

during the preparation of Design Change Reevaluations. The Department will coordinate and process Reevaluations with FHWA for approval.

Department responsibilities related to tolling are provided in the FTE GTR.

II. Schedule of Events.

Below is the current schedule of the events that will take place in the procurement process. The Department reserves the right to make changes or alterations to the schedule as the Department determines is in the best interests of the public. Proposers will be notified sufficiently in advance of any changes or alterations in the schedule. Unless otherwise notified in writing by the Department, the dates indicated below for submission of items or for other actions on the part of a Proposer shall constitute absolute deadlines for those activities and failure to fully comply by the time stated shall cause a Proposer to be disqualified.

Date	Event
<u>August 18, 2014</u>	Advertisement
<u>September 8, 2014</u>	Expanded Letters of Interest for Phase I of the procurement process due in District Four Office by 5:00 pm local time
<u>October 8, 2014</u>	Proposal Evaluators submit Expanded Letter of Interest Scores to Contracting Unit 12:00 pm local time
<u>October 8, 2014</u>	Contracting Unit provides Expanded Letter of Interest scores and Proposal Evaluators comments to Selection Committee
<u>October 13, 2014</u>	Public Meeting of Selection Committee to review and confirm Expanded Letter of Interest scores 8:15 am local time in the 3 rd Floor Executive Conference Room, District Four Headquarters, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
<u>October 13, 2014</u>	Notification to Responsive Design-Build Firms of the Expanded Letter of Interest scores 11:00 am local time
<u>October 15, 2014</u>	Deadline for all responsive Design-Build Firms to affirmatively declare intent to continue to Phase II of the procurement process by 5:00 pm local time
<u>October 16, 2014</u>	Shortlist Posting 11:00 am local time
<u>October 22, 2014</u>	Final RFP provided to Design-Build Firms providing Affirmative Declaration of Intent to continue to Phase II of the procurement process
<u>October 27, 2014</u>	Mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting at 9:30 am local time in the Auditorium, District Four Headquarters, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. All Utility Agency/Owners that the Department contemplates an adjustment, protection, or relocation is possible are to be invited to the mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting.
<u>November 5, 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>November 7, 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of Alternative Technical Concepts prior to One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>November 13, 2014</u>	One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 1. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.

<u>November 18, 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>November 24, 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of One-on-One Alternative Technical Concepts prior to Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>December 2, 2014</u>	One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 2. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
<u>December 4 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to request participation in One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 3 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>December 5, 2014</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to submit preliminary list of One-on-One Alternative Technical Concepts prior to Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 3 by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>December 10, 2014</u>	One-on-One Alternative Technical Concept Discussion Meeting No. 3. 90 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
<u>December 17, 2014</u>	Deadline for submittal of Alternative Technical Concept Proposals by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>December 17, 2014</u>	Final deadline for submission of requests for Design Exceptions or Design Variations by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>January 26, 2015</u>	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Technical Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A website by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>February 9, 2015</u>	Deadline for the Department to post responses to the Pre-Bid Q&A website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Technical Proposal by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>February 16, 2015</u>	Technical Proposals due in District Four Office by 11:00 am local time
<u>February 23, 2015</u>	Deadline for Design-Build Firm to “opt out” of Technical Proposal Page Turn meeting.
<u>March 2, 2015</u>	Technical Proposal Page-Turn Meeting of Design-Build Firm’s Technical Proposal. Times will be assigned during the Pre-Proposal Meeting. 30 Minutes will be allotted for this Meeting.
<u>April 6, 2015</u>	Question and Answer Session. Times will be assigned during the pre-Proposal meeting. 90 minutes will be allotted for questions and responses.
<u>April 9, 2015</u>	Deadline for submittal of Written Clarification letter following Question and Answer Session 12:00 pm local time
<u>April 15, 2015</u>	Deadline for submittal of questions, for which a response is assured, prior to the submission of the Price Proposal. All questions shall be submitted to the Pre-Bid Q&A website by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>April 20, 2015</u>	Deadline for the Department to post responses to the Pre-Bid Q&A website for questions submitted by the Design-Build Firms prior to the submittal of the Price Proposal by 5:00 pm local time.
<u>April 27, 2015</u>	Price Proposals due in District Four Office by 11:00 am local time.
<u>April 27, 2015</u>	Public announcing of Technical Scores and opening of Price Proposals at 11:00 am local time in District Four Headquarters Auditorium, 3400 West Commercial Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309
<u>June 1, 2015</u>	Public Meeting of Selection Committee to determine intended Award at 8:15 am local time

<u>June 1, 2015</u>	Posting of the Department's intended decision to Award at 11:00 am local time
<u>June 11, 2015</u>	Anticipated Award Date
<u>June 30, 2015</u>	Anticipated Execution Date
<u>July 29, 2015</u>	Anticipated Notice to Proceed

III. Threshold Requirements.

A. Qualifications

Proposers are required to be pre-qualified in all work types required for the Project. The technical qualification requirements of Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) Chapter 14-75 and all qualification requirements of F.A.C. Chapter 14-22, based on the applicable category of the Project, must be satisfied.

B. Joint Venture Firm

Two or more Firms submitting as a Joint Venture must meet the Joint Venture requirements of Section 14-22.007, Florida Administrative Code. Parties to a Joint Venture must submit a Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form No. 375-020-18, prior to the deadline for receipt of Letters of Interest.

If the Proposer is a Joint Venture, the individual empowered by a properly executed Declaration of Joint Venture and Power of Attorney Form shall execute the proposal. The proposal shall clearly identify who will be responsible for the engineering, quality control, and geotechnical and construction portions of the Work.

C. Price Proposal Guarantee

A Price Proposal guaranty in an amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid amount shall accompany each Proposer's Price Proposal. The Price Proposal guaranty may, at the discretion of the Proposer, be in the form of a cashier's check, bank money order, bank draft of any national or state bank, certified check, or surety bond, payable to the Department. The surety on any bid bond shall be a company recognized to execute bid bonds for contracts of the State of Florida. The Price Proposal guaranty shall stand for the Proposer's obligation to timely and properly execute the contract and supply all other submittals due therewith. The amount of the Price Proposal guaranty shall be a liquidated sum, which shall be due in full in the event of default, regardless of the actual damages suffered. The Price Proposal guaranty of all Proposers' shall be released pursuant to 3-4 of the Division I Design-Build Specifications.

D. Pre-Proposal Meeting

Attendance at the pre-proposal meeting is mandatory. Any affirmatively declared proposer failing to attend will be deemed non-responsive and automatically disqualified from further consideration. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for the Department to discuss with all concerned parties the proposed Project, the design and construction criteria, Critical Path Method (CPM) schedule, and method of compensation, instructions for submitting proposals, Design Exceptions, Design Variations, and other relevant issues. In the event that any discussions at the pre-proposal meeting require, in the Department's opinion, official additions, deletions, or clarifications of the Request for Proposal, the Design and