

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION  
BID SOLICITATION NOTICE**

**Contract Number: E8J81**

**Financial Management Number:** 417547-1-52-01 and 417547-1-52-02

**Selection Procedure:** Adjusted Score Type

**Response Requested:** Letter of Interest

**Maximum Number of Pages:** 5

**County: Miami-Dade and Broward**

**Project Description:** The Florida Department of Transportation, Florida's Turnpike Enterprise has issued this request for proposal to solicit competitive bids and proposals for the following Design/Build project entitled "HEFT All Electronic Toll (AET) – Phase 3", which consists of converting the northern section of the Homestead Extension of Florida's Turnpike (HEFT / SR 821) into an all-electronic toll (AET) facility. Included in this conversion are fourteen (14) ramp plazas located at eight (8) interchanges (NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 41<sup>st</sup> Street, NW 74<sup>th</sup> Street, NW 106<sup>th</sup> Street, Okeechobee Road, NW 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, NW 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and County Line Road) as well as the Okeechobee and Miramar mainline plazas. The existing signature gantries at the Okeechobee mainline plaza will remain, while the conventional cash toll booths will be removed. Three new toll structures will be fabricated and installed to replace the Miramar mainline plaza. The existing plaza will be demolished, except for the administration building which will remain. New toll structures will also be fabricated and installed at the ramp tolling points to accommodate new electronic toll collection equipment. In general, the existing ramp toll plaza buildings will be modified to accommodate the new AET equipment, however, new buildings may be required at some locations. The existing ramp canopy and associated toll collection infrastructure will be demolished. Demolition, building construction and modifications, roadway improvements, grading, drainage, signing and pavement marking activities will also be required.

**This project is federally funded. Compliance with FHWA 1273 is required.**

**American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009** – This project has been identified by the Department for advertisement and award subject to criteria and conditions established under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (also known as the federal Economic Stimulus Bill). There will be federal reporting requirements associated with this project, such as monthly reports of number of jobs created and the number of jobs retained by the project or activity. The exact nature and extent of the reporting requirements and format for data collection are not fully known at this time but will be provided by the Department when made available by FHWA.



### **3.3 Controlled Access Highway Design**

#### **14.0 Architect**

**Joint Venture Requirements** - Two or more qualified contractors submitting as a Joint Venture must meet the Joint Venture requirements of Rule Chapter 14-22, specifically Section 14-22.007. Parties to a joint venture must submit a Declaration of Joint Venture, Form No. 375-020-18, and receive approval of the form from the Department prior to the Response Deadline for Letters of Interest.

#### **Bonding and Professional Liability Requirements:**

1. The legal entity contracting with the Department must provide project specific Professional Liability Insurance covering errors and omissions in the amount of \$1,000,000 unless each team member providing professional services carries and maintains blanket Professional Liability Insurance covering errors and omissions in the amount of \$1,000,000. Project specific insurance is insurance covering only this project. Blanket insurance is insurance that covers all projects.
2. 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. (Note: A 5% bid guaranty will be required of all shortlisted firms submitting proposals and the successful firm 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.)

#### **DBE/MBE Requirements:**

The State of Florida, Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provision of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252) and the regulations of the Department of Commerce (15 C.F.R., Part 8) issued pursuant to such Act, hereby notifies all firms and individuals that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, Disadvantaged Business Enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Department of Transportation has an overall eight point one percent (8.1%) race-neutral DBE goal. This means that the State's goal is to spend at least 8.1% of the highway dollars with Certified DBE's as prime Design/Build Firms or as subcontractors. Race-neutral means that the Department believes that the 8.1% overall goal can be achieved through the normal competitive procurement process.

#### **Letter of Interest Requirements:**

The legal entity desiring consideration of this project shall submit 8 copies of their Letter of Interest, not to exceed five pages in length except as noted in item 1. below, to the Requesting Unit listed below. Only one Letter of Interest per legal entity is acceptable. Receipt of multiple Letters of Interest from a legal entity will cause Department rejection of all Letters of Interest of the legal entity.

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1. **Business Structure:** Identify the legal entity authorized by law to render the design/build services. Include documentation demonstrating compliance with the Minimum Qualification Requirements set forth in this solicitation. Evidence or proof of meeting the Minimum Prequalification Requirements or Professional Liability Insurance and bonding capacity letters, along with copies of letters from the Department indicating the prequalifications of the legal entity(ies) or firm(s) do not count toward the five page Letter of Interest restriction.
2. **Design/Build Team:** Identify participating firms and office location(s). Provide an organization chart relating to the project and include the names, titles and classifications of key personnel for each firm.
3. **Design/Build Experience:** Provide a listing of active and completed Design/Build projects similar to this project including starting date and completion date or anticipated completion date, budget, owner performance evaluation if available, references points of contact, telephone numbers of the proposed Design/Build team and demonstrate past experience working together.
4. **Other Experience:** Provide a listing of active and completed projects other than design/build projects similar to this project including references, points of contact and telephone numbers for the owner and team members performing engineering design and construction.

**Project Schedule** - The current schedule calls for preparation of the Request For Proposal (RFP) and Design Criteria Package (DCP) for issuance to shortlisted Firms in April 2009 with letting of the Design-Build contract in June 2009.

**Selection Procedure** - The Department shall determine the relative ability of each firm to perform the services required for this project based on prequalification information, past performance with the Department and the Letter of Interest. The Department will select as a shortlist, a minimum of three firms deemed to be the most qualified from those firms submitting a Letter of Interest. The shortlisted firms will be provided a Design Criteria Package and requested to provide a written technical proposal and a price proposal for the project. The award of the project will be based on an adjusted score using a combination of both the price and technical proposal. A value of time factor may also be considered.

**Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting** - Following issuance of the RFP/DCP to the shortlisted firms, the Department will conduct a pre-proposal conference for the purpose of ensuring each firm's understanding of the project and to review current field conditions with respect to those conditions described and/or depicted in the Design Criteria Package. Attendance at the pre-proposal conference is mandatory and any shortlisted firm that fails to attend will be automatically disqualified from further consideration. Attendance at the site visit is not mandatory. At least three days before the preproposal conference, firms shall submit two copies of questions and issues which they want to discuss at the conference, to Mr. Richard Nethercote, District Contracts Administrator, Turnpike Headquarters, Mile Post 263, Building 5315, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Ocoee, Florida 34761, telephone (407) 264-3885 or via email at richardjr.nethercote@dot.state.fl.us.

**Posting Date for Shortlist** - A Shortlist Selection Tabulation depicting the names of the shortlisted firms will be posted at approximately 4:00 p.m., local time, on April 13, 2009, in

the Florida Turnpike Enterprise's Contractual Services Office at Turnpike Headquarters, Mile Post 263, Building 5315, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Ocoee, Florida 34761, and will remain posted for a period of 72 hours. Interested parties may access the Turnpike Contracts website at [www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike](http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministrationturnpike) during the posting period to obtain information concerning the shortlisted selection results.

**Protest Rights** - Any person who is adversely affected by the Department's Request for Letters of Interest solicitation, including the Letter of Interest requirements contained herein, the intended shortlist, or other decision or intended decision shall file a notice of protest within 72 hours of the receipt of the decision or intended decision, or in the case of posted decisions such as the intended shortlist, within 72 hours of posting, and shall file a formal written protest within ten days after filing the notice of protest. The formal written protest shall state with particularity the facts and law upon which the protest is based. Any person who files a notice to protest shall post with the Department, at the time of filing the formal written protest, a bond payable to the Department in the amount of \$5,000. The required notice of protest, bond and formal protest must each be timely filed with the Clerk of Agency Proceedings, Florida Department of Transportation, Mail Section 58, Room 550, 605 Suwannee Street, Tallahassee, Florida, 32399-0458. Failure to file a protest within the time prescribed in Section 120.57(3), Florida Statutes, shall constitute a waiver of proceedings under Chapter 120, Florida Statutes. A protest is not timely filed unless the notice of protest, bond, and the formal written protest are each timely received by the Clerk of Agency Proceedings. A protest, which is filed prematurely, will be deemed abandoned unless timely renewed.

**REQUESTING UNIT:** Mr. Richard Nethercote, District Contracts Administrator, Turnpike Contractual Services, Turnpike Enterprise, Turnpike Headquarters, Mile Post 263, Building 5315, Turkey Lake Service Plaza, Ocoee, Florida 34761, telephone (407) 264-3885.

FINAL EXECUTION OF ALL CONTRACTS IS CONTINGENT UPON AN APPROVED LEGISLATIVE BUDGET AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY.

**DUE DATE:** Letters of Interest must be received by the Department of Transportation on or before **5:00 p.m., local time, March 31, 2009.**

**Posting of Shortlist Date:** April 13, 2009

**Note: Other Anticipated Critical Dates:**

Technical Review Committee Meeting	April 6, 2009	3:30PM
Shortlist Meeting	April 13, 2009	10:00AM
Pre-proposal Meeting	April 27, 2009	10:30AM
Technical Proposals Due	May 28, 2009	2:30PM
Technical Review Committee Meeting	June 8, 2009	1:30PM
Price Proposal Due/Price Proposal Opening/ Announcement of Technical Scores	June 18, 2009	2:30PM
Posting of Award (Final Selection Results)	June 23, 2009	4:00PM

**Respond To:**

U.S. Mail:

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Bldg. 5315  
Ocoee, FL 34761

Physical Address:

Turkey Lake Service Plaza  
Milepost 263, Bldg. 5315  
Ocoee, FL 34761

**Attn:** Richard M. Nethercote Jr.

**Phone:** 407-264-3885