Context Sensitive Solutions as an element in a Request for Proposals

To fulfill the commitment CDOT has made to employ Context Sensitive Solutions (CSS) on all projects in the I-70 Mountain Corridor, projects shall employ and be guided by the I-70 Mountain Corridor CSS Guidance found at www.i70mtncorridor.com/CSSguidance.

CSS is about excellence in process, using multidisciplinary teams to enrich results, and using all stakeholders' issues to develop solutions. Creating solutions that address stakeholder issues, interests, and concerns makes compromise unnecessary.

Proposals should demonstrate that the proposing team understands the advantage of multidisciplinary teams. Short-listed teams should include CSS in their presentations and should expect questions about how their multidisciplinary teams will exceed the expectations of the stakeholders -- a founding principle of CSS.

Proposals should demonstrate teams' familiarity with the Context Statement, the Core Values, and the CSS Guidance. Each project will include different levels of involvement with the various Core Values. Proposals should identify the key Core Values for a particular project and how those will influence project outcomes.

The 6-Step Process, detailed in the CSS Guidance, shall be used on each project.

A proposed Project Work Plan is required as a part of every proposal. The proposed project approach and work plan should reflect the steps outlined within the 6-Step Process. Example work plans are included in the CSS Guidance. The work plan should begin by identifying the project objectives and the project inputs. The work plan should show the interaction between the 6-Step Process and the following: the teams and their meeting frequency; the major scope elements; public involvement approaches; and the proposed schedule, including noted key events or milestones. The Project Work Plan should be presented graphically and should be described in the work plan section of the proposal.

Project Manager CSS Qualifications

The project manager shall demonstrate the following skills and experience:

• Understanding of the I-70 Mountain Corridor Guidance
• Understanding of the I-70 Context Statement and Core Values
• Previous use of CSS on a transportation project
• Previous use of a structured decision process

Project Team CSS Qualifications

The project team shall include the following:

- Multidisciplinary membership with understanding in aesthetics, public relations, historic elements, environmental commitments within the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS), and any other disciplines needed to address the key Core Values for this project
- Experience in using CSS on a transportation project as a team