

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

**I 15 WYE OPASS, BANNOCK CO.
PROJECT NO. A019(183)
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GENERAL INFORMATION

PROPOSAL

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is seeking qualified and experienced respondents from interested firms to submit a proposal for providing Value Engineering/Planning services for the I 15 Wye Opass, Bannock Co project.

GENERAL TERMS

This Request for Proposals (RFP) does not commit ITD to enter into an agreement or to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a proposal or in subsequent negotiations.

REVISIONS TO RFP

All addenda to this solicitation will be posted on the Consultant Administration Unit Web page. No notice will be given by mail.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS BY ITD

The issuance of this RFP does not constitute an assurance by ITD that any contract will actually be entered into by ITD, and expressly reserves the right to:

- Waive any immaterial defect or informality in any response or response procedure
- Reject any and all proposals
- Reissue the Request for Proposals
- Invite additional respondents to the proposal
- Request additional information and data from any or all respondents
- Extend the date for submission of responses
- Supplement, amend, or otherwise modify the RFP, and cancel this request with or without the substitution of another RFP
- Disqualify any respondent who fails to provide information or data requested herein or who provides inaccurate or misleading information or data
- Disqualify any respondent on the basis of any real or apparent conflict of interest

By responding to this proposal, each respondent agrees that any finding by ITD of any fact in dispute as to this proposal or the responses thereto shall be final and conclusive, except as provided herein.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

By the submission of a proposal, the Consultant agrees to ensure that, at the time of contracting, the Consultant will have no interest, direct or indirect, that would conflict in any manner or degree with the performance of the Consultant's obligations under the Agreement. The Consultant shall further covenant that, in the performance of the contract, the Consultant shall not employ any person, or subcontract with any entity, having any such known interest.

EEO REQUIREMENTS

Respondent, by submission of a proposal, agrees to not discriminate against any worker, employee, application subcontractor or any member of the public because of race, color, gender, age, national origin, or disability, or otherwise commit an unfair employment practice. Respondent further agrees to comply with all Federal, State, and Local equal employment opportunity requirements and the requirements of the ITD EEO Special Provisions, accessible at the following web site: <http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>.

All firms who seek to work for the Idaho Transportation Department are required to be registered on ITD's Bidders List. If your firm is not registered, go to the following web site for instructions: <http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>. Your subconsultants are also required to be registered. For further information regarding this requirement, call the ITD EEO Office at (208) 334-4442.

DBE PARTICIPATION:

In an effort to achieve ITD's DBE Annual Participation Goal (APG) of 7.6% utilization, ITD respectfully requests and encourages responder to consider utilizing subcontractors and suppliers listed on our DBE Directory located at: <https://itd.dbesystem.com>. For this project, it has been determined that there is a DBE availability of 0%. For more information regarding ITD's DBE Program, please contact Elizabeth "Liz" Heelas at Elizabeth.Heelas@itd.idaho.gov or (208) 334-8567.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Prior to negotiating an agreement, the selected consultant and their subconsultants will be required to submit certified hourly rates and their last years' financial information and overhead schedule in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FARs) and the ITD Overhead Rate Policy. The Overhead Rate Policy can be viewed at the following web site: <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/?target=consultant-agreements>.

PROPRIETARY MATERIAL

ITD assumes no liability for disclosure of proprietary material submitted by respondents. Proposal submittals shall be considered public documents under applicable state law except to the extent portions of the submittals are otherwise protected under applicable law.

CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT

All proposals must contain a signed Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and other Responsibility Matters form for the prime and each subconsultant. The certification form is located at the end of this document.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION AND SELECTION

An Evaluation Committee will evaluate and determine the individual and comparative merits of each of the proposals received. It is the responsibility of the Consultant to ensure that it complies with this RFP and provides the information requested. If the Consultant fails to provide any information requested in this RFP, such failure may result in either a lowered evaluation score of the proposal or disqualification of the proposal.

It is the intent of the department to take approximately seven (7) days, commencing on the submission date shown below, to evaluate the submitted proposals. The department intends to notify the successful and unsuccessful Consultants as soon as practicable after the evaluations have been completed.

NOTE: As part of the selection process, the top-ranked firms will be required, at their expense, to give a presentation and answer interview questions.

If your firm is selected and approved, negotiations will begin. If negotiations break down with a selected Consultant, they will be formally ended and negotiations will begin with the next ranked Consultant.

CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions concerning the procedures of this request for proposal shall be directed to Holly McClure at ITD via email at Holly.Mcclure@itd.idaho.gov .

All project specific questions shall be directed by e-mail to Eric Staats at eric.staats@itd.idaho.gov . No questions will be accepted by telephone. All questions will be responded to by e-mail, within two days of receipt of the question(s).

Interested firms are encouraged to submit a contact e-mail address to Mr. Staats with a request to be included on an electronic mailing list. Firms on the mailing list will receive copies of the response to all project questions submitted. All questions and answers will be confidential, and no firms will be identified in the responses. No project specific questions will be accepted after February 10, 2017.

PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS

Proposals must conform to the following instructions. Any non-conforming proposal will be rejected.

Proposals must be received by ITD by 4:00 p.m. MST on Thursday, February 16, 2017. Proposals must be submitted via e-mail with the project name and the consultant's name clearly indicated in the subject line. Late proposals will not be considered.

E-Mail Address for proposal submittal is: consultantadminunit@itd.idaho.gov

FORMAT:

- Required File Format: pdf
- Maximum length of the submittal shall be four (4) pages.
- Cover pages are discouraged. If they are included, they will be counted in the proposal page total.
- The introductory letter is limited to one (1) page. The letter does not count in the proposal page total.
- The Certification Regarding Debarment does not count in the proposal page total.
- Except as otherwise noted, pages shall be 8 ½ x 11 inches, with minimum of ½" margins and a minimum font size of 11.

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

Holly McClure
Consultant Services
Idaho Transportation Department
P.O. Box 7129
Boise, Idaho 83707-1129

The introductory letter should introduce the Consultant, identify the Value Engineering (VE) Team Leader, and list a contact telephone number, and contain a statement confirming the commitment of the key personnel identified in the submittal to meet ITD's quality and schedule expectations. The Consultant shall include his/her acceptance of the terms and provisions of the Sample Agreement located at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/?target=consultant-agreements> , and indicate willingness to execute said agreement.

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It is essential that the consultant provide an adequate staff of experienced personnel or subconsultants capable of and devoted to the successful accomplishment of work to be performed under this contract. The specific individuals or subconsultants listed in the proposal, including VE Team Leader, shall be assigned to the key positions and shall not be removed or replaced without the prior written approval of ITD. Replacement personnel submitted for approval must have at least equal qualifications, experience and expertise as those listed in the proposal.

The following criteria will be considered in the evaluation and selection, and apply only to the Consultant, except where specifically requested for the Consultant and each Subconsultant.

CRITERIA 1: VE TEAM LEADER

- Identify the VE Team Leader who will be responsible for leading the Value Planning process and for ensuring that adequate personnel and other resources are available for this project.
- Provide a brief summary of experience and qualifications pertaining to the management of this project.
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) similar projects successfully delivered by the VE Team Leader within the last five (5) years, identifying the similarities to this project. State and local Federal-aid projects successfully delivered by the project manager should be included if available. Include dates of Value Planning/Engineering process and specific services provided.
- Provide three (3) verifiable professional services references, preferably for the projects listed above, with a contact person and phone number.

CRITERIA 2: PROJECT TEAM EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS
(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)

- Introduce the project team key personnel and describe how this project team is organized and qualified to deliver the services requested.
- Provide Idaho professional registration (if applicable) for each person identified.
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) similar projects successfully developed by the project team within the last three (3) years, identifying the similarities to this project. State and local Federal-aid projects successfully developed by the consultant team should be included if available.

CRITERIA 3: PROJECT UNDERSTANDING

- Provide a written narrative demonstrating knowledge, methodology, policies and procedures to accomplish this project as described in the General Scope of Work.
- Identify the significant features and potential issues that may be encountered and possible steps to eliminate or minimize those issues.

CRITERIA 4: INNOVATION
(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)

Describe specific innovative practices/processes/technologies that the project team will implement and use during the Value Planning/Engineering process of this project.

**CERTIFICATION REGARDING DEBARMENT, SUSPENSION,
AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITY MATTERS**

By signing this document, the Consultant certifies to the best of their knowledge and belief that, except as noted on an attached Exception, the company:

- a. Is not presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible or voluntarily excluded from covered transactions by any Federal department or agency;
- b. has not, within a three-year period preceding this proposal, been convicted of, or had a civil judgment rendered against them for commission of fraud or a criminal offense in connection with obtaining, attempting to obtain or performing a public (Federal, State or local) transaction or contract under a public transaction; violation of Federal or State antitrust statutes or commission of embezzlement, theft, forgery, bribery, falsification or destruction of records making false statements, or receiving stolen property;
- c. are not presently indicted for, or otherwise criminally or civilly charged by a government entity (Federal, State or local) with, commission of any of the offenses enumerated in paragraph (b) of this certification; and
- d. has not within a three-year period preceding this application/proposal had one or more public transactions (Federal, State or local) terminated for cause or default.

Where the prospective primary participant is unable to certify to any of the statements in this certification, such prospective participant shall attach an explanation to this proposal.

NOTE: Exceptions will not necessarily result in denial of award, but will be considered in determining Consultant responsibility. For any exception noted, indicate to whom it applies, initiating agency and dates of action. Providing false information may result in criminal prosecution or administrative sanctions.

COMPANY NAME

Signature of Responsible Party

Date

GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK

The Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) is seeking consultant services for leading a Preliminary Value Planning Study for the I-15 Wye OPass, Bannock County project (the I-15 / I-86 system interchange) in eastern Idaho. I-15 is part of the backbone of the CANAMEX corridor - an international direct trade route from Canada to Mexico. The Interstate system also provides a vital link for Idaho and national commerce, connecting the west coast ports to eastern and southern markets.

The structures in the area of the Interchange are aging and needing replacement. The goal of this project is to develop and evaluate alternative configurations of the Interchange that would alleviate existing geometric deficiencies, replace deficient structures, as well as provide flexibility in the incorporation of the future Siphon Interchange to the north.

To determine the best solution for this Interchange, ITD and the selected consulting firm will develop a multi-day Value Planning Workshop, following the principles of Value Engineering and led by the consultant. The Value Planning Workshop will develop and analyze potential interchange configurations with the goal of narrowing down alternatives to be further developed in detail by District 5.

This project is in the planning stage, with construction tentatively scheduled for 2023 and 2024.