

Emerging Small Business Set Aside Guidance

CDOT will be hiring up to fourteen (14) Consultants for this project to provide Front Range Non-Project Specific General Engineering Services. CDOT anticipates awarding Six (6) contracts at the \$6 million tier, four (4) contracts at the \$4 million tier, and four (4) contracts at the \$2 million tier. **One (1) contract is 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 website and BidNet at:

<https://www.codot.gov/business/consultants/advertised-projects/2021>

and

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/colorado-department-of-transportation>

Details Regarding ESB Restricted Contract:

- Up to one (1) \$2 M contract 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 at (303) 757-9215 or darrell.wells@state.co.us
- 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 at 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 this contract.

Questions regarding this solicitation may be directed to: Cardon Brandt (303) 757-9398 or cardon.c.brandt@state.co.us

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

Please contact Karen Fujii-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 one 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.