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NOTICE OF NEED FOR SERVICES

TO: Consultants

FROM: Edward N. Austin, P.E.
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RE: On-Call Independent Cost Estimating
Statewide

The Alabama Department of Transportation has determined that it needs and will seek consultant services for the above referenced project. Attached is a "Notice of Need for Services" containing an abbreviated scope of work and evaluation information. Firms expressing interest should be fully capable of providing the end results.

The purpose of this inquiry is to determine interest or non-interest of your firm providing the professional services required by the scope of work. A number of firms are being asked to express their interest in regard to these services and following this expression, a short list of firms will be selected for further consideration.

Your response to this inquiry should be in the form of a letter-type response that addresses the points listed in the evaluation portion of the need for services. **This response should be limited to a maximum of five pages.** Failure to receive such letter by the deadline indicated will be considered as "no interest."

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Notice is hereby given that the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Montgomery, Alabama 36110, is requesting submittal of interest from all firms interested in performing On-Call Independent Cost Estimating Services (ICE) as outlined in the following scope of work. This will be a cost-plus compensation payment method agreement as per ALDOT's "Procedure for Selection of Architect and/or Engineering Services (rev. 06-24-16)" and up to 3 firms could be selected for these services.

ARTICLE I- SCOPE OF WORK

The CONSULTANT will, when requested by the STATE, perform construction cost estimating and scheduling services statewide.

SECTION I - CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATING AND SCHEDULING

The CONSULTANT will perform the following as applicable:

- A. The CONSULTANT will provide independent cost estimates and associated cost and resource loaded schedules during final design or design-build phases, using contractor style (production-based) methodologies and production-based heavy civil estimating software platforms.
- B. The CONSULTANT will prepare cost estimates and the associated schedules are expected to occur at multiple pricing milestones during the design-build phases or as needed based on the design-build agreement. In addition, the CONSULTANT will provide a final estimate and associated cost and resource loaded schedule for construction. The Independent Cost Estimator's final

- estimate will need to be completed and submitted by the bid/letting date or according to the design-build schedule. The bid/letting date will occur at the point in time when the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM agree that the project has been designed to a sufficient level of detail to allow ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM to accurately bid and construct the project.
- C. The CONSULTANT will provide a summary and detailed cost breakdowns and translate production-based estimates into the Alabama Department of Transportation unit price estimate format, using ALDOT's standards and specifications with a demonstrated familiarity of Alabama labor laws and federal wage rates.
 - D. The CONSULTANT will attend price reconciliation meetings between ALDOT, and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM at the various pricing milestones as determined by the design-build agreement. The price reconciliation meetings are expected to take place at ALDOT's Central Office in Montgomery, Alabama or at the co-located offices of ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM and be two-three days in duration for each pricing milestone.
 - E. The CONSULTANT's responsibility at these meetings is to gain a common understanding of bidding assumptions (including means and methods, equipment, material costs, and risk assignment) and advise ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM if there are more cost-effective ways of accomplishing the work.
 - F. The CONSULTANT will provide feedback on risk management which may include risk identification, assessment, cost quantification, and assignment of

- the probability of occurrence.
- G. The CONSULTANT's formal risk workshops are anticipated to coincide with design/constructability reviews and estimating workshops at each pricing milestone.
 - H. The CONSULTANT will provide assistance to ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM with respect to determining cost impacts of project phasing, labor availability, mobilization and site access, sequence of design and construction, and availability and procurement of equipment and materials.
 - I. The CONSULTANT will review and assess the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM's bid/price proposal for recommendation in award of a construction contract.
 - J. The CONSULTANT will attend and participate in the following meetings:
 - a. Initial Kickoff Meeting anticipated to take place at ALDOT's Central Office in Montgomery, Alabama or at the co-located offices of ALDOT and the DESIGN -BUILD TEAM.
 - b. Estimate Coordination, Design/Constructability Review, and Risk workshops anticipated to take place at ALDOT's Central Office or at the co-located offices of ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM prior to each pricing milestone and as directed by ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM. These workshops are anticipated to occur in conjunction with each other over a 2–3-day period for each pricing milestone.
 - K. The CONSULTANT will participate in person or remotely as determined in the following meetings:
 - a. Regular design-build team meetings/conference calls to be held every

week, or as directed by ALDOT, during the preconstruction phase of the project to discuss work in progress, work completed, upcoming priorities, issues, risks, schedule review and update, and any budget or contract issues. ALDOT may request that the Independent Cost Estimator (ICE) attend these meetings in person if necessary to resolve recurring issues.

b. Bid/price proposal analysis and award recommendation meeting.

- L. The CONSULTANT will maintain meeting notes, actions items, and decisions made.
- M. The construction of this project will be state and federally funded. The ICE will be expected to engage in Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) outreach, including interviewing potential DBEs, to estimate the cost of construction while meeting the specified goal(s).
- N. The CONSULTANT will review the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM contractor construction schedule at each pricing milestone. The Independent Cost Estimating Consultant will provide written analysis and recommendations to improve its usefulness to ALDOT and the DESIGN-BUILD TEAM. Demonstrate practicality in approach and concentrate remarks and discussions on critical path and high-risk activities as identified in the Risk /Opportunity Register that will be developed during the Risk Workshops and maintained by ALDOT.

EVALUATION

Firms interested in performing the work will be considered based on information in the files and submittal of the following in written form (limited to five pages):

1. Statement of professional registration of the firm and names and registration numbers of individuals involved in this project or listing of any professional associations related to your industry.
(5%)
2. Statement as to professional standing including any pending controversies outstanding. If none exists, such a statement should be made.
(5%)
3. Statement of experience in the fields that the proposed services are requested and work of similar nature which the proposed staff for requested services was in responsible charge. Proposed staff names and experience are to be provided.
(45%)
4. Statement of availability and adequacy, in both number and quality of remaining staff, to perform all other functions needed in the proposed services.
(30%)
5. List of qualified personnel in other disciplines required for the proposed services, both in-house and those to be acquired from outside sources.
(15%)

PLEASE NOTE: Presentations will be conducted in conjunction with this Notice of Need for Services.

Submit Statement of Interest

TO EXPRESS INTEREST

Click on the button above to submit your statement of interest to us as an attachment via e-mail mail to mailers@dot.state.al.us. Also, please visit our website at <https://cpmsapps.dot.state.al.us/ConsultantManagement/default.aspx> and make sure your firm is pre-qualified with the Department. Please remember that your statement of interest must be **five** pages or less and **must** be identified with **Independent Cost Estimating, Statewide**. All statements of interest must be received prior to close of business, 4:00 p.m. Central Time on Friday, **March 13, 2026**. After submittal, if you have not received confirmation of receipt from the Department by the end of the next business day, please contact us at (334) 353-6708.

“It is the policy of the Alabama Department of Transportation that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 shall have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.

Firms selected for work by the Alabama Department of Transportation agree to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises as defined in 49 CFR Part 26 have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of work associated with this project. We expect that all necessary and reasonable steps be taken to ensure that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises have the maximum opportunity to perform contract work.”
