

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR LETTER OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (Department) is seeking letters of interest from qualified consulting firms to provide professional services for a 6.7 mile section of Interstate 30 from I-40 to I-530, including the Arkansas River Bridge, and I-40 from JFK Boulevard east to Highway 67. Additional project information can be found at www.connectingarkansasprogram.com.

The services to be performed will generally consist of completing the NEPA process utilizing a recently completed Planning and Environmental Linkages (PEL) document. The level of analysis is anticipated to be an Environmental Assessment/FONSI (Finding of No Significant Impact) including significant public involvement. Accurate and constructible baseline Design Schematics (anticipated 20% - 30% design level) for widening and interchange/access improvements to the corridor to be provided in a Design-Build Request for Proposal (RFP) will also be required. Additional services and required experience include Section 404 permitting, Section 4(f), Context Sensitive Solutions, Interchange Justification Report (IJR), and supporting the development of reference information and technical provisions to be included in the Design-Build RFP.

The consultant or consultant team shall be capable of providing all of the above tasks.

A letter of interest, together with primary contact information, indirect cost rate cognizant letter of approval from each firm's home state, and Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II available at http://arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/advertisements/sf330_e2014-10-31.pdf should be addressed to:

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P.O. Box 2261, Little Rock, AR 72203-2261
or
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Six (6) sets of paper responses and a copy in pdf format on a Compact Disc (CD) must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. (CDT) on Friday, October 10, 2014. Any responses received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of services and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work.

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This notice is available from the ADA/504/Title VI Coordinator in large print, on audiotape and in Braille.