RFQ. Failure to notify the City accordingly will constitute a waiver of claim of ambiguity, inconsistency, or error.

2.3 Addenda

In order to clarify or modify any part of this RFQ, addenda may be issued and posted at the City's official website at:

<http://www.oakridgetn.gov/departmentpg/Finance/content.aspx?article=1964> or
<http://bit.ly/ORbids>

Any requests for information or clarification shall be submitted in writing to Lyn Majeski at lmajeski@oakridgetn.gov by the deadline for questions, January 20, 2021.

2.4 No Collusion, Bribery, Lobbying, or Conflict of Interest

By responding to this RFQ, the firm shall be deemed to have represented and warranted that the proposal is not made in connection with any competing firm submitting a separate response to this RFQ and is in all respects fair and without collusion or fraud. Furthermore, the firm certifies that neither it, any of its affiliates or sub-consultants, nor any employees of any of the foregoing has bribed or lobbied, or attempted to bribe or lobby, an officer or employee of the City in connection with this RFQ.

2.5 Public Records

Confidentiality of Proposal Information: Each proposal and supporting documents must be submitted in a sealed envelope. All proposals and supporting proposal documents will become public information after the City has announced an intent to award the contract to the selected respondent. At that time, all proposals will be available for inspection by the general public upon

request.

2.6 Cost of Proposal Preparation

The City shall not be liable for any expenses incurred by any firm responding to this RFQ. Firms submitting a proposal in response to this RFQ agree that the materials and submittals are prepared at the firm's own expense with the express understanding that the firm cannot make any claims whatsoever for reimbursement from the City for the costs and expense associated with preparing and submitting a proposal. Each firm shall hold the City harmless and free from any and all liability, costs, claims, or expenses incurred by, or on behalf of, any person or firm responding to this RFQ.

2.7 Advertising

In submitting an RFQ, proposer agrees not to use the results therefrom as part of any commercial advertising without prior written approval of the City.

2.8 Vendor Registration with City of Oak Ridge

The selected firm and its sub-consultants must be registered in the City's Vendor Registration System in order to receive payment for services and/or supplies provided under any City contract.

2.9 Financial Capacity; Insurance Requirements

The selected firm must have the financial capacity to undertake the work and assume associated liability. The selected firm will be required to provide certificates of insurance and copies of their insurance policies evidencing coverage for professional liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000; automobile liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000; commercial general liability in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000; and workers' compensation insurance as required by Tennessee statutes.

2.10 Ownership of Work Products

The City shall have exclusive ownership of all intellectual property rights in all designs, plans and specifications, documents, and other work product prepared by, for, or under the direction of the selected firm pursuant to any contract under this RFQ including work product prepared by sub-consultants (collectively, the "Intellectual Property"), including, without limitation, the right to copy, use, disclose, distribute, and make derivations of the Intellectual Property for any purpose, or to assign such rights to any third party. The Intellectual Property shall be prepared in the City's name and shall be the sole and exclusive property of the City, whether the work contemplated therein is performed. The City will grant the firm a royalty-free, non-exclusive license to use and copy the Intellectual Property to the extent necessary to perform the contract.

2.11 City Rights and Reservations

The City expects to select one or more firms but reserves the right to request substitutions of any key team member, including staff and sub-consultants. The City reserves the right to contact any firm/team for any additional information, including but not limited to experience, qualifications, abilities, equipment, facilities, and financial standing. The City reserves the right to modify any part of this RFQ as issued with an addendum. The City, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to reject any or all responses to the RFQ, to cancel the RFQ, to re-advertise for new RFQ responses either with identical or revised specifications, or to accept any RFQ response, in whole or part, deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The City reserves the right to

waive technicalities and informalities.

A response to this RFQ shall not be construed as a contract, nor indicate a commitment of any kind. The City reserves the sole right to award a contract or contracts to the most qualified firm(s) on the basis of best overall proposal that is most advantageous to the City. The City also reserves the right to make multiple awards, based on experience and qualifications if it is deemed in the City's best interest.

2.12 Contract

The contents of this RFQ and all provisions of the successful proposal deemed responsive by the City may be incorporated, either in whole or in part, into a contract and become legally binding when approved and executed by both parties. Contents of the contract may contain changes from the City's perspective as a result of the RFQ process and proposal(s) received. The final negotiated contract may include the scope of work as outlined in this RFQ along with the successful firm's submittal and any additions or deletions made at the discretion of the City as a result of the RFQ process.

APPENDIX ONE: KEY DESCRIPTIONS OF PARTIES INVOLVED

ABOUT THE CITY OF OAK RIDGE, TENNESSEE

Whether it is a safe community, low crime, top-rated schools, parks, greenways, athletic fields, close proximity to a national park, or strong historical significance to our country, you will find it in Oak Ridge.

Oak Ridge was built under a cloak of secrecy by the United States government during World War II as a major site of the Manhattan Project, the massive wartime effort that produced the world's first atomic weapons. In 1942, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers bought an estimated 60,000 acres of rural farmland to construct a "temporary" city and three facilities to develop technology that ended the war. After the war, Oak Ridge transitioned from a "temporary" military town into an independent city and became self-governing in 1959 as residents voted overwhelmingly in favor of incorporation under a modified city manager-council form of government.

The City of Oak Ridge is located in the eastern part of the State, approximately 22 miles northwest of Knoxville. The City occupies a southern portion of Anderson County and an eastern portion of Roane County.

Two major interstates (I-40 and I-75) intersect just minutes from Oak Ridge providing easy access to both the north/south and east/west routes. McGhee Tyson, a regional airport located just 30 minutes from Oak Ridge offers non-stop services to most major cities and one-stop service to other destinations.

Oak Ridge borders the Clinch River's navigable waterway for 42 miles along the shores of Watts Bar and Melton Hill Lake. Oak Ridge offers a variety of recreational activities that include golf, swimming, soccer, biking, basketball, summer camps, rowing, tennis, hiking, disc golf, billiards and softball.

The City is home to Melton Hill Lake that is recognized as the home of the nationally renowned Oak Ridge rowing course. Melton Hill Lake offers 173 miles of shoreline for boating, fishing, kayaking and rowing. Melton Lake Greenway, one of Oak Ridge's 14 beautiful greenways, runs along the western shore of Melton

Hill Lake for people to enjoy scenic, outdoor activities. Oak Ridge's greenways are perfect for walking, running, mountain biking and hiking. Oak Ridge is also home to 16 beautiful parks that are strategically located throughout the City to be within one-half mile of each residential area and are open year-round from dawn until dusk.

The Oak Ridge School District was born in the shadow of the Manhattan Project in 1943. Like the project that brought together the nation's greatest minds for a common goal, the school system set the bar high for educational excellence from the beginning. Over 75% of our passionate, award-winning teachers hold master's degrees. Oak Ridge Schools offer a challenging STEM curriculum with a deliberate focus on collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity to ensure success for every student. The school system consists of one pre-school, four elementary schools, three middle schools and one high school.

With diverse cultural and recreational opportunities, award-winning health care facilities and the enjoyment of four distinct seasons, Oak Ridge is within a day's drive of 75% of the United States market. The quality of life in Oak Ridge is greatly enhanced by its endless choices of recreational, entertainment and cultural options. The Oak Ridge Civic Ballet, Oak Ridge Symphony, and Oak Ridge Art Center showcase the talents of area professionals and rising young stars.

Oak Ridge is home to a number of unique shops and restaurants – both mom and pop and nationally known. Historic Jackson Square is a popular spot with unique shops, antiques, restaurants and the acclaimed Oak Ridge Community Playhouse, which is the oldest running playhouse in the Southeast.

The American Museum of Science and Energy lets visitors discover firsthand why Oak Ridge was built and the technologies it has produced. The Children's Museum is a unique and educational resource for children that offers dozens of engaging interactive exhibit galleries. The city also is home of the Oak Ridge History Museum, the K-25 History Museum and the Y-12 History Center, which combine to tell the story of how Oak Ridge was built and the science and technology that has continued to change the world.

Well-built homes on tree-lined streets make great starter homes for any budget. Mid-range houses in planned subdivisions with sidewalks, community pools and limited access provide the perfect family atmosphere. And executive residences are prevalent in a variety of designs, many on or near Oak Ridge's two top-notch golf courses. Available properties and new developments are ideal for custom-built homes, and the gently rolling terrain in the city affords views of the Great Smoky Mountains and Melton Hill Lake from many vantage points.

LINKS:

- www.oakridgetn.gov
- www.exploreoakridge.com
- www.oakridgechamber.org

ABOUT THE OAK RIDGE CORRIDOR

The Oak Ridge Corridor is a term coined by Former United States Senator Lamar Alexander to represent the science and technology assets in and around Oak Ridge, Tennessee. The following excerpt from a press release issued in October 13, 2020 explains the concept:

Alexander: Oak Ridge Corridor Supporting New Advanced Nuclear Reactors

MARYVILLE, Tenn., October 13, 2020 – United States Senator Lamar Alexander (R-Tenn.) today said Oak Ridge National Laboratory will support the development of new advanced nuclear reactors after the U.S. Department of Energy awarded \$160 million to two projects as part of the Advanced Reactors Demonstration Program (ARDP). The new program, which was created last year, is a cost-shared partnership between the federal government and private industry. The funding announced today will support the construction of two reactors that are intended to be operational in five to seven years.

“Nuclear power must be part of our energy future if we want clean, cheap, and reliable energy that can create good jobs. To make sure nuclear power has a future in this country, and keep America competitive in a global economy, we need to develop advanced reactors that have the potential to be smaller, cost less, and produce less waste than today’s reactors. We need to stop talking about advanced reactors and actually build something,” Alexander said. “The grants the U.S. Department of Energy announced today will help build two new advanced nuclear reactors to demonstrate the capabilities they may bring, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the capabilities in the Oak Ridge Corridor have an important role to play.”

Alexander serves as the chairman of the Senate Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. The senator sponsored legislation the Senate passed last year that included \$300 million in grant funding as a part of the new Advanced Reactors Demonstration Program.

“Today’s announcement is good news for East Tennessee because X-Energy is using fuel being developed in cooperation with Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Government-sponsored research has helped make America the greatest country in the world, and in fact, much of that is happening right here in the Oak Ridge Corridor.”

“Oak Ridge Corridor? As president of the University of Tennessee in the late 1980s, I would tout the concentration of brainpower in the Knoxville-Oak Ridge area and compare the Oak Ridge Corridor to Massachusetts’ Route 128, North Carolina’s Research Triangle and even California’s Silicon Valley. Some people thought this was a little far-fetched. But 35 years later, the idea of an Oak Ridge Corridor doesn’t seem far-fetched at all, and it’s about time we celebrate it. With such a strong foundation and such strong current leadership, I am betting that during the next 80 years the brand Oak Ridge Corridor will be clearly recognized as one of the most important science and engineering alliances in the world.”

Link: [Alexander: Oak Ridge Corridor Supporting New Advanced Nuclear Reactors - Press Releases - United States Senator Lamar Alexander \(senate.gov\)](#)

ABOUT ANDERSON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Anderson County is the place to call home if you want to explore the outdoors, discover American heritage and history or just relax and enjoy the beautiful scenery. From the beautiful rural countryside to picturesque mountain settings, from eclectic cosmopolitan cities to small “Mayberry” like living, Anderson County’s diversity is appealing to anyone who visits and is enticed to stay.

It has adventure with its lakes, rivers and mountains as well as history and culture with its museums, antique districts and concerts. There is plenty to explore or Anderson County can be a hub that you can venture out from. Our great location on Interstate 75 and Interstate 40, seventeen miles north of Knoxville make for a short drive to Nashville, Chattanooga, Asheville and Atlanta.

The quality living in Anderson County is ideal with low taxes and utilities, diverse housing options, a moderate climate and many civic organizations. Methodist Medical Center offers quality care with over 175 physicians, 30 medical and surgical specialties and a 301-bed facility.

Anderson County offers low taxes, trained workforce, and support from local governments, strategic location and a relationship with the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

In addition, the quality of life and outstanding educational opportunities make Anderson County a great place to raise a family.

LINKS:

- www.anderson-county.com
- www.andersoncountychamber.org
- www.andersoncountyeda.com

ABOUT ROANE COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Roane County is located in the Knoxville/Oak Ridge Innovation Valley, a high-tech corridor and regional economic development partnership. It is home to the nation's top research lab - Oak Ridge National Laboratory and the pioneer in renewable energy technology - Proton Power.

Roane County is 361 square miles and the total population as of the 2000 Census was 51,900. The beauty of Roane County is highlighted by the Appalachian Mountains and Watts Bar Lake, made up of the Tennessee, Clinch and Emory Rivers. Each year, water recreation draws many visitors to Roane County.

Today, visitors can walk through a partial reconstruction of Fort Southwest Point, rebuilt on its original site. The Visitors Center houses a museum containing artifacts excavated under the supervision of the Tennessee Department of Archeology. The history of the Fort comes alive during the Living History Days as staff members dress in period costumes and recreate activities from the past.

It has ready Infrastructure with 8 designated exits on I-40 and is only 3 miles from I-75. Roane County is a 25-minute drive to Knoxville and a commercial airport, 1 hour to Chattanooga or Pigeon Forge, and approximately 2 hours to Nashville or Asheville. Roane County is home to Watts Bar Lake with 700+ shoreline miles that are among the least developed in the state, with affordable lake property still in abundance.

With its 56,000 acres of recreation that includes 16,000 acres of public parks and wildlife areas surrounded by 39,000 acres of water set against the backdrop of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, there's always something to do. There are 5 industrial and business parks in Roane County with many types of sites available, including three state-certified industrial sites. The school system is aligned with post-secondary opportunities designed to meet today's growing workforce demands, closing the skills gap and continuing the 75-year legacy of having a workforce unmatched in skill.

It is the gateway to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, with two of the sites in the Roane County portion of Oak Ridge. With Tennessee's Innovation Corridor as the gateway to the Manhattan Project National Historical Park, Roane County's local infrastructure, strong economic climate and high quality of life make it an attractive choice for expansive opportunities.

Whether you live here or visit, you'll enjoy family-friendly festivals and sporting events, live music and the arts, stunning Watts Bar Lake with world-class fishing, and historic towns and museums. The Roane County Chamber of Commerce works to enhance the lifestyle and business climate of Roane County and to promote existing business and industry. Our mission is to create an environment and unified voice that promotes job creation, economic development, enhanced quality of life, education and workforce development across Roane County.

LINKS:

- www.roanealliance.org/news/publications/
- www.youtube.com/c/RoaneAllianceTN
- www.RoaneECD.com
- www.VisitRoane.com
- www.RetireRoane.com

ABOUT THE MANHATTAN PROJECT NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

Established on November 10, 2015, Manhattan Project National Historical Park (www.nps.gov/mapr) preserves, interprets, and facilitates access to key historic resources associated with the Manhattan Project. The Manhattan Project was a massive, top-secret national mobilization of scientists, engineers, technicians, and military personnel charged with producing a deployable atomic weapon during World War II. It resulted in the first successful test of an atomic device on July 16, 1945, a few weeks before the United States dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan. Coordinated by the U.S. Army, Manhattan Project activities took place in numerous locations across the United States. The park is managed through a collaborative partnership by the National Park Service and the U.S. Department of Energy, and incorporates three of the Manhattan Project's most significant locations: Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Los Alamos, New Mexico; and Hanford, Washington.

The unprecedented scientific and industrial activities of the Manhattan Project displaced many communities with thousands of people to make way for the rapid construction of Manhattan Project infrastructure. In addition to its industrial plants, the U.S. government built large residential neighborhoods to support the tens of thousands of workers who moved to these sites to support the project. In these isolated, fenced and gated "secret" cities, access and activities were tightly monitored. Work on the sites was compartmentalized in the name of security, with the majority unaware that they were part of developing the world's first nuclear weapons.

The Clinton Engineer Works in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, served as the administrative headquarters for the Manhattan Project and also produced the enriched uranium used in the "Little Boy" gun-type bomb. Enrichment increases the concentration of the fissile uranium-235 isotope to a level suitable for weapons use. Due to wartime urgency, scientists at Oak Ridge developed multiple processes for uranium enrichment, and several sites and structures that supported these processes are incorporated into the park. These include buildings 9731 and 9204-3, which housed large arrays or "racetracks" of calutrons that separated uranium isotopes with electromagnets, as well as the site of the enormous K-25 plant (since demolished) which separated uranium isotopes using gaseous diffusion. Oak Ridge is also home to the X-10 Graphite Reactor National Historic Landmark, the world's first continuously operating nuclear reactor that demonstrated the production of plutonium in pilot scale.

LINKS:

- www.nps.gov/mapr/index.htm