

STATE OF COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Region 6 North Engineering Section
2000 South Holly Street
Denver CO 80222



March 17, 2011

Re: **Request for Letters of Interest for Design-Build Services
US 36 Managed Lane/BRT Design-Build Project**

In partnership with the High Performance Transportation Enterprise, the Colorado Bridge Enterprise, and the Regional Transportation District (RTD), the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is proposing to reconstruct and widen US 36 from Federal Boulevard to the Interlocken Loop (96th Street) interchange. CDOT is soliciting Letters of Interest from companies or teams interested in providing design-build services for this high priority project.

CDOT has completed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Phase 1 Record of Decision (ROD), which described Preferred Alternative improvements to the corridor which would be implemented as funding became available. The main elements in the Preferred Alternative included one buffer-separated managed lane and two general purpose lanes in each direction, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) ramp stations, auxiliary lanes between most interchanges, and a bikeway. The managed lanes will be tolled for any single occupancy users which will provide both travel demand management to assure free flow conditions and revenue essential to complete the project. This US36 Managed Lane/BRT Design-Build Project (Project) will be the first step in implementing improvements described in the US 36 EIS and ROD. The RFP will encourage innovation from the private sector to maximize the project scope delivered.

The Project will include the following elements:

- Reconstruction of the U.S. 36 mainline
 - Reconstruct existing pavement, including widening to accommodate a new buffer-separated managed lane in each direction of US 36 and 12-foot wide shoulders
 - Construction of retaining walls and sound walls.
- Replacement of the Wadsworth Parkway, Wadsworth Boulevard, and Lowell Boulevard bridges
- Reconstruction of portions of the Wadsworth Parkway interchange.
- Installation of Intelligent Transportation Systems for tolling, transit information, and incident management. Toll systems installation and integration will be provided by others.
- Construction of portions of a commuter bikeway along the reconstructed section of the corridor

Project Goals

The non-prioritized goals for this project are:

- Maximize scope and improvements within the project budget.
- Minimize operating and life cycle maintenance costs and provide a quality product.
- Meet or beat schedule to be fully operational by July 1, 2015.
- Minimize inconvenience to the public and maximize safety of workers and traveling public.
- Maximize engagement of local workers, businesses, and communities in the development, construction, and sustainability of improvements

Procurement Process

A Request for Qualifications will be sent to those companies or teams submitting a Statement of Interest containing the information required below.

After evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications from prospective design-build teams, CDOT will establish a Short list of eligible teams. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent to these teams, and submittals will be evaluated using best-value criteria. The RFP will include a conceptual design reflecting environmental commitments and mitigation measures which conform with NEPA requirements. The RFP will encourage innovation from the private sector to maximize the project scope delivered.

Statements of Interest must be sent by registered mail, Federal Express, UPS or a similar delivery method that furnishes proof of having been received by CDOT no later than 2:00 PM on **April 7, 2011**. Letters of Interest that are sent via fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

Please address Statements of Interest to:

John Schwab, PE
US 36 Design-Build Project, Project Director
CDOT Region 6, North Engineering Section
2000 South Holly Street
Denver, CO 80222

The following must be included in the Statements of Interest:

1. Title: Statement of Interest for the US 36 Design-Build Project
2. Company or team name
3. Contact person
4. Address, phone, fax, and e-mail information
5. Only if your firm is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or Emerging Small Business, please identify your firm as such and state all local agencies with whom you are certified.

Only those firms submitting a Statement of Interest meeting the above requirements will receive a Request for Qualifications. Letters of Interest will also be used to compile a list of interested companies for any notices and announcements relating to this project. Conceptual design data and reports will be made available in the near future via the project website www.coloradodot.info/projects/US36ManagedLanes.

An optional informational meeting will be held Friday, March 25, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at CDOT Headquarters, 4201 E. Arkansas Ave, Denver, CO. 80222. It is anticipated that the Request for Qualifications will be released in April, 2011.