

# **IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT**

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**FOR**

**PROJECT DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

**BLUE LAKES & POLE LINE INT IMPROVEMENTS**

**KEY NO. 24717**

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# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

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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 Blue Lakes & Pole Line Int Improvement 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 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://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 on the Consultant Services web page at <http://itd.idaho.gov/business/?target=consultant-agreements>.

## **IDAHO CODE CERTIFICATION FORM**

All proposals must contain a signed Idaho Code Certification form for the prime.

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 *Cost Plus Fixed Fee*.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

All questions concerning the procedures of this request for proposal shall be directed to Christina Straub at ITD via email at [Christina.Straub@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:Christina.Straub@itd.idaho.gov).

All project specific questions shall be directed by e-mail to Brock Dille at [Brock.Dille@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:Brock.Dille@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. Dille 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 March 28, 2025.

# 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 April 4, 2025. 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](mailto: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
  - Critical Path Diagram
  - Certification Regarding Debarment

## **INTRODUCTORY LETTER**

The introductory letter should be addressed to:

Christina Straub  
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://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: 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, identifying the similarities to this project.
- List one verifiable professional services references, for each of the projects described, 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. Identify availability.

### **CRITERIA 2: KEY PERSONNEL & RESOURCES AVAILABLE**

#### **Weight - 4**

*(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, new alignment, and intersection projects.
- Provide Idaho Professional registration (if applicable) for each person identified.
- List all projects that the Key Personnel are currently assigned to and the percent of time spent by him/her on each those projects. Include estimated completion date for each of those projects. Identify availability.
- Include an organization chart of the key personnel with their roles and office locations.

**CRITERIA 3: PROJECT APPROACH**

**Weight - 5**

- Describe your approach to analysis traffic operations of multiple roadways.
- Describe your approach to develop alternatives to improve traffic operations.
- Describe your approach to communicate and solve complex problems as a multi discipline team members and stakeholders.
- Describe your experience working multiple municipal stakeholders.
- Describe your experience with your proposed project approach.

**CRITERIA 4: REGIONAL TRAFFIC UNDERSTANDING**

**Weight – 2** *(Complete for Consultant and each Subconsultant)*

- Describe your teams understanding for the regions cultural, economic, and traffic behaviors.
- Describe how your approach to this traffic study will foster a uniform understanding to the citizens of this region of Idaho.

**CRITERIA 5: INNOVATIVE INTERSECTION DESIGN**

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

- Describe your teams experience evaluating and designing innovative intersections.
- Describe your experience with public outreach and stakeholder involvement.



## **GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

The final scope of work will be agreed upon by the selected consultant and ITD. Subsequent project phasing at the conclusion of this the study is not currently scheduled or funded. The selected consultant may continue to provide services beyond the completion of the study, at ITD's sole discretion.

### **GENERAL SCOPE OF WORK**

The intersection of Blue Lakes and Poleline Road is central to the Twin Falls North Gateway. The North Gateway comprises US-93 and local surface streets, see Figure 1. The boundary of the gateway is Perrine Bridge to the north, Falls Avenue to the south and Fillmore and Bridgeview. This network has four traffic signals controlling traffic. Changes to one component to the gateway effects the remaining sections. This study is to look at improvements to gateway in its entirety, with every option compared to the entire network.

Twin Falls North Gateway road network:

- Segment 1. US-93, From the intersection with Bridgeview and Fillmore – traffic controlled by three signals
- Segment 2. Bridgeview Rd
- Segment 3. Poleline Road, Blue Lakes to Bridgeview
- Segment 4. Fillmore Rd
- Segment 5: Blue Lakes Blvd to Falls Ave

Due to the complexity and interests by many stakeholders a value planning study is needed in order gather information, listen to stakeholders and develop alternatives. ITD and the City of Twin Falls are looking to improve traffic flow and decrease congestion for the next 50 years.

The following is a general scope of work, details to be developed with selected consultant:

1. Pre-Value Planning Work
2. Value Planning
3. Report and Charters Development
4. Stakeholder and Public Outreach

### **Final Deliverables.**

- Final Report
- Charter, estimate and design package that can be used to program construction projects, separated into the following categories.
  - 3 Small projects or short term
  - 3 medium projects or mid term level
  - 2 large projects.

