

Emerging Small Business Set Aside Guidance

CDOT anticipates hiring up to fourteen (14) total consultants for this solicitation. Eight (8) consultant teams may be hired at the \$4 million tier, and six (6) consultant teams at the \$1.5 million tier. **Up to two (2) contracts with a minimum of one (1) of the 1.5 million tier contracts are reserved for proposal exclusively from firms with an active Emerging Small Business certification by the proposal deadline.** 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/2019>

Details Regarding ESB Restricted Contracts:

- Up to two (2) with a minimum of one (1) \$1.5 M 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: Cardon Brandt (303) 757-9398.

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

Please contact Karen Fuji-Martin at 303-512-4016 or at karen.fujii-martin@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 for the restricted contracts, CDOT will lift the ESB restriction and award to the most qualified non-ESBs from the available submitted firms.