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US 160 — Elmore's East

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Project Code: 20980 - COMBO

Project No.: NHPP 1602-157 & FBR 1602-193

Location: US 160 Elmore's Corner to Dry Creek Design-Build

Request for Letters of Interest for Design-Build Services US 160 Elmore's Corner to Dry Creek Project

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Region 5 is soliciting Non-Mandatory Letters of Interest (LOI) from companies or teams interested in providing Design-Build (D-B) Services to widen US 160 from Elmore's Corner (SH 172) to Dry Creek (west of County Road (CR) 223), east of Durango, Colorado.

The purpose of this project is to widen US 160 from Elmore's Corner to CR225, expanding the roadway to four lanes with a center two-way left turn lane and widened shoulders. The project includes safety improvements at the CR225 intersection to reduce the frequency and severity of accidents. From CR225 to Dry Creek, the project scope includes construction of at least one mile of passing lane in each direction and widened shoulders. Additional major elements include two large mammal underpasses and the replacement of the Florida River Bridge. The work will establish new US 160 typical sections and all associated improvements required to deliver a fully functioning and resilient facility. CDOT has executed an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the corridor and a re-evaluation for the interim improvement of the corridor has been approved.

The anticipated construction cost for this project is in the range of \$65-\$75M.

CDOT has determined that Design-Build is the most effective delivery method to maximize the benefits of this project. This approach will provide the flexibility and innovation needed to manage risk effectively while also supporting the project's grant funding timelines.

The non-prioritized goals for this project include the following. The Project goals will continue to be refined along with the development of the RFP and may be altered, reduced, or added to prior to the issuance of the RFP.

- Improved Safety, Mobility, and Efficiency
- Minimized impacts to highway users
- Effective partnerships
- Excellence in project delivery

Please submit Letters of Interest electronically through BidNet at:

<https://www.bidnetdirect.com/colorado/cdotconstructionengineeringservices>.

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





LOIs must be received by CDOT no later than 5:00 PM on October 27, 2025. Letters of Interest that are sent via fax or e-mail will not be accepted.

CDOT will be permitting electronic signatures on the Letters of Interest

The preliminary schedule for the procurement of the project is:

Request for Qualifications:	Fall 2025
Statement of Qualifications Due:	Winter 2025
Shortlist Announcement:	Winter 2025-Spring 2026
Draft RFP Issued:	Winter 2025-Spring 2026
Final RFP Issued:	Spring-Summer 2026*
Proposals Due:	Summer-Fall 2026
Notice of Award:	Fall-Winter 2026
Notice to Proceed 1:	Winter 2026

*Final RFP will conclude the informal industry review process.

The following shall be included in the Letter of Interest:

1. Title: Letter of Interest for the US 160 Elmore's Corner to Dry Creek Design-Build Project
2. Company or Team name
3. Contact person*
4. Address, phone, and email information
5. 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.**
6. Letter of Interest (not more than a paragraph in length)

*Each firm shall appoint a single point of contact to receive all correspondence in regard to this Project

** CDOT, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all proposers that it will affirmatively ensure that for any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit proposals in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

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.

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 those teams. Proposals will be evaluated using best-value criteria. The RFP will include a conceptual design and will encourage innovation from the proposers.



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Additional project information can be found on the project website:

<https://www.codot.gov/projects/studies/us160elmorseast>

For questions regarding the project please contact:

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An informational meeting for proposers will be held for CDOT to present project specifics and challenges. Meeting information will be advertised as soon as it is available. It is anticipated that the meeting will take place about one week from the Request for Qualifications. Interested Design-Build Teams are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting.

