

IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

FOR

**FY23 CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS
SAMPLING, TESTING & TICKET TAKING**

FOR

DISTRICT 6

KEY NUMBERS

20435 - US-20 Buffalo River Bridge to Island Park Lodge Overlay

20486 - US-20 Pinehaven to Buffalo River Bridge Overlay

22349 - SH-33, South Fork Teton River Bridge Repair

20458 - FY23 D6 Bridge Repair, Jefferson, Fremont

January 19, 2023

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- ❖ General Information and Requirements
- ❖ Sample Agreement and Consultant Agreement Specifications (1A)
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<http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/manuals/manualsonline.html>

- ❖ ITD Quality Assurance Manual
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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 to provide Construction Materials Sampling, Testing & Ticket Taking services for the various D6 projects.

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 Services 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 working for the Department area required to register on the Bidder's List with the Office of Civil Rights. If your firm has not registered, go to the following website for instructions:

<https://itd.dbesystem.com/>. Please make sure your subconsultants are also registered. For further information regarding this requirement, call the ITD EEO Office at (208) 334-8884.

DBE PARTICIPATION:

In an effort to achieve ITD's DBE Annual Participation Goal (APG) of 10% 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 more information regarding ITD's DBE Program, call the ITD DBE coordinator at (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://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>.

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 on the Consultant Services web page at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/?target=consultant-agreements>.

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.

CONTRACT TYPE AND METHOD OF PAYMENT

The contract for this work will be a professional services agreement. It is anticipated that the method of payment will be Specific Rates of Compensation.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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

All project specific questions shall be directed by e-mail to Pam Powell at Pam.Powell@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 Ms. Powell 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. No firms will be identified in the responses. No project specific questions will be accepted after February 2, 2023.

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 February 9, 2023. 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 five (5) 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.
- Except as otherwise noted, pages shall be 8 ½ x 11 inches, with minimum of ½" margins and a minimum font size of 11.

- The following items do not count in the proposal page total.
 - Introductory letter
 - Certification Regarding Debarment
 - The 5-Year ITD CE&I Project Log

INTRODUCTORY LETTER

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

Andrea Aliev
Contracts Officer
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://apps.itd.idaho.gov/apps/ocr/index.aspx>, 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 and Lead Inspector, 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 - PROJECT LEAD

(Weight 4) *(Complete for Lead Consultant Only)*

- Identify the Lead Consultant who will be responsible for the quality, timeliness, and delivery of the Consultant's work, and for ensuring that adequate personnel and other resources are available for this project.
- Provide a summary of education, experience, and qualifications pertaining to the management of this agreement.
- The Project Lead should list proof of direct applicable material testing experience in working on Federal-aid and State construction projects. Include the roles and responsibilities on each of the listed projects.
- Describe availability to the project. Scoring consideration will be made on staff known to be assigned to other ITD and local agency projects.
- If the Project Lead is currently assigned to other projects, note how the other project(s) will be impacted and the impact resolved.

CRITERIA 2 – KEY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO THE PROJECT

(Weight 5) *(Complete for Consultant and each Sub-Consultant)*

- Identify the key personnel to be assigned to the project and describe each person's role, duties, and office location.
- Key Personnel should list proof of direct applicable sampling and testing experience in working on Federal-aid and State construction projects.
- Describe availability to the project. Scoring consideration will be made on staff known to be assigned to other ITD and local agency projects.
- If staff members are currently assigned to other projects, note how the other project(s) will be impacted and the impact resolved.

CRITERIA 3 – QUALITY CONTROL

(Weight 3) *(Complete for Consultant and each Sub-Consultant)*

- Describe the Consultant’s procedures for scope change control, schedule and cost controls and quality control. This should also include the description for the Consultant’s control measures regarding their Sub-Consultants’ project related work.

CRITERIA 4 – REPORTING TEST RESULTS

(Weight 4) *(Complete for Consultant and each Sub-Consultant)*

- How can your company ensure that test results are reported in a timely manner as outlined in the Scope of Work and that pertinent information is brought to the Department’s attention in the shortest possible timeframe?
- Are there any innovations associated with reporting test results that your company has implemented in the last 3 years which would benefit the Department?

SCOPE OF WORK

District 6 FY23 Projects Materials Sampling, Testing and Ticket Taking Consultant

ITD District 6 is looking for a Materials Testing Consultant to provide Acceptance Testing services for District 6 projects in 2023. All testing shall follow the requirements of the individual contract specifications, ITD Quality Assurance Manual and Laboratory Operations Manual, and AASHTOWare/Mobile Inspector. All samplers, testers, inspectors, and equipment must be certified by the ITD WAQTC and the Lab Certified. Support work includes but is not limited to the following: ticket taking, sample collection, testing, completing AASHTOWare DWRs, recording and filing test results in ProjectWise, and helping with project closeouts. Materials sampled, tested, and reported will include concrete, silica fume, grout, liquid asphalt, HMA, soils, aggregate, rebar, and witness tank dip twice a day. The testing Consultant will be responsible for providing personnel, sampling apparatus, transportation containers, all required and miscellaneous sampling testing equipment as required by specifications and WAQTC methods, and electronic devices to utilize AASHTOWare Mobile Inspector. The Consultant will provide a testing trailer for the overlay projects in Fremont Co.

The testers/samplers will coordinate with the Engineer/Lead Inspector on the project.

All samplers, testers and administration personnel on-site are expected to submit an AASHTOWare DWR at the end of each shift.

Administrative time charged to a project, but not listed on a DWR, will have a descriptive narrative of work completed and submitted with the Consultants invoice. A few examples would be 6 tests uploaded into ProjectWise with attributes completed for each, 3 tests were checks for QA, etc.

Preliminary ITD test results will be reported to the Engineer and Contractor at the completion of each test as direct by the Engineer. Official test results will be uploaded in PDF format into the applicable ProjectWise Folder prior to the start of the contractor's next shift and emailed to the Engineer and Contractor. ProjectWise attributes will be completed at the time the test results are uploaded into ProjectWise.

The Consultant will provide Ticket Takers on days the project schedule requires this activity. The Ticket Taker will be responsible for writing the station location, and time of day of product placement and initial each ticket. ITD's electronic Tally Sheet showing daily total and project total will be used to list the tickets and quantities, and submitted at the end of the shift.

All Consultant errors will be corrected at the Consultant's expense.

Projects 20486, 20435 and 20458 will be constructed during the night but will also have daytime work.

The Engineer will hold a training session for the Consultant and Sub-Consultants, if applicable, to go over project specific details for ASHTOWare/Mobile Inspector and ProjectWise. The personnel working with these programs will be required to attend.

It is the Department's intent to select one Consultant for the four projects listed. With the possibility

of adding additional projects that become funded and start construction during the 2023 construction season.

Projects 20486 & 20435 will be constructed under one construction contract, the Materials Testing Agreement will keep these projects separated.