

Florida Department of Transportation
Notice to Contractors / Consultants:

The Department of Transportation (Department) is soliciting contracting and consulting services for the Design-Build projects identified below.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS: Design-Build Firms must be qualified in accordance with Rule Chapter 14-91, Florida Administrative Code. Design-Build Firms shall satisfy the technical qualification requirements of Rule 14-75, and all qualification requirements of Rule Chapter 14-22, Florida Administrative Code. The Contractor or Joint Venture members collectively, must be qualified in the advertised Construction Contractor Work Classes. The Contractor or Joint Venture cannot utilize subcontractors to meet the qualification requirements for the Construction Work Classes. The Design Consultant may utilize sub-consultants to meet the advertised Professional Services Work Type requirements. All qualification requirements must be met prior to the Response Deadline. Two or more qualified parties submitting as a Joint Venture must meet the Joint Venture requirements of Rule Chapter 14-22, specifically Rule 14-22.007, Florida Administrative Code. Parties to a Joint Venture must submit a Declaration of Joint Venture, Form No. 375-020-18, and receive approval from the Department prior to the Response Deadline for expanded letters of interest (ELOI) or submittal of the Proposal, whichever occurs first.

NEW FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR BRIDGE DESIGN PROJECTS: Design-Build Firms responding to advertisements requiring Group 4 Bridge Design work type qualification must submit a completed and signed [Bridge Qualification form](#) along with the ELOI, by the date/time deadline established for the ELOI. Please refer to this preamble and advertisement for other submittal directions.

CONSULTANT ELIGIBILITY: It is a basic tenet of the Department's contracting program that contracts are procured in a fair, open, and competitive manner. The Department requires that consultants representing the Department must be free of conflicting professional or personal interests. In order to prevent potential conflicts of interest, the Department has established guidelines to be followed by design consultants. Please familiarize yourself with the requirements of Procedure No. 375-030-006, also known as: "Restriction on Consultants' Eligibility to Compete for Department Contracts." By submitting an ELOI or Bid/Price Proposal as part of a Design-Build Firm, or Joint Venture, the design consultant certifies that they are in compliance with Procedure No. 37-030-006. This procedure is available at the following link:
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/procurement/pubs/pubsmenu.shtm>

A Proposal Guaranty of not less than five percent (5%) of the total actual Bid/Price Proposal 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/Price Proposal in excess of \$150,000. A check or draft in any amount less than five percent (5%) of the actual Bid/Price Proposal will invalidate the Bid/Price Proposal. Bid Bonds shall conform to DOT Form No. 375-020-34 furnished with the Bid/Price Proposal.

For those projects designated as **LOW BID TYPE**, Technical and Bid/Price Proposals must be submitted by the date and time indicated in the Advertisement. It is the responsibility of the Design-Build Firms to insure that Technical and Bid/Price Proposals are received timely. For

Low Bid Type projects, an RFP may be requested by any interested party through the Departments Online Ordering System at:

<https://www3.dot.state.fl.us/ContractProposalProcessingOnlineOrdering/>

The Technical Proposal of the low Proposer under the max price with the highest Option as per the RFP will then be reviewed to determine its responsiveness. If

found to be non-responsive, the next lowest Proposer will be considered. A Proposal will be considered non-responsive if it does not contain all of the information and level of detail requested in the RFP. All Bid openings and public meetings will be held in District headquarters unless otherwise noted. Changes to meeting dates and times will be updated under the All Advertisements link. The selection results will be posted on the Department's website (www.dot.state.fl.us/procurement) at the date and time indicated in the advertisement.

The agenda for all public meetings is as follows: a) Opening Remarks (approx. 3 minutes); b) Public Input (15 minutes); c) Department business; d) Closing. For more information, contact the designated responsible office. The selection results will be posted on the Department's website (<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/construction/DesignBuild/AllSites/DesignBuildSites.shtm>) at the date and time indicated in the advertisement. Partners/Teaming Arrangements of the Design-Build Firm shall not be changed after submittal of the Proposal on **LOW BID TYPE** projects without written consent of the Department. Failure to receive approval on such a change will result in the Proposal being declared non-responsive.

Note: The Department reserves the right to reject all Proposals and/or to waive minor Proposal irregularities.

The Contractor or Lead Design Professional shall not team with other Proposers to submit more than one Proposal per project.

COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN DESIGN-BUILD FIRMS AND DEPARTMENT: In order to ensure a fair, competitive and open process, once a project is advertised under Current Advertisements, all communications between interested firms and the Department must be directed to the Departments Pre-bid Question and Answer website (<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp>) or to the appropriate Procurement Office as provided in the advertisement after bid submittal.

Respondents to this solicitation or persons acting on their behalf may not contact any employee or officer of the executive or legislative branch, between the release of the solicitation and the end of the 72-hour period following the agency posting the notice of intended award, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and state holidays, concerning any aspect of this solicitation, except in writing to the procurement officer or as provided in the solicitation documents. Violation of this provision may be grounds for rejecting a response.

Pursuant to Sections 120.57(3) and 337.11, Florida Statutes, and Rule Chapter 28-110, Florida Administrative Code, any person adversely affected by the agency decision or intended decision shall file with the agency both a notice of protest in writing and bond within 72 hours after the posting of the notice of decision or intended decision, or posting of the solicitation with respect to a protest of the terms, conditions, and specifications contained in a solicitation and will file a formal written protest within ten days after the filing of the notice of protest. The required notice of protest and bond, and formal written protest must each be timely filed with the **Florida Department of Transportation, Clerk of Agency Proceedings, 605 Suwannee St, Mail Station 58, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0458**. Failure to file a notice of protest or formal written 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.

PROJECT NAME: I-4/I-95 Dynamic Message Sign Replacement Phase II

CONTRACT NUMBER: E5W30

FINANCIAL PROJECT NUMBER(S): 432149-1-92-01

FEDERAL PROJECT NUMBER(S): ITS5-022-A

COUNTY: Orange, Brevard, Osceola, Volusia, and Seminole

WORK MIX: 0750 - ITS Communication System

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Department of Transportation will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to solicit competitive bids and proposals from Proposers for the replacement of sixteen (16) Dynamic Message Signs (DMS) to include structures and foundations, along with associated equipment located on Interstate 4, Interstate 95 and SR 528 at various locations in Osceola, Orange, Seminole, Volusia and Brevard Counties. DMS replacements shall have new communication cables from DMS enclosure to new DMS maintenance cabinet and to existing local hub cabinet but shall utilize existing power. There will be three options the Design Build Firm can choose. With the maximum bid price and the use of Options, the Department's goal is to maximize the construction within the available funding. The goal of the Department is to construct as much of the scope as possible, specifically the construction of Option One. To accomplish this goal, the evaluation criteria for this project are different than other Design/Build projects. The Design/Build Firm that proposes the most work under the Maximum Bid Price will be selected. In the event that two firms bid the exact same amount for the max scope option and the TRC determines that both Firms are responsive, the Selection Committee will make the final decision. The selection process is contained in Section VII of this RFP; Sections VIIB, VII.C, and VII.D of this RFP detail the evaluation, scoring and selection.

This project requires furnishing and installing all the necessary components for fully functional Dynamic Message Signs (DMS). Existing DMS enclosures, DMS cabinets (when applicable) and ancillary cabinet equipment, structures and foundations will be removed and replaced.

No ground mounted cabinet shall be removed or replace within this project. The replacement DMS's shall be integrated into the District 5 Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) and operational at the Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC) via the SunGuide Software.

The locations of the existing DMS's:

- DMS No.1: Interstate 4 East of SR 532 Westbound (WB)
- DMS No.2: Interstate 4 West of World Drive Eastbound (EB)
- DMS No.3: Interstate 4 West of SR 417 Eastbound (EB)
- DMS No.4: Interstate 4 East of US 192 Eastbound (EB)
- DMS No.5: Interstate 4 West of SR 536 Westbound (WB)
- DMS No.6: Interstate 4 East of SR 535 Westbound (WB)
- DMS No.7: Interstate 4 East of SR 535 Eastbound (EB)
- DMS No.8: Interstate 95 at Mile Marker 206 Southbound (SB)

DMS No.9: Interstate 95 at Mile Marker 203.5 Southbound (SB)
DMS No.10: Interstate 95 at Mile Marker 203.5 Northbound (NB)
DMS No.11: Interstate 95 at Mile Marker 199.3 Northbound (NB)
DMS No.12: Interstate 95 at Mile Marker 172 Northbound (NB)
DMS No. 13: Interstate 95 at MM 270.4 Northbound (NB)
DMS No. 14: Interstate 4 West of SR 44 Westbound (WB)
DMS No. 15: SR 528 at I-95 Eastbound (EB)
DMS No. 16: SR 528 at I-95 Westbound (WB)

Option 1: DMS No. 1 thru DMS No. 16, (E5W30A)
Option 2: DMS No. 1 thru DMS No. 15, (E5W30B)
Option 3: DMS No. 1 thru DMS No. 14, (E5W30C)

NOT TO EXCEED BUDGET AMOUNT OR MAXIMUM BUDGET AMOUNT OR BUDGET AMOUNT*: Contract Maximum Bid Price is \$3,600,000.00

*Actual commitment and final execution of this contract is contingent upon an approved Legislative budget and availability of funds

ESTIMATED CONTRACT TIME: Maximum contract time is 365 contract days

SELECTION PROCEDURE: Low Bid Design Build with options

RESPONSE REQUESTED: Technical and Price Proposals as per the Request for Proposal.

STIPEND AMOUNT: There will be no stipend on this Project.

PREQUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1) CONTRACTOR - WORK CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Intelligent Transportation Systems

2) DESIGN – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WORK TYPE REQUIREMENTS

4.1.1: Miscellaneous Structures

6.3.1: Intelligent Transportation Systems Analysis and Design

6.3.2: Intelligent Transportation Systems Implementation

6.3.3: Intelligent Transportation Traffic Engineering Systems Communications

7.1: Signing, Pavement Marking

8.2: Design, Right of Way, and Construction Surveying

9.1: Soil Exploration

TECHNICAL QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO:

<http://www2.dot.state.fl.us/construction/bidquestionmain.asp>

RESPONSE PROCEDURE:

TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Interested contractors must submit one (1) Original hard copy and 2 copies of their Written Technical Proposal as described in the Request for Proposal on CD to the address shown in the Request for Proposal.

Bid Proposal Requirements.

Bid Price Proposal:

Price Proposals (Bids) must be submitted through the Departments Online Bidding system (Bid Express at [https://www.bidx.com/.](https://www.bidx.com/)) in accordance with the requirements contained in the Request for Proposal. Bids not submitted through the Bid Express system will be considered non-responsive and not evaluated.

DBE/MBE REQUIREMENTS: For this project, the Department has established an aspiration goal of 9.0% DBE usage and an additional 3.0% Non-DBE Small Business usage, representing a cumulative 12.0% commitment of total contract costs. Firms proposing for this Project shall aspire to have 9.0% or more of the total contract costs performed by DBE's and an additional 3.0% or more of the total contract costs performed by Non-DBE Small Businesses.

Although not a contract requirement, the Department believes that the aforementioned aspiration goal can realistically be achieved based on current availability of DBEs and small businesses. The Department further believes that the 12% overall goal can be achieved through race neutral means, using standard competitive procurement processes. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 339.0805, Florida Statutes, and rule 14.78.005, Florida Administrative Code, the Department has adopted rules to provide certified DBEs opportunities to participate in the business activities of the Department as vendors, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants. The Department has adopted the DBE definition set forth in Code 49 of Federal Regulations Section 26.5.

The Department's DBE directory may be found at the following website:
<https://www3.dot.state.fl.us/EqualOpportunityOffice/biznet/mainmenu.asp>

Firms agree to apply their best efforts to utilize qualified non-DBE small businesses as vendors, contractors, subcontractors, and consultants for the Project. Qualifications for small businesses may be found at the following website:
<http://www.dot.state.fl.us/EqualOpportunityOffice/sizeStandards.shtm>

Firms will submit the [DBE and Small Business Participation form](#) as required by the Request for Proposal.

SPECIAL NOTES: *In accordance with RESTRICTION ON CONSULTANTS' ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE FOR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS (TOPIC 375-030-006-B), the following Firms participated in the development of the conceptual plans or Request for Proposal for this Project and are restricted from participation on a Design-Build Firm without approval from the District 5 Secretary. The Firms identified below may not represent a comprehensive list. Firms not listed below who performed services or who are later retained to perform services on this Project are subject to restriction unless an exception is obtained from the Department.*

None identified

Advertisement Date:	12/18/2013	Time: 5:00 PM
Deadline for written questions	01/09/2014	Time: 5:00PM
Pre-Proposal Meeting:	01/17/2014	Time: 2:00PM
Final Deadline for Questions	01/24/2014	Time: 5:00PM

Deadline for the Dept to reply	01/31/2014	Time: 5:00PM
Technical and Price Proposals due	02/18/2014	Time: 2:00PM
Price Proposal/Bid Opening	02/18/2014	Time: 2:00PM
Technical Review Committee Meeting 1	02/25/2014	Time: 10:00AM
Technical Review Committee Meeting 2	03/04/2014	Time: 10:00AM
Technical Review Committee Meeting 3	03/11/2014	Time: 10:00AM
Selection Committee Meeting No. 1	03/03/2014	Time: 8:15AM
Posting of Dept.'s Decision to Award	03/03/2014	Time: 10:00AM
Anticipated Award Date	03/06/2014	Time: 10:00AM

RESPOND TO:

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