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Subject: Sidney-Waterville I-95 Bridge Replacements Design-Build Project (WIN 029486.00)
- Responses to Request For Information questions received on RFSOI.

What will be the basis of award for the project? Will it be based on a Best-Value Rating or Low-Bid?

This project will use a two-step procurement process. The first step, which is currently underway, is the solicitation of Statements of Interest from interested (SOI) proposers. The SOI's will be evaluated for responsiveness and then ranked following the process outlined in section 5.3 Evaluation Process of the Request for Statement of Interest (RFSOI). The Department anticipates selecting three to five of the highest ranking proposers and invite those selected teams to proceed to the Request for Proposal (RFP) phase of the procurement process. The winning Design-Builder will be the technically responsive Proposal with the lowest bid.

Based on the anticipated duration of pre-project award services (approximately 1 year) and the complexity of the project (i.e. dealing with five separate bridge locations), would the Department consider increasing the value of the stipend from \$200,000.00 to \$300,000.00?

The Department will increase the value of the Stipend from \$200,000 to \$250,000.

The response to question #1 below regarding the basis of award for the project will have an impact on who we choose as our design partner for this project. Is there a chance this question can be answered before the April 22nd date outlined in the RFSOI?

Yes. The question will be answered before April 22.

In section 3.2.6 you state that the DB Team will be responsible for "Providing right of way coordination per Section 3.4". In Section 3.4 it states that additional right-of-way is anticipated to be required to support the Project and that the Design Builder will be required to develop and submit the necessary Right-of-way mapping for approval to aid the Department in their acquisition procedures.

Can you please define the specific right of way scope that the Design-Builder will be responsible for? Is the Design-Builder only responsible for the mapping effort? Has the Department included the duration of ROW acquisition in their proposed schedule?

The Design-Builder shall acquire, at its sole expense, all property rights outside the Project Limits needed for construction staging, yarding, construction, waste disposal, or other Project-related purpose. The Design-Builder shall be responsible for all work necessary to complete final Right-of-Way mapping deemed necessary for the Project, so the Department can proceed with negotiation and acquisition procedures. The Department will acquire all necessary rights to real property within the Project Limits shown on the Right-of-Way plans that are provided with the Proposal Documents.

The Department's assumed schedule includes time for the Right of Way negotiation and property acquisition process depending on when the Contractor submits the project impacts and property maps.

Does MaineDOT have a file size limit for submission?

The file size limit, per email, is 50Mb. The Proposers may split the delivery into separate emails, provided the subject line includes reference to the total number of emails being sent (ie, "Email x of x"). In section 5.2.2.2, Experience and Past Performance of Design-Builder, the RFSOI states that we can provide no more than five projects "for each of the Design-Builder's Major Participants." Based on the definitions in section 2.3, please clarify if we can provide five projects per major participant, or if we are required to only submit five projects in total for this section.

Please provide no more than five (5) and no less than three (3) completed projects of similar size, scope and complexity for each of the Design-Builder's Major Participants and other key subconsultant/subcontractor firms.

The RSOI states in 5.2.2.4 Appendices, Appendix A - Proposer's General Information Form, that the form will be available on the project website. In 5.2.2.4.2 Equal Employment Opportunity Performance it notes that the "Equal Employment Opportunity fillable form" is also provided on the Project website. However, both forms are missing from the project website. Will these forms be provided?

The required forms have been posted on the Maine DOT website under the Design-Build Project tab.