

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

US20/26, CHINDEN; LOCUST GROVE TO EAGLE

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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 project development services for the US20/26, Chinden; Locust Grove to Eagle project in Ada County.

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 15% or more. 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 fifteen 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, and after approval has been given on the Evaluation Committee's recommendations.

As part of the selection process, the top-ranked firms may be required, at their expense, to give a presentation and/or 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 Jeremy Hunting at Jeremy.Hunting@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. Hunting 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 April 20, 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. MDT on Thursday, April 27, 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 eight (8) 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 Critical Path Diagram 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 Project Manager, 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.

PROPOSAL

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 Project Manager, 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. The weights listed will be applied to the scoring for each criteria.

CRITERIA 1: COMPANY EXPERIENCE AND QUALIFICATIONS **Weight - 3** *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- Describe how the company is organized to develop this type of project.
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) similar projects successfully developed by the Consultant within the last five (5) years, identifying the similarities to this project. Federal-aid projects successfully developed by the consultant should be included if available.
- List three (3) verifiable professional services references with a contact person and phone number.
- Discuss any special or innovative capabilities your firm can provide to the proposed project to meet ITD's quality and schedule expectations.

CRITERIA 2: PROJECT MANAGER **Weight - 3**

- Identify the Project Manager who will be responsible for the quality and timeliness of the consultant's work, and for ensuring that adequate personnel and other resources are available for this project.
- Provide a brief summary of education, experience, and qualifications pertaining to the management of this project
- Provide descriptions of no more than three (3) similar projects successfully developed by the Project Manager within the last five (5) years, identifying the similarities to this project. Federal-aid projects successfully developed by the project manager should be included if available. Include dates and specific services provided.
- Provide Idaho professional registration (registration is required at the time of submittal).
- List three (3) verifiable professional services references with a contact person and phone number.

- List all projects that the Project Manager is currently managing and the percent of time spent by him/her on each of those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects.

CRITERIA 3: KEY PERSONNEL & RESOURCES AVAILABLE
Weight - 5 *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- Identify the key personnel and describe each person's role and duties on this project.
- Provide a brief summary of experience and qualifications. Include experience and qualifications working on Federal-aid projects.
- Provide Idaho professional registration (if applicable) for each person identified.
- Include an organization chart of the key personnel with their roles and office locations.

CRITERIA 4: PROJECT UNDERSTANDING
Weight - 3

- Provide a written narrative demonstrating knowledge, methodology, policies and procedures to accomplish this federally funded highway project as outlined 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.
- Include a Critical Path Diagram based on major tasks and project milestones. The sheet size for the Critical Path Diagram shall be 11" x 17".

CRITERIA 5: QUALITY CONTROL
Weight - 5 *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- Describe the Consultant's procedures for scope change control, schedule and cost control and quality control. This should also include a description of the Consultant's control measures regarding their Subconsultants' project related work.
- Describe any innovative techniques or practices the Consultant will use for expediting any items requiring long lead times, needing multiple reviews, and/or having multiple reviewers. This should include any methods to help compress the project schedule and improve or maintain efficiency and accuracy.
- Describe any innovative techniques or practices the Consultant will use to assure key personnel for the project from multiple disciplines and/or multiple offices will be able to access, share, and review project data with each other and ITD, and be able to provide timely and effective responses to any proposed changes.

**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

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project is on US 20/26 (Chinden Blvd) between Locust Grove Road (MP 39.22) and Eagle Road (SH-55 – MP 40.22) and will fulfill the first phase (widening to 4 travel lanes) of the US 20/26 Corridor Study for this section of roadway. The ultimate final proposed build-out of this roadway section as per the Corridor Study will be 6 travel lanes - 3 eastbound (EB), 3 westbound (WB) - including a center median with left/right turn lanes at public accesses and curb, gutter, sidewalk, & bicycle lanes. The current configuration is 2 travel lanes (1 EB, 1 WB) with a left center median turn lane, left/right turn lanes at the existing signalized intersections of Locust Grove and Eagle, and right turn lanes at several public accesses. This project will acquire the right of way required for the ultimate build-out configuration to the south of US 20/26 only and use that right of way to build the final curb, gutter and sidewalk section on the south side of the roadway and provide 2 EB and 2 WB travel lanes while maintaining a center turn lane and right turn lanes. The right of way on the north side would then be purchased with a separate project at a later date as per the Corridor Study project phasing and the roadway increased to the desired final configuration.

The goal of this project is to improve safety and mobility by reducing congestion and delays by improving the roadway to accommodate the proposed traffic demand. This is a highly travelled roadway with over 28,000 ADT (Average Daily Traffic). The Eagle Road intersection is currently #4 on the HAL (High-Accident List) for ITD District 3 and Locust Grove is #6, with a high number of crashes related to congestion. US 20/26 is a vital east/west arterial route to the region and is second only to Interstate 84 in the volume of regional traffic it carries daily. This project will include the preparation and approval of a Project Charter, Environmental Document, Materials Phase Reports, Preliminary Design, Final Design, PS&E Design and Right-of-Way Plans in accordance with ITD's Project Development Process. Access control will need to be reviewed and revised as part of the right of way acquisition and may include purchase and relocation of several private dwellings and removal of those access points from US 20/26. All of the design elements of this project will have to account for the requirements needed for the ultimate configuration, especially at any transitions required to match up with the existing and proposed signalized intersections.

Major design criteria that need to be considered with this project include:

- Storm water drainage will need to be thoroughly analyzed and addressed as part of this expansion including possible drainage pond(s).
- Some sound walls on the south side of the roadway may be required at locations as outlined in the US 20/26 Corridor Study.
- The Locust Grove /Chinden intersection will need to be upgraded with ADA ramps and new traffic signals to accommodate the additional lanes and sidewalk. There will be heavy coordination with Ada County Highway District (ACHD), the City of Meridian, City of Eagle, and any other local entities about any improvements planned on Locust Grove and at the Locust Grove/Chinden intersection.

- The existing traffic signal at Eagle /Chinden will need to be reconfigured to include the additional travel lanes and the second NB-WB left hand turn lane from Eagle to Chinden opened up.
- Several major utility facilities will need to be relocated and/or adjusted.
- Extensive public involvement is anticipated due to high traffic and high profile route.
- Comprehensive boundary and land surveys will be required as part of the ROW acquisition.
- Construction traffic control will have to take into account the high ADT.
- Any existing signing / lighting will need to be relocated/replaced/reconfigured.
- Some of the preliminary Environmental data and clearances from the US 20/26 Corridor Study can be used but will need to be re-evaluated once there are more complete design details.
- Advanced purchase of ROW can be done using the US 20/26 Corridor Study EA and should be considered as the major critical path item in the schedule.
- The Zinger lateral canal (Settlers Irrigation District) runs parallel to US 20/26, starting on the north side of the roadway at Locust Grove, then crosses to the south side at approximately MP 39.8, then continues towards Eagle Road until approximately 600' before the intersection. There are also several service delivery ditches for this canal that parallel and/or cross US-20/26. Any ROW acquisition and proposed design will have to accommodate and take into account the existing canal, canal easement, and all its service laterals.

The selected consultant will be required to develop the project from concept to PS&E and be qualified in the following areas of expertise:

- Roadway Design
- Survey
- Environmental
- Geotechnical Investigation/Design
- Traffic Control Design
- Roadway Drainage Design
- Hydraulics
- Right Of Way Acquisition
- Subsurface Utility Investigation/Design
- Public Involvement
- Project Visualization
- Value Engineering

BRIEF SCOPE OF WORK/ACTIVITIES:

All work and documentation will be in accordance with the most current AASHTO (American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials) Policy on Geometric Design of Highway and Streets, FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices, American with Disabilities Act (ADA) Standards for Accessible Design, and all applicable ITD Standards, Manuals, and Guides.

Administration - The consultant will create and maintain project development files, perform necessary research, lead and attend regular scheduled progress meetings. Consultant will prepare a project communication guide for use by the project team and be in frequent contact with ITD and all team participants in regards to status of their respective assignments and when they will forward interim and/or final product(s) needed by other team members. Consultant will track progress and be able to deal with questions and resolve issues before they become delays or cause significant rework.

Conceptual Design – The consultant will prepare and/or perform all necessary or required surveying, mapping, environmental research and reports, geological reconnaissance and materials phase reports, hydraulic analysis and reports, roadway drainage analysis and reports, and traffic analysis and reports for all roadway and structure design items. Consultant will identify and coordinate with any project stakeholders such as environmental agencies or groups, utility companies, and the canal company. Consultant will prepare and follow a public involvement plan. Consultant will evaluate cost-effective and innovative alternatives and for all basic project features based on grading limits, right-of-way requirements, drainage and utility requirements.

Preliminary Design - The consultant will perform any additional surveys and reports, prepare preliminary roadway, utility, traffic, irrigation, and right of way plans and the design study report for the project in accordance with ITD Design Manual. Consultant will utilize current digital 3D terrain modeling techniques. Consultant will prepare a temporary traffic control plan that maintains mobility and minimizes delays for the traveling public during construction of the project. Consultant will follow the ITD environmental evaluation process and obtain an approved Environmental Document for the project.

Right of Way Acquisition – The consultant will provide official right of way plans, legal descriptions, record of survey, estimates, individual parcel sketches and details if necessary, and any required field staking of existing and new right of way, easements, etc., for right of way acquisition. Consultant shall assist ITD HQ ROW personnel during the acquisition process for such items as clarification of the design plans, changes or additions to the ROW plans, etc.

Final Design – The consultant will perform or prepare any final reports, final plans, agreements, value engineering study, special provisions and cost estimates as required by ITD Design Manual through final design review. Consultant will prepare and obtain any required documents for permitting, such as a 404 permit and SWPPP documents and plans. Consultant will provide a 3D engineered digital terrain (DTM) model for construction of the proposed project that supports the use of Automated Machine Guidance (AMG) during construction.

PS&E – The Consultant will prepare and submit to ITD for review a PS&E package and a Resident Engineers file in accordance with ITD Design Manual. Consultant will be available for questions during the bidding process. **PS&E will be delivered by September 1, 2019.**

Construction – Consultant will assist Resident Engineer through construction for such items as: clarification of plans, change order work, reviewing and approving shop drawings, establishing AMG control, updating the DTM surfaces, assisting with claims, etc.