



Emerging Small Business Set Aside Guidance

CDOT anticipates hiring up to eighteen (18) total consultants for this solicitation. Six (6) consultant teams may be hired at the \$5 million tier, six (6) consultant teams at the \$3 million tier, and seven (7) (including two ESB contracts). Up to two (2) 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.

Details Regarding ESB Restricted Contracts:

- Up to two (2) \$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
 - Contact: Darrell Wells (303) 757-9215, 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, george.currie@state.co.us
- All other standard requirements will apply to these two contracts.

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

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 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.