

ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (Department) is seeking letters of interest from qualified firms for professional services for the 13.7-mile Future Interstate 49 segment between Highway 22 and Interstate 40 in Arkansas.

The required professional services will generally consist of the following tasks:

- Tolling feasibility and financial analyses
- Cost estimation based on a conceptual and preliminary design
- Environmental reassessment
- Recommendation for viable project delivery methods

The alignment for the subject segment was approved by the Federal Highway Administration in August 1997. The previous environmental document and other pertinent information can be found at <ftp.arkansashighways.com/outgoing/I-49/>.

Due to the high cost of construction for this new location segment including a bridge over Arkansas River, it is necessary for the Department to explore innovative project delivery methods.

The Department may exercise the option of retaining the consultant team for future work including, but not limited to investment grade tolling study, innovative project delivery procurement, legal and financial advisory services.

The letter of interest shall include the following information.

- Cover letter, no more than one (1) page.
- Proposed organizational structure including the primary contact.
- Description of the qualification of the firm and proposed project manager(s) and key team members (prime and subconsultants), no more than five (5) pages.
- Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts I and II
http://www.arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/SF330-13a_11-30-17.pdf

The letter of interest should be addressed to:

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Five (5) sets of paper responses and a copy in PDF format must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (CST) on Monday, January 30, 2017. Any responses received after that deadline will not be considered.

The consultant selection for this letter of interest will follow the Department's *Consultant Selection Procedures for Engineering and Design Related Services, December 2016*. After a review of all letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and be requested to submit proposals for

accomplishing the work. Final selection will be announced following the Arkansas State Highway Commission action on Wednesday, March 15, 2017. Additional information may be found under the Consultant Services page on the Department's website.

The Department complies with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, FHWA Guidance and any other Federal, State, and/or local laws, rules and/or regulations.

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