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THIS SOLICITATION IS BEING EXTENDED TO ALL INTERESTED FIRMS

LEGAL NOTICE

CSO Solicitation No. 2347

Request for Letters of Interest

Planning and Engineering Services for the Reconstruction of I-95
from Exit 7 to 9, including Bridge No. 00032

The Connecticut Department of Transportation (Department) is seeking to engage one (1) consultant engineering firm to provide planning and engineering services associated with the replacement of Bridge No. 00032, which carries I-95 over Metro North and local streets, and the associated reconfiguration of I-95 between Exits 7 and 9 in the City of Stamford. The selected consultant firm will utilize a Planning and Environmental Linkage (PEL) process, resulting in a PEL Study, which will identify alternatives and key issues for future analyses and environmental review processes, and which will propose phasing, early action projects, and priorities. The process will evaluate existing needs and deficiencies within the project area, develop a draft purpose and need, design and evaluate concepts for the replacement of Bridge No. 00032, as well as the realignment of I-95, and identify potential environmental impacts within the study corridor. The selected firm will identify the recommended class(es) of action under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the prioritization or phasing of those projects with respect to their importance and anticipated available funding, including identification of projects in the study area with independent utility and logical termini that improve traffic operations and safety on the mainline and local roadway network. Discrete engineering tasks to support any early action projects identified during the study process may also be included in the assignment.

The scope of the study will consist of developing a broad spectrum of feasible alternatives for the reconfiguration of the Interstate which address the needs and deficiencies of the corridor. A public involvement program, modern expressway design, and coordination with railroad requirements will guide the development of alternatives. Coordination with Department staff, including the Major Structures Group, will be necessary to ensure Department-led rehabilitation initiatives in the study area are compatible with the temporary construction conditions and final configuration of the corridor. Conceptual renderings and constructability of the proposed alternatives are anticipated to be important components of the studies.

The value of the contract is estimated to be approximately \$3-4M and is anticipated to utilize either a lump sum or cost plus fixed-fee payment method. An approximate timeline of 2-3 years is expected to complete this PEL Study, at which time the Department anticipates initiating the next phase, which is expected to be a combined NEPA/design assignment. The next phase will not be part of this solicitation.

The selected firm must provide all electronic design data (i.e., Ground files, Design files, Digital Terrain Models [surfaces], Alignments, Contract Plans, and/or all other Electronic Engineering Data) in Bentley Systems, Inc. MicroStation V8i (SELECT series 3) and InRoads Suite V8i (SELECT series 2) formats. Submissions will also be required to comply with the Department's Digital Design Environment and the Digital Project Development Manual: (<https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Engineering-Applications/CTDOT---CONNECT-DDE>).

Firms responding to this request should be of adequate size and sufficiently staffed and experienced to perform this assignment and will be required to provide the necessary staffing upon execution of the contract. The selected firm will also be required to establish and/or maintain

a Connecticut office for the duration of the assignment, with the Project Manager available on a daily basis for the direct and visual supervision of the staff performing the majority of this assignment.

If your firm would like to be considered for this assignment, your submittal should consist of a letter-of-interest limited to one (1) page, a Department Form CSO 255 and a maximum of five (5) resumes which are limited to two (2) pages each. One of the resumes must be that of the proposed Project Manager in charge of the work, as well as the assurance that he/she will be available for work when required. (The CSO 255 form can be found online at <https://portal.ct.gov/DOT/Consultant-Selection/Consultant-Selection-Information>.)

Electronic Submittal – A .pdf of your CSO 255 must be emailed to David.Mancini@ct.gov by 3:00 p.m. on or before **September 15, 2020**, and must be no larger than 10 MB in size. The file name should be in the following format: CSO#2347.FirmName. You will receive a confirmation email by 4:00 p.m. on the due date, once your submittal has been accepted. Please retain proof of sending your submission before the due date/time, in the unlikely event that your email is not received. If you do not receive a confirmation by the time specified above, please contact the Consultant Selection Office at 860-594-3498 or at the email listed above. Firms, who are shortlisted based on their CSO 255 submittal, will be notified by the Consultant Selection Office of the time and date for their final selection interview. A final selection is anticipated by December 15, 2020.

Your CSO 255 submittal should identify the following: your proposed current staff and their qualifications, experience, and availability to perform the required services. Your submittal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- (1) Experience, qualification, and availability of current staff, including sub-consultants, proposed for this assignment. Weighted scoring value = 15%
- (2) Proposed staff or sub-consultant capabilities/ experience in the following:
 - a) Highway Design. Weighted scoring value = 15%
 - b) PEL Process. Weighted scoring value = 15%
 - c) Traffic Engineering and Modeling. Weighted scoring value = 15%
 - d) Bridge and Structural Design. Weighted scoring value = 10%
 - e) Public Involvement. Weighted scoring value = 10%
 - f) Alternative Analysis. Weighted scoring value = 10%
- (3) Familiarity with FHWA and CTDOT standards, policies and procedures. Weighted scoring value = 10%

Responding firms must provide copies of the following required licenses, certifications and/or registrations for the proposed personnel that indicate they are in current standings: *Connecticut Professional Engineer*.

You are advised that a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal applies to this contract. The goal will be no less than six percent (6%) of the agreement value. Within the letter-of-interest submittal, you must include the designated certified DBE sub-consultant(s) which you plan to use. To be eligible for DBE credit, the sub-consultant(s) must be currently certified by the Department. If the prime consultant is a Connecticut certified DBE firm, they will satisfy the DBE

requirement provided their percentage of work performed meets the assigned goal. All firms are advised that the prime consultant must perform the major part of the work with employees of the firm. Joint venturing will not be allowed.

Do not send additional documentation other than what is requested. The Consultant Selection Panel may reject your submittal, and your firm may not be considered for this project if you provide additional documentation such as corporate brochures, background information, and histories.

In accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Sections 4-252, 4a-81, and 4-252a, firms, once selected, must complete the Office of Policy and Management's (OPM) Ethics Form 1 (Gift and Campaign Contribution Certification), Form 5 (Consulting Agreement Affidavit), and Form 7 (Iran Certification) prior to the agreement/contract execution. Forms 1 and 5 apply to all consulting agreements/contracts which have a total value to the State of Connecticut (State) of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in a calendar or fiscal year. Form 7 applies to any consulting agreement/contract which has a total cumulative value to the State of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) or more. Any consultant that does not complete the certifications (Form 1 & 7) required under subsection (c) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (b) of CGS 4-252a, or refuses to submit the affidavit (Form 5) required under subsection (b) of CGS 4a-81 shall be disqualified and the Department shall award the agreement/contract to the next highest ranked consultant or seek new submittals, in accordance with subsection (d) of CGS 4-252 and subsection (d) of CGS 4a-81. Please note, in an effort to streamline the certification and affidavit process for agreement execution, the Department is requiring all selected firms to upload Forms 1, 5 and 7 on the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) Business Network ("BizNet") website. Directions and forms can be found at <https://portal.ct.gov/OPM/Fin-PSA/Forms/Ethics-Forms>.

For all State contracts, as defined in CGS § 9-612(f)(1) having a value in a calendar year of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more or a combination or series of such agreements or contracts having a value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) or more, the authorized signatory to this submission in response to the State's solicitation expressly acknowledges receipt of the State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice titled "Notice to Executive Branch State Contractors and Prospective State Contractors of Campaign Contribution and Solicitation Limitations" (Notice) advising State contractors of State campaign contribution and solicitation prohibitions, and will inform its principals of the contents of the Notice. The State Elections Enforcement Commission's Notice can be found online at <https://portal.ct.gov/seec> by clicking on the Forms link and then the Contractor Reporting Forms link. The Notice is hereby made a part of this solicitation.

Prior to the negotiation process, the selected firm(s) will be required to have a Department-approved audit and affirmative action plan, as well as current corporate registration with the Secretary of State (partnerships excluded). The selected firm will also be required to maintain insurance coverage from a firm approved to do business in the State of Connecticut. A minimum of \$2,000,000 Professional Liability Insurance coverage, with a maximum deductible of \$250,000, will be required. Proof of coverage must be submitted on a form acceptable to the State prior to the start of the negotiations process.

The Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to cancel this solicitation and terminate the process to retain consultant services, and is under no obligation to contract for the services specified herein.

The Department, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to award subsequent phases of an assignment to other qualified firms.

The Department reserves the right to add an additional project(s) of a similar nature for a separate selection should additional projects become available prior to the interview phase of the selection process.

All inquiries regarding this request for letters-of-interest shall be directed to Mr. David M. Mancini of the Consultant Selection Office at (860) 594-3498.

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