

Emerging Small Business Set Aside Guidance

CDOT anticipates hiring up to sixteen (16) total consultants for this solicitation. Eight (8) consultant teams may be hired at the 5 million tier, four (4) consultant teams at the new 3 million tier, and four (4) consultant teams at the 1 million tier. **Up to two (2) contracts (with a minimum of one (1)) of the 1 million tier contracts are reserved for proposal exclusively from firms with an active Emerging Small Business certification at the time of proposal.** Firms will not be permitted to propose on more than one tier as a prime consultant.

The solicitation will be posted on the CDOT vendor portal and on the CDOT website at:
<https://www.codot.gov/business/consultants/advertised-projects/2018>

Details Regarding ESB Restricted Contracts:

- Up to two (2) with a minimum of one (1) \$1M contracts will be restricted to proposals only from firms with an active Emerging Small Business certification by the proposal deadline
 - <http://codot.gov/business/civilrights/smallbusiness/esb>
 - Contact: dot_certifications@state.co.us
- Firms must be prequalified by CDOT to propose and receive an award
 - <https://www.codot.gov/business/consultants/cdot-supplier-self-service-portal-1/portal-instructions-for-prequalifications-mpa-s-and-rfp-s>
 - Contact: Darrell Wells (303) 757-9215
- Firms must have a Master Pricing Agreement (MPA) in place by the time of award, but do not need an MPA to propose
 - <https://www.codot.gov/business/consultants/forms>
 - Contact: George Currie, george.currie@state.co.us
- Connect2DOT is available for technical assistance
 - <http://connect2dot.org>
 - Contact: info@connect2dot.org
- All other standard requirements will apply to these two contracts.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to: Pehle Colletta (303) 757-9195

The DBE goal will be set per tier at the time of the Advertisement.

Please contact Jun Arcilla at 303-512-4141 or at jun.arcilla@state.co.us in the CDOT Civil Rights & Business Resource Center for clarification on DBE/ESB scoring and information on available certified firms.

Capacity Evaluation

Proposals will be evaluated upon the same criteria as all other NPS contracts; the only change is to the eligible pool of firms, which will not negatively impact CDOT capacity, and in fact may

streamline selection for the two restricted contracts because of the condensed pool. Should there be less than three responsible proposers, CDOT will re-advertise the two contracts in early January 2019 with the ESB restriction lifted; in this instance the capacity required is minimal and manageable by all stakeholders in the interest of Policy Directive 606.0, Fostering Small Business Capacity.