

INVITATION FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES

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Public Notice for Professional Consultants Colorado Department of Transportation CDOT Region 3 Project Specific: NEPA EA Preliminary & Final Design Services I-70 West Vail Pass Safety Improvements Project # NHPP 0701-240 (21685) “Optional Interview”

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) intends to hire one (1) Professional Consultant for this Project. The selected Consultant will contract to provide project specific consultant services to include those specific services set forth below.

Description

In 2011 the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) completed a Tier 1 Record of Decision document for the I-70 Mountain Corridor. The Tier 1 decision selected the Preferred Alternative, a long-term 2050 vision of a multimodal transportation solution for the Corridor that includes non-infrastructure components, an Advanced Guideway System, and highway improvements. Subsequent Tier 2 NEPA processes will be completed to develop and evaluate specific projects consistent with the Tier 1 decision.

Tier 2 processes are needed to identify specific alternatives and alignments consistent with the Tier 1 decision. This project will focus on completion of the decision document for the West Vail Pass Environmental Assessment (EA) to study safety improvements on the west side of Vail Pass, where the highway's steep grades can result in conflicts between vehicles traveling at substantially different speeds. CDOT believes that the West Vail Pass project as identified from MP 180 to 190 constitutes an independent component of the overall I-70 Mountain Corridor. As such, we believe the West Vail Pass project can be planned as a separate action from all other reasonably foreseeable transportation projects in the area. The Environmental Assessment (EA) for safety improvements on the west side of Vail Pass was started in 2006 but was stopped until the Tier 1 Record of Decision was completed. This project will utilize the information that was gathered to complete the EA.

Project Location:

This project is located on I-70 between milepost 180 and milepost 190.11 in Eagle County.

The overall purpose of the project is to improve safety on West Vail Pass including decreasing the number of accidents, reducing erratic driving behavior due to speed differentials, and reducing speed differentials. Detailed goals will be defined by the Project Leadership Team. Preliminarily, this project is intended to produce the following improvements:

- A. Environmental – minimize environmental effects
- B. Follow context sensitive guidelines and principles
- C. Improve Safety and Quality of Multi-Use Trail
- D. Implement Black Gore Creek SCAP

This Project-specific contract work will be done on an “as needed” basis. The term "as needed" means neither CDOT nor the consultant has an obligation under the contract unless and until a task order is issued. Contracts resulting from the Invitation for Consultant Services are considered a "pricing agreement". CDOT anticipates that the compensation format on this contract will be “cost plus fixed fee,” subject to further review by CDOT. Execution of the contract will be subject to the bid award for the above-mentioned construction project.

Special Project Requirement: All work is to be performed under the direction and supervision, appropriate to the task, of a Colorado-Licensed Professional Engineer, a Colorado-Licensed Professional Land Surveyor for Surveying services, a Colorado-Licensed Landscape Architect, a Certified Industrial Hygienist, or, as appropriate, any combination of the foregoing.

Interested Consultants:

The prime firm of each team must be on CDOT's list of prequalified consultants by **December 15, 2016**. Prequalification must be done annually. Consultants who are not prequalified or who have questions regarding their prequalification should immediately contact Peter Abvenake, Agreements at telephone (303) 757-9583.

For the Capacity factor included in the Statement of Interest portion of the consultant's submittal, and described in the SOI/WP Preparation Instructions for Consultants, the prime firm must show, for the prime firm or any member of its team, capacity in the following disciplines:

EN Environmental Engineering; GE – Geotechnical Engineering; HD – Highway and Street Design; HY – Hydraulics; SE – Structural Engineering; SU – Surveying; TR – Traffic Engineering; UT – Utilities

Submit 1 (one) Electronic copy via the CDOT RFX Vendor Portal OR Submit Seven (7) **hard copies** of the Statement of Interest/Work Plan no later than **12:00 noon local time, Thursday December 22, 2016**

Attn: David Wells, Contracting Officer 4201 E. Arkansas Ave. Suite 200 Denver, CO 80222

The Advertisement along with the Notice to Consultants, Scope of Work (Staffing Requirements), Instructions to Proposers and the Key Event Schedule are available and *must be obtained from* the CDOT "Consultant Management" website address: <https://www.codot.gov/business/consultants/advertised-projects/2016>

Statements of interest/work plans received after the time and date specified will be rejected. The statement of interest/work plan must comply with CDOT's standardized format requirements. Please refer to the instructions. Failure to follow the required format as provided in the Statement of Interest/ Work Plan Instructions may result in your submittal being rejected.

Questions of a technical nature (SOW, etc.) regarding this project may be directed to:

**Karen Berdoulay
CDOT Project Manager, Region 3 Eagle Residency
Telephone: 970) 328-9934**

CDOT is advertising this selection with "Optional" an Interview Phase. CDOT reserves the right to award directly from the short-list meeting, OR conduct interviews if necessary prior to final selection.

Should Interviews be required, from those firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP), CDOT will short-list up to 3 (three) firms for interviews. CDOT may make the Final Selection at either meeting, with alternate firms 2 and 3 listed and submitted to CDOT Chief Engineer for final approval.

NOTE: Firms submitting a Statement of Interest/Work Plan (SOI/WP) must, in their submitted SOI/WP, expressly commit, and identify by name, key employees of their own staff, as well as of the staffs of the sub-consultants on their teams, to be available to do the Work.

The UDBE goal for this project is: 10% (Ten Percent)

The Department has determined the contract goal for UDBE participation in this contract will be met with certified DBEs who have been determined to be underutilized on professional services contracts. At this time, all DBEs will be considered to be UDBEs.

Please note Civil Rights will still evaluate this solicitation for DBE and ESB incentive points per the SOI Instructions. Please be sure to review the new DBE/ESB requirements for professional services contracts.

To be eligible for contract award, the prime consultant must have an Audited Indirect Cost Rate that is compliant with Federal Acquisition Requirements. (FAR Compliant)
CDOT assumes no obligation of any kind for expenses incurred by any respondent to this solicitation. The right is also reserved by CDOT to reject any and all submittals.