

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST  
FOR  
A DESIGN BUILD PROJECT  
(PROCUREMENT METHOD-LOW BID TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE)**

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
DISTRICT 2

1109 S. Marion Avenue, Mail Station 2015  
Lake City, Florida 32025-5874

**PROCUREMENT NUMBER: E2O78**

**Financial Project #42830615201**

**Federal Project # ARRA 602 B**

**PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION:**

The Florida Department of Transportation (Department), District 2 has identified this Federal project for Design Build for Bridge Rail Retrofit and other miscellaneous work on County Road 214 over SR9(I-95) in St. Johns County.

Note: The RFP will contain Davis Bacon Wage Rate, FHWA 1273, Buy America and the monthly reporting information required by FHWA.

There will be no stipends for this project.

Prequalification for **Design** is: 3.1 Highway Minor Design  
4.1.2 Minor Bridge Design

Prequalification for **Construction** is: Guardrail

**Budget estimate: \$250,000.00**

ACTUAL COMMITMENT AND FINAL EXECUTION OF THIS CONTRACT IS CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROVED LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE:** LOW BID TECHNICALLY ACCEPTABLE

**AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009**

This project is funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Sections 1201 and 1512 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act require states to fulfill employment reporting obligations for each ARRA funded project. The Design/Build Firm on each ARRA project will provide the initial employment reporting information within five calendar days after the notice to proceed is issued by the Department. Thereafter, the reporting information will be due on a monthly basis on or before the 10th of each month until completion of the contract. Design/Build Firms are required to provide the necessary employment information (employees, hours, and payroll wages) for their own workforce as well as the workforce of all subcontractors that are active on their ARRA funded project(s) for the reporting month. FDOT has automated the form which will be used to collect employment information. The prime contractor can access FDOT's ARRA Employment Reporting System from the following website: [www2.dot.state.fl.us/ARRAEmploymentReporting](http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/ARRAEmploymentReporting).

Failure to timely report the required information may be cause for rejection of the monthly invoice for contract payment. Please refer to the informational brochure available at the following link, which provides summary information on the employment reporting requirements for ARRA:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/inspectorgeneral/ARRA/ARRABrochureFinalVersion.pdf>.

Additional training information on ARRA employment reporting can also be accessed at:

<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/inspectorgeneral/ARRA.shtm>.

Another critical reporting component is a requirement for prime consultants/contractors to have a Dun and Bradstreet (DUNS) number. This is a unique nine-digit firm identification number issued by Dun & Bradstreet. It is not the same as a firm's Tax ID Number. Design/Build Firms who don't already have a DUNS number can register for it thru the following website: <http://www.dnb.com/us/> Design/Build Firms who do not already have a DUNS number should begin the application process. According to the D&B website, it takes a minimum of 30 business days for a new D&B DUNS Number to be processed.

**DESIGN BUILD TEAM REQUIREMENT LIMITATIONS:**

See Design Build Boilerplate on the Procurement Office Home page at: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/ads/advdbld.htm>

**RESPONSE PROCEDURE:**

Firms interested in being considered for the project should request a project package (Project Criteria and Request for Proposal) by submitting the Fax Order Form found on the District Two District Contracts website located at: <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationdistrict2>. Project packages will be e-mailed to those firms that have requested them.

Technical proposals with Bid packages must be submitted by 2:00 pm on the date indicated in the Calendar of Events.

Bid openings and public meetings will be held in district headquarters unless otherwise noted.

**PREQUALIFICATION:**

See Design Build Boilerplate on the Procurement Office Home page at: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/ads/advdbld.htm>

**PROTEST RIGHTS:**

See Design Build Boilerplate on the Procurement Office Home page at: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/ads/advdbld.htm>

"Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, or failure to post the bond or other security required by law within the time allowed for filing a bond shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120 Florida Statutes."

**TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:**

Direct questions to: <http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp>. Proposers are responsible for viewing the website and shall be familiar with all questions and responses posted on this website up to the due date of the Technical Proposal with the price package and are responsible for making necessary adjustments to the information to be presented.

**DUE DATE FOR BID PROPOSALS WITH TECHNICAL PROPOSALS:**

Bid proposals with technical proposals will be due to the District Contracts Office as advertised in the Calendar of Events on or before 2:00 p.m. No late bids with technical proposals will be accepted after the 2:00 p.m. deadline of the bid due date.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

Firms shall submit a bid proposal and a technical proposal. Bids will be opened and the technical proposal of the lowest bidder shall be evaluated by the FDOT to determine if it is responsive and responsible. If the proposal is deemed non-responsive or non responsible, the technical proposal of the next lowest bidder will be evaluated. The Department shall reserve the right to reject any and all proposals and waive minor proposal irregularities.

The Department shall determine the relative ability of the proposer to perform the services required for this project based on:

- 14-22 and 14-75 prequalification information,
- Technical Proposal with other experience and other documentation of pertinent information requested.

#### **DBE/MBE REQUIREMENTS:**

- A DBE Affirmative Action Plan must be approved and on file prior to award of any contract.
- The Federal DBE program requires states to maintain a database of all firms that are participating, or attempting to participate on DOT assisted contracts. This list must include both DBE and NON DBE companies.
- The Bid Opportunity List form must be submitted with the Technical Proposal, (Note: The Technical Proposal and Price Proposal are to be in separate packages.)
- The Anticipated DBE Participation Statement shall be submitted with the price proposal.
- The Design Build Firm is required to report monthly actual payments to subcontractors and suppliers.
- DBEs are encouraged to utilize the DBE Supportive Services Provider. Contact Blackmon Roberts at 863-802-1280 for assistance.
- The Department of Transportation has an overall eight point eighteen percent (8.18%) race-neutral DBE goal. This means that the State's goal is to spend at least 8.18% of the highway dollars with certified DBEs as prime Design Build Firms or as subcontractors or sub consultants. Race-neutral means that the Department believes that the 8.18% overall goal can be achieved through the normal competitive procurement process. The Department believes that this percentage can be realistically achieved.
- The Florida Department of Transportation (hereinafter referred to as the "Department"), in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 USC 2000d to 2000d-4 and related authorities and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, U.S. Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of the Secretary, Part 21, Nondiscrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the U.S. Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all bidders that the Department will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises and disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation. Further, the Department will not discriminate against bidders on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability/handicap in consideration for an award. No company will be awarded a contract unless they have an approved DBE Affirmative Action Program Plan. **Please review the "DBE Bid Package" and the Special Provisions for instructions for submission of a DBE Affirmative Action Plan.**

#### **BONDING REQUIREMENTS:**

**The Request for Proposal will have the following requirements in the documents:**

**The Price Proposal shall contain the Bid Bond.**

##### **Bid Bond:**

At bid time, a Proposal Guaranty of not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual bid in the form of either a certified check, cashier's check, trust company treasurer's check, bank draft of any national or state bank, or a Surety Bid Bond made payable to the Florida Department of Transportation must accompany each bid. A check or draft in an amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual bid will invalidate the bid proposal. Bid Bonds shall conform to DOT Form 375-020-09 furnished in the Bid Proposal Package.

##### **Performance and Payment Bond:**

At award time the following is applicable:

The legal entity contracting with the Department will be required to provide the Department a performance and payment bond in the amount of the bid before execution of the contract. The successful proposer will be required to maintain in effect throughout the life of the contract a performance and payment bond for 100% of the contract amount. The Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the State of Florida.

## **INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Workers' Compensation Insurance:**

Provide in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida and in amounts sufficient to secure the benefits of the Florida Workers' Compensation Law for all employees. If subletting any of the work, ensure employees of the subcontractors are covered by similar insurance. Ensure that any equipment rental agreements that include operators who are employees of independent contractors, sole proprietorships or partners are covered by similar insurance. The Engineer will accept equivalent approved protection in lieu of insurance.

### **Contractors' Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance:**

Furnish evidence to the Department that, with respect to the operations performed, regular Contractors' Public Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, one person and, subject to that limit for each person, a total limit of \$5,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, two or more persons in any one occurrence; and regular Contractors' Property Damage Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$50,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property in any one occurrence and, subject to that limit per occurrence, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$100,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property during the policy period is carried.

Cause the Department to be an additional insured party on the Contractor's Public Liability and Property Damages Liability Insurance policies that insure the Contractor for the described work that it performs under the Contract.

### **Contractors' Protective Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance:**

Furnish evidence to the Department that, with respect to the operations performed by subcontractors, regular Contractors' Protective Public Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, one person and, subject to that limit for each person, a total limit of \$5,000,000 for all damages arising out of bodily injuries to, or death of, two or more persons in any one occurrence; and regular Contractors' Protective Property Damage Liability Insurance providing for a limit of not less than \$50,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property in any one occurrence and, subject to that limit per occurrence, a total (or aggregate) limit of \$100,000 for all damages arising out of injury to, or destruction of, property during the policy period is carried.

Cause the Department to be an additional insured party on the Contractor's Protective Public Liability and Property Damage Liability Insurance policies that insure the Contractor for the described work that it performs under the Contract.

### **Insurance for Protection of Utility Owners:**

When work under the Contract involves work on or in the vicinity of utility-owned property or facilities, furnish the Department with evidence that, with respect to the operations performed, General Comprehensive Liability Insurance or its equivalent providing for a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for bodily injury or death to person(s) per occurrence and \$300,000 property damage each occurrence is carried.

The Department and Utility Company are to be Additional Named Insured, and the policy will be primary to any coverage maintained by the Department or Company. Do not make any material change or cancellation to the policy without providing the Department with ten days prior written notice.

**Submission and Approval of Policies; Termination:** Certificates of such insurance shall be filed at the time of Contract execution with the District Contracts Administrator. These certificates shall contain a provision that coverage's afforded under the policies will not be canceled until at least thirty (30) days after the Department accepts the work.

**Professional Liability:** The Design Firm shall have and maintain during the period of this Contract, professional liability insurance policy or policies with a company or companies authorized to do business in the State of Florida, affording professional liability coverage for the professional services to be rendered in accordance with this Agreement in the following amounts:

Total D-B Contract Price	Minimum Coverage Limits
Up to \$30 Million	\$1 Million coverage