

NOTICE TO CONSULTANT ENGINEERS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
July 26, 2024
(Alternative Delivery Division)

General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Services to support Statewide Programs and project delivery for Alternative Delivery including the P3/Choice Lane Program

Responses to questions/comments

Question 1:

Q: Is the GEC contract to manage the remaining P3 projects in R1, R2, & R3? Or is the contract for one of the specific remaining Choice Lanes projects?

A: [The P3 GEC is to provide general engineering support for the I-24 Choice Lanes as well as any other potential P3 projects that may enter development.](#)

Question 2:

Q: For Item No. 2 in this advertisement, does the scope of services include work on all potential P3 projects in the state or just the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes?

A: [See answer to Question 1.](#)

Question 3:

Q: If work is for all potential P3s, can a firm that is committed to a contractor on the I-24 Choice Lane project be a sub on the P3 GEC and potentially work on other potential P3 projects (excluding the I-24 Southeast Choice Lanes)?

A: [The general intent would be to limit the subconsultant work to performance of technical studies \(e.g. soil borings, traffic data, etc.\). TDOT will evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.](#)

Question 4:

Q: Can consultant firms that are currently a subconsultant on the existing General Engineering Consultant Services for Alternative Delivery Projects Contract (Advertised on January 20, 2023) submit as Prime?

A: [Yes](#)

Question 5:

Q: Can consultant firms that are currently a Prime on the existing General Engineering Consultant Services for Alternative Delivery Projects Contract (Advertised on January 20, 2023) submit as Prime?

A: [Yes](#)

Question 6:

Q: How does TDOT deal with preclusions (conflicts of interest)?

A: [It will depend on what level tier a subconsultant is acting as. The general intent would be to limit the subconsultant work to performance of technical studies \(e.g. soil borings, traffic data, etc.\). TDOT will evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis. A consultant acting as the prime of any awarded GEC contract resulting from this advertisement cannot act as the prime consultant of the future Program Management Consulting \(PMC\) services advertisement.](#)

Question 7:

Q: Are these GEC contracts intended to cover all work shown in the Alternative Delivery 3-yr plan or will there be other project opportunities?

A: Yes, the GEC contracts are intended to deliver the projects listed in the Alternative Delivery 3-year plan. The GEC contract will also be used for future expedited State Industrial Access or Economic Development projects, or future one-time grant projects. Project specific advertisements may be issued on a case-by-case basis.

Question 8:

Q: Will Project Manager's be required to be co-located?

A: Possibly, but there is no specific intent at this point. If required, TDOT will not reimburse the GEC for hotel or per diem associated with co-locating.

Question 9:

Q: Regarding TDOT Advertisement for General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Services to support Statewide Programs and project delivery for Alternative Delivery including the P3/Choice Lane Program, Item No. 1 and Item No. 2:

The advertisement states that selected GEC firms are intended to augment the capacity and capabilities of TDOT staff to deliver programs and projects and that support is needed at Headquarters and all four Regions. Does TDOT anticipate the scope of services of both Item No. 1 and Item No 2. to be performed by embedded consultant staff physically working from TDOT facilities?

A: See answer to Question 8

Question 10:

Q: Regarding TDOT Advertisement for General Engineering Consultant (GEC) Services to support Statewide Programs and project delivery for Alternative Delivery including the P3/Choice Lane Program, Item No. 2- P3/Choice Lanes Program and Project Management:

Will the selected consultant be performing engineering services related to specific choice lane projects or will the consulting services to be provided through this contract all be related to assisting and augmenting TDOT staff in project management of project teams and concessionaires selected through separate advertisements?

A: See answer to Question 1.

Question 11:

Q: Can we be a prime for the Alternative Delivery GEC and subconsultant for the P3 GEC?

A: Generally speaking, yes. However, TDOT reserves the right to evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Question 12:

Q: Are there any PMC conflicts of interest?

A: Prime and Major Sub-Consultants shall not participate on GEC Teams or Developer Teams for projects within the program being overseen by the Program Management Consultant (PMC)

Question 13:

Q: Are there any GEC conflicts of interest?

A: Prime and Major Sub-Consultants shall not participate on Developer Teams for projects subject to oversight by the GEC. The Prime and Major Sub-Consultants may participate on multiple GEC Teams and may also participate on Developer Teams for projects not subject to their own oversight.

Question 14:

Q: Are there any Developer Designer & CEI conflicts of interest?

A: Prime and Major Sub-Consultants not conflicted as noted above may participate on Developer Teams. Prime or Major Sub-Consultant will not be allowed to be the Prime or sub-consultants on CEI advertisements. Major Sub-Consultants are considered to be involved in providing project/program management services or technical design/review of a project/program or series of projects under the direct oversight of the Department. TDOT reserves the right to evaluate these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Question 15:

Q: If a prime consultant has multiple sub-consultants from a single discipline and is issued a work order for a particular project, would the other sub-consultants of that prime, who are also in the same discipline, be precluded from pursuing that project outside the GEC contract (e.g. as part of a Design-Build Team)?

A: Sub-Consultants who are not directly involved in a particular project may be allowed to pursue a project not assigned by the prime consultant, however, the Department would evaluate each situation on a case-by-case basis and may require additional safeguards by the prime and/or sub consultant be instituted to ensure a conflict does not arise.