COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Request for Letters of Interest for Construction Manager / General Contractor Services

I-25 North Express Link: Segments 3B and 4

Project Code: 27909

Project No.: NHPP 0253-314

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is soliciting Letters of Interest from companies or teams interested in providing CM Preconstruction Services for a mega interstate widening project.

The Project encompasses Segments 3B and 4 of the North I-25 Corridor. While the primary Project limits extend from 144th Avenue to CO 66, the Project Approach limits extend farther south to CO 128 and north to CO 14. This project will include widening and/or reconstructing I-25 to add one 12' express lane in each direction from just north of 144th Avenue to CO 66 with a 4-foot painted buffer separating the tolled express lane from the general-purpose travel lanes. The Project will upgrade the roadway template to the current horizontal and vertical roadway geometry standard, while providing a 30-year pavement design life. Additionally, the project needs include upgrading mobility hubs to be median-loaded at CO 7 and CO 119, replace or widen 12 structures, and reconstruct three interchanges at CO 119, CO 52, and CO 7. It should be noted that the CM will be expected to provide valuable feedback on project elements, such as design constructability, traffic phasing, material availability, and pricing climate that may guide material selection and innovation. The program budget (design, right of way, utility, project management, etc.) for this project is estimated to be in the range of $680M to $730M; construction cost is estimated to be in the range of $575M to $620M

CDOT has determined that the delivery method that can best be leveraged to maximize the benefit of this project is Construction Manager/General Contractor (CM/GC). This delivery method affords CDOT the opportunity to gain a contractor's input while partnering with a consultant design firm in the development of the project.

The Delivery Culture and non-prioritized Project Goals for this project include the following.

DELIVERY CULTURE

The Delivery Culture reflects the vision, mindset, behaviors, and collaborative approach that this project expects from all team members. An exceptional proposal will demonstrate how the Proposer will foster and embody this culture throughout the project.

1. Collaborate Cross Regionally: Efficiently deliver two adjacent, cross-regional, mega projects by combining Segments 3B and 4 and delivering them with a combination of Region 1 and Region 4 personnel to increase partnership, mentorship, and growth.
2. Build Strong Teams: Create a collaborative and transparent team culture that engages in open conversation regarding project risk, constructability, reviews, material accessibility, ROW acquisition schedule, and third-party issues throughout preconstruction and construction.
3. Stay Adaptable and Solve Problems: Be adaptable to variable funding and scope adjustments with the ability to change direction and deliver quickly while proactively solving problems, reducing risk with the right team members engaged at the right time and identifying criteria to define alternatives or issues with a focus on solution-oriented conversation for efficient and sound decision making.

4. Advance a Coordinated, Constructible Design: Collaborate with CDOT, CDOT's owner's representative, construction manager, local agencies, utility owners, emergency services, CDOT maintenance and other stakeholders to resolve issues early, incorporate constructability reviews, and deliver coordinated design packages that support timely approvals and efficient construction.
5. Manage Risk Proactively by the Most Appropriate Party: Identify and evaluate design, site, permitting, stakeholder, and construction risks early. Develop practical mitigation strategies that reduce uncertainty, support informed decisions, and protect the project budget and schedule.

PROJECT GOALS

The CDOT Project Goals reflect the values that this Project holds and expects. An exceptional proposal will demonstrate how each of the Project Goals will be pursued by the Proposer.

1. Improve Safety: Provide facilities that improve safety, mobility, technology, and operations through upgrades to the built environment that support safe and efficient access and use for the traveling public. Maximize work zone safety during construction for motorists, emergency responders, pedestrians, other transportation users, and workers.
2. Deliver Smarter Solutions: Utilize innovation while optimizing design and strategically phase construction to maximize scope, provide best value, minimize long-term maintenance costs, disruptions to the travelling public, and stay within budget and on schedule.
3. Minimize Waste: Where practical, reuse existing materials and infrastructure to reduce costs and environmental impacts, and support efficient construction while meeting requirements for safety, performance, and service life.
4. Minimize Ancillary Costs: Develop innovative, cost-effective design solutions that minimize right-of-way acquisitions, utility relocations, environmental mitigation, and impacts to adjacent properties. Implement a comprehensive approach that evaluates project needs, priorities, and constraints to strategically identify and optimize scope, delivering the greatest overall value to the I-25 North corridor.
5. Enhance Multimodal Connectivity and Experience: Improve connections, particularly local and regional east/west transit routes to north/south transit, among highway, bicycle, and pedestrian-friendly facilities through an integrated user-friendly design that supports safe, maintainable, convenient access and accommodates planned transportation improvements and Transportation Master Plans.
6. Design for Long-Term Performance and Resilience: Develop durable, maintainable infrastructure that withstands anticipated traffic demands, flooding, and other environmental conditions while accommodating future corridor improvements and minimizing future reconstruction.

The preliminary schedule for the procurement of the project is:

Request for Letters of Interest Published:	November 25, 2026 - Wednesday

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Mandatory Letters of Interest Due:	December 14, 2026 - Monday
Industry Draft Proposal Issued:	December 15, 2026 - Tuesday
Optional One-on-One Project Briefings:	December 16 – 23, 2026
Draft Industry Comment Deadline:	December 30, 2026 - Wednesday
Final Draft CM RFP Issued:	January 12, 2027 - Tuesday
Proposer Questions and Comments Due:	January 19, 2027 - Tuesday
Question Responses Published:	January 26, 2027 - Tuesday
Proposals Due:	February 9, 2027 - Tuesday
Short-List Notification:	February 23, 2027 - Thursday
Interviews:	March 9, 2027 - Tuesday
Selection Notification:	March 12, 2027 - Friday
Notice to Proceed:	May 14, 2027 - Friday

Please submit Letters of Interest electronically through BidNet at: https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/cdotconstructionengineeringservices.

Contact BidNet Direct support for help at (800) 835-4603 with any issues submitting electronically.

LOIs must be received by CDOT no later than December 14, 2026 at 2pm (Mountain Time). Letters of Interest that are sent via fax or e-mail will not be accepted. CDOT will permit electronic signatures on the Letters of Interest.

The following shall be included in the Letters of Interest:

1. Title: Letter of Interest for the Express Link CM/GC Project
2. Company or Team name
3. Contact person*
4. Address, phone, fax, and email information
5. Letter of Interest (not more than a paragraph in length)

*Each firm shall appoint a single point of contact to receive all Project correspondence.

Only those firms submitting a Letter of Interest meeting the above requirements will receive the Request for Proposals. Letters of Interest will be used to create a list of interested companies for any notices and announcements relating to this project. This list will be published on the project website and available for Subcontractors, suppliers, and DBE's.

Additional procurement and project information can be found on the project website:

https://www.codot.gov/projects/northi25/i25northexpresslink