

AMERICA'S RIVER CROSSING

RESPONSES TO QUESTIONS/COMMENTS CONCERNING THE NOTICE TO CONSULTANT ENGINEERS REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL DATED JULY 26, 2024.

Question 1:

Q: Has TDOT completed a hydro survey for the bridge alignment yet or will you leave that up to the design consultant?

A: To ensure timely delivery, the Department had the bathymetric survey completed this past summer.

Question 2:

Q: Can you clarify what the scope of work for R/W Acquisition Documentation includes?

A: The Engineering and Design Services Scope of Work related to ROW Acquisition Documentation includes any task shown in the Project Delivery Network (PDN) where the Roadway and/or Structural Design Lead is listed as the Responsible Party for Activity Leader or Additional Support. In addition, attend, participate, and support ROW Strategy Meetings as described in section 2PM3 of the PDN. For additional information, refer to the PDN at following link: [TDOT PDN v3.0_March 2024.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#).

Question 3:

Q: Can you please make all Appendices from the Targeted Approach for Crossing the Mississippi River available?

A: All applicable Appendices will be made available upon request to Brandon.Akins@tn.gov.

Question 4:

Q: Can you please make Appendices from the Application for Bridge Investment Program Grant documents available?

A: See response to Question #3.

Question 5:

Q: Have any public meetings been held for the proposed SUP alternatives that are in the appended grant application? Is the SUP design a part of this design scope?

A: All public meeting documentation (Public Involvement Resources and Public Meeting Exhibits) are available on the project website - [America's River Crossing Bridge Replacement \(I-55 Bridge\) \(tn.gov\)](#). The SUP design is a part of the design scope.

Question 6:

Q: What is the status of USACE and USCG permitting, SHPO concurrence, and environmental permitting? What is the anticipated permitting scope of work for the selected design consultant?

A: Coordination with USACE, USCG and SHPO are currently underway. No permits have been received to date. The Engineering and Design Services Scope of Work related to Permitting includes any task shown in the Project Delivery Network (PDN) where the Roadway and/or Structural Design Lead is listed as the Responsible Party for Activity Leader or Additional Support. In addition, attend, participate, and support Permit Strategy Meetings as described in section 2PM4 of the PDN. For additional information, refer to the PDN at following link: [TDOT PDN v3.0 March 2024.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#).

Question 7:

Q: What is the status of R/W acquisition and/or relocation?

A: ROW Acquisition has not yet begun.

Question 8:

Q: What kind of public involvement support is anticipated?

A: The Engineering and Design Services Scope of Work related to Public Involvement includes any task shown in the Project Delivery Network (PDN) where the Roadway and/or Structural Design Lead is listed as the Responsible Party for Activity Leader or Additional Support as described in section 2RD2 on the PDN. For additional information, refer to the PDN at following link: [TDOT PDN v3.0 March 2024.pdf \(tn.gov\)](#).

Question 9:

Q: Will there be an ARDOT representative on the selection committee?

A: The selection committee representatives have not yet been finalized.

Question 10:

Q: In Section F of the 330 Form, does TDOT want us to limit these to projects completed within the last 10 years, including large cable-stayed bridge design projects?

A: Yes, limit to 10 years. Refer to the instructions shown on the Prequalified consultant Form website - [Prequalified Consultant Form \(tn.gov\)](#). *Section F of the 330 instructions state the following - Present a maximum of ten projects, unless otherwise specified by the State. Do not include a project if the professional services were completed more than 10 years ago.*

Question 11:

Q: Does TDOT has any additional information they could share in regards to a possible Line and Grade plan set that has been developed. If something of this nature is available would you please grant access to it for us please?

A: The final Line & Grade Field Review has not been completed.

Question 12:

Q: Please confirm if divider pages and cover letter count towards the 50-page limit.

A: Divider Pages and Cover Letter does count towards the 50-page limit. In relation to proposal limits, the RFP states, "Section E shall be no more than 10 pages. Section F shall include no more than 10 projects. The Proposal package shall contain no more than 50 pages including front and back cover. Section H will not count towards the 50-page limit."

Question 13:

Q: Does TDOT have any hydraulic data or modeling of the river that can be shared?

A: The Department is currently in the process of gathering data and performing hydrology work. There is no finalized hydraulic data or modeling of the river that can be shared.

Question 14:

Q: In the grant it shows a four (4) year construction schedule, does that include the demo of the existing bridge?

A: The anticipated construction schedule referenced in the RFP was derived with the expectation of exceeding the BIP Grant Requirement of "Funds will be expended before the September 30, 2031, deadline". The intent is to minimize the risk of meeting this requirement by performing the demolition as soon as practical.

Question 15:

Q: When supplying the org chart in the proposal, would it be acceptable to the Department to use an 11x17 rather than an 8.5x11 just simply due to the size of the team(s)?

A: For this advertisement, it is acceptable to supply the Organizational Chart on a 11" x 17" sheet.

Question 16:

Q: Will any current alternative delivery GEC's be allowed to submit as part of the I-55 design team?

A: Any design firm that has been involved in design discussions or received information that is deemed as an advantage over others would not be eligible to submit as a member of a design team. If you have questions about your design firm's Conflict of Interest, please reach out to Brandon.Akins@tn.gov.

Question 17:

Q: Will TDOT be issuing an RFP or RFI for an owner's rep for that project or will you be handling all that internally through your office?

A: The need for an Owner's Representative Services advertisement is not under consideration at this time.

Question 18:

Q: The advertisement states the interviews will be during the week of 9/2, meaning it will start on or after 9/3. Has the schedule for that been set? Will you guys plan on having interviews on Tuesday, 9/3, or will they be on 9/4 to 9/6.

A: The final oral interview schedule will be determined once the number of prospective design consultants is finalized. All interviews will be held no earlier than September 3rd and no later than September 6th.

Question 19:

Q: Is there a preliminary alignment to the bridge approaches from both sides already in place?

A: The Conceptual Layout can be found in the Public Meeting Exhibits on the project website - [America's River Crossing Bridge Replacement \(I-55 Bridge\) \(tn.gov\)](#)

Question 20:

Q: Is the new bridge going to be adjacent in alignment to the existing bridge or will it be at the exact location of the existing bridge, meaning the existing will have to be demolished prior to constructing the new one?

A: See response to Question #19. In order to limit traffic disruptions and conflicts with the existing bridge foundations, the intent is to construct the new bridge in its entirety before any demolition of the existing bridge.