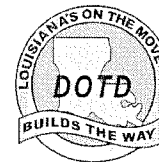




ST. Francisville Mississippi River Bridge Design-Build Project

NOTICE OF INTENT



The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD), along with its program management partner Louisiana TIMED Managers (LTM), is announcing the LA DOTD's intent to enter into a Design-Build procurement **with a single legal entity**, hereinafter referred to as the **Design/Builder (D/B)**, possessing both professional engineering design capability and qualified construction contracting capability, for the St. Francisville Mississippi River Bridge crossing and approaches (Project).

The proposed Project is a part of Louisiana's Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) Program. The proposed Project is a Mississippi River crossing with approaches, connecting LA 10 on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Pointe Coupee Parish to US 61 on the east bank just south of St. Francisville in West Feliciana Parish. The major elements of the approximately 14.6-mile Project as currently proposed include a cable stayed, four-lane main span bridge, high and low approach spans, low level bridges both east and west, and approximately 10 _ miles of roadway.

The anticipated contract award and completion dates for the Project are October 2005 and 2009, respectively. The estimated total construction cost of the Project is \$200 million. Currently, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, with the United States Coast Guard as the lead federal agency, is 98% complete. The LA DOTD anticipates obtaining all required permits and will commence Right-of-Way (ROW) acquisition before the close of 2004.

A more detailed description of the Project can be found on the LA DOTD's Web site (www.dotd.louisiana.gov).

A single **D/B** will be selected for the entire Project. The selection process will consist of two phases. Responses to this Notice Of Intent (NOI) and the following Request For Qualifications (RFQ) will be evaluated to establish a short-list of proposers that will be invited to submit proposals in response to the Request For Proposals (RFP). The selection process will evaluate the ability of the proposers to plan, design, construct, and control this Project to provide a quality product, on or ahead of schedule, for a reasonable lump sum price.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development is seeking a D/B that is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, and construction of cable stayed bridge projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project; will ensure timely completion; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD and LTM for the mutual success of the Project.

Firms interested in providing the services for this Project should contact Mr. Steve Cumbaa, Contract Service Engineer Administrator, for a copy of the RFQ, preferably by E-mail (SteveCumbaa@dotd.louisiana.gov), by facsimile (225-379-1857), or at one of the following addresses:

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Contract Services Engineer Administrator

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The anticipated release date of the RFQ is December 15, 2004. A Letter Of Interest (LOI) and Statement Of Qualifications (SOQ) in response to the RFQ will be due on February 28, 2005.

Those firms that request a copy of the RFQ will be invited to attend a Project informational meeting in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on January 19, 2005. The time and location of the Project informational meeting will be forwarded to the firms by Mr. Cumbaa. Firms that request the RFQ will be placed on a list of interested firms that will be placed on the TIMED program Web site (www.timedla.com).

This is a Transportation Infrastructure Model for Economic Development (TIMED) funded project and over the course of performing the work according to Louisiana R.S. 47:820.3, at least 80% of the work must be performed by Louisiana residents. The definition of a "Louisiana resident" is a "person who has resided in this state for at least 180 consecutive days at the time of initial employment, as evidenced by a valid Louisiana Motor Vehicle Operator's license or bills for utility service.

Please note that under Louisiana state law, one or more of the principals of the single legal entity with which the LA DOTD will contract for services must be licensed, as appropriate, with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and the State Licensing Board for Contractors prior to the closing date for submittal of LOIs and SOQs to the LA DOTD. A single legal entity is a corporation, a Joint Venture, or a partnership. Interested firms are advised that the licensing application processes for the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying Board and the State Licensing Board for Contractors will take a minimum of 75 days.

Please note that in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana, if a single legal entity is not licensed appropriately prior to the close date for the LOIs/SOQs, that entity will not be eligible for consideration for selection for this Project.