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REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST

Notice is hereby given that Metroplan, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Central Arkansas Regional Transportation Study (CARTS), is seeking letters from qualified consulting firms for the development of model regional guidelines for use in designing transportation facilities focusing on accessibility and transit integration.

The project will produce a set of unique templates for central Arkansas in designing transit facilities, pedestrian facilities, bike facilities. Also, including roadways that balance the needs of multiple transportation modes and provides for customization by local jurisdictions. Templates are intended to provide a seamless transition between transportation facilities and modes; be developed separately for urban, suburban, transitioning, and rural areas; provide for reasonable flexibility; and created specifically for and to ensure consistency within the metropolitan region. The cross-sections should support existing transit service (Rock Region METRO service area) and provide for transit readiness in areas currently not served. Metroplan is creating this guide for the benefit of, and its inclusion with, local jurisdictions master street plans. *Templates should be consistent with the MUTCD, AASHTO Green Book, AASHTO Bicycle and Pedestrian Guidelines.* A sample document can be viewed at [Florida Accessing Transit Handbook](#).

A letter of interest (2 pages maximum), primary contact information, and a complete Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Part 1 and II should be addressed to:

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Architect-Engineer Qualifications Standard Form 330 Parts 1 and II are available at the Arkansas Department of Transportation website:

https://www.arkansashighways.com/consultant_services/SF330_12_31_2020.pdf

Two (2) sets of paper response and five (5) copies in pdf format on a thumb drive must be received no later than **11:00 a.m. CDT, Thursday, September 12, 2019**. Any response received after this deadline will not be considered.

After a review of letters of interest received, selected firms will be furnished a scope of work and requested to submit proposals for accomplishing the work. A consultant will be selected following the review of proposals. Work is expected to begin on or about October 1, 2019.

For questions, please contact Casey Covington at 501 372-3300 (Phone) or ccovington@metroplan.org (email).

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