

**REQUEST FOR MANDATORY LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR CONTRACTOR
CM/GC SERVICES
I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes Phase I
Project No. NHPP 0701-240, SA No. 21685
June 18, 2020**

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is soliciting Mandatory Letters of Interest (MLOI) from Contractors interested in providing Construction Management/General Contractor (CM/GC) services for the first phase of the I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes Project. The project is anticipated to include improvements from Mile Marker (MM) 180 to MM 190, approximately from the East Vail Interchange to just east of the Vail Pass Rest Area Interchange.

The purpose of the West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes Project is to improve safety and operations on Eastbound (EB) and Westbound (WB) I-70 on West Vail Pass. This Project is needed to address safety concerns and operational issues due to geometric conditions (steep grades and tight curves) and slow-moving vehicle and passenger vehicle interactions that result in inconsistent and slow travel times along the corridor. The I-70 Mountain Corridor Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) identified safety and mobility issues on West Vail Pass related speed differentials due to slow-moving vehicles. (*Mobility is defined as the ability to travel along the I-70 Mountain Corridor safely and efficiently in a reasonable amount of time.*) The project is currently finishing the Environmental Assessment phase and is on track to move into final design by the end of this calendar year.

The scope of this project will potentially include the installation of a portion of the EB Auxiliary Lane with full shoulders, curve modifications, bike path relocation, reconstruction of a truck ramp, wildlife underpasses, bridge and wall construction, and ITS (Intelligent Transportation System) improvements. The total project budget is \$140M including design and construction costs.

CM/GC brings the advantage of Construction Manager (CM) Contractor input early in design. On this project, the CM will be brought on board at the start of the Design Phase to work with CDOT and the Consultant Designer. CM input will be beneficial in regards to bridge and retaining wall construction methods and elements, structural foundation, wildlife underpasses, ITS technology, maintaining traffic capacity of I-70, and material availability.

CDOT will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) to implement the best value approach through CM/GC to select a CM Contractor to assist with the development of the design for the project and ultimately exercise an option to negotiate a Construction Agreed Price (CAP) and if the negotiation is successful, construct the project as the project's General Contractor (GC). CDOT makes no guarantee that it will accept or agree on a GC CAP submitted by any party. If CDOT



successfully negotiates, agrees on, and accepts a GC CAP, payment for the construction of the project will be based on the negotiated and accepted GC CAP which includes, but is not limited to, a Schedule of Bid Items as per the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction.

The project has the following goals:

- Safety – Improve and maintain a safe travel corridor by minimizing crashes and mitigating other safety concerns;
- Operations – Address roadway operations to improve travel reliability for all road users with a modern highway system;
- Corridor Character & Aesthetics – Maintain the surrounding wilderness and visual and historic resources of the project corridor and minimize impacts to nearby residents and businesses;
- Enhanced Environment – Minimize impacts to environmental resources and identify opportunities to enhance the high-quality natural environment of the corridor;
- Recreation – Provide access for all residents and visitors to recreational opportunities;
- Collaborative Decision Making – Uphold commitments from the I-70 Mountain Corridor Record of Decision and utilize partnerships with stakeholders to reach decisions;
- Implementability – Identify a preferred alternative that can be funded and constructed in phases;
- Sustainability – Implement a solution that is effective to maintain and will meet the needs now and into the future; and
- Commit to the CM/GC process.

Issuance of the RFP is anticipated on July 10, 2020. CDOT must receive the MLOI no later than **July 9, 2020, 12:00pm, noon. In order to submit a proposal in response to the RFP** your firm must submit an MLOI to CDOT. MLOIs should be sent by email to the CDOT CM/GC Project Manager.

Please address all MLOIs to:

Matt Figgs, PE
I-70 West Vail Pass Auxiliary Lanes Phase I, CM/GC Project Manager
Project No. NHPP 0701-240
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Please include in your MLOI the name of your firm's single point of contact for this project, address, phone number, and email address. If you had previously submitted an LOI for this project in response to the Request for Letters of Interest posted on April 3, 2020, **you must submit a new letter in order to submit a proposal in response to the RFP.**



Because CDOT is taking responsible action to combat the transmission of COVID-19, many of the procurement phases may be conducted via conference call and/or video conference. In addition to the information below, more details will be forthcoming:

- The first advertisement of the RFP is anticipated on July 10, 2020.
- A Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held either in person or via video conference on July 21, 2020 at 10:00am. Only those firms submitting an MLOI will receive an invitation to this meeting. This meeting is not confidential.
- Those firms attending the Mandatory Pre-Proposal Meeting will receive an invitation to attend an optional confidential one-on-one meeting to be held July 23, 2020. If more timeslots are needed, CDOT will add July 24, 2020.
- All questions or comments submitted to CDOT after July 24, 2020, and all answers and comments by CDOT will be made public and posted on the procurement website below.
- Final RFP questions or comments are due on July 31, 2020.
- Proposal submissions are due August 10, 2020 at 12:00 pm, noon. Submission instructions will be announced in the RFP on July 10, 2020.

Additional **procurement** information can be found on the CDOT website at:

<https://www.codot.gov/business/designsupport/adp-db-cm-gc/opportunities/cm-gc-solicitations-active/21685-i-70-west-vail-pass-auxiliary-lanes-phase-i>

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