The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is announcing its intent to enter into a Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) contract with a CMAR Contractor possessing qualified construction contracting capability for the LA 1/LA 415 Connector Project (the “Project”) in West Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The major elements of the Project as currently proposed may include the following:

- New connector between LA 1 near LA 988 (Beaulieu Lane) and the Interchange of I-10 and LA 415, which includes a four-lane roadway and bridge(s) over the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway;
- Half-diamond interchange at LA 1;
- Interchange at Sun Plus Parkway with LA 415;
- Modifications to the LA 415 Interchange and I-10 ramps and frontage roads;
- Intersection improvements along LA 1 between Richardson Drive and Riverside Drive, including American Way;
- Right-of-way coordination;
- Utility coordination; and
- Maintenance of traffic in a congested urban environment.

The anticipated Pre-construction Services Agreement execution date for the Project is no later than October 2023. The Project’s cost is anticipated to not exceed $200 million.

Responses to this Notice of Intent (NOI) and the following Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be evaluated to determine the most highly qualified Proposer that is able to provide both pre-construction services and, if successfully negotiated, construction services for the Project.

The LA DOTD is seeking a CMAR Contractor for the Project that is committed to quality; has proven experience in pre-construction and construction services related to the construction of highway and bridge projects; will bring innovative approaches and a collaborative work effort to the Project; will ensure timely completion; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD and its Designer and Independent Cost Estimator for the mutual success of the Project.

Firms/teams interested in providing the services for the Project should submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to LA415CMAR@la.gov. All correspondence with the LA DOTD on matters concerning this NOI and the subsequent RFQ for the Project should be made in writing to this E-mail address.

An LOI from firms/teams in response to this NOI will be due by April 13, 2023. The LOI should, at a minimum, name the proposed primary team members (if a team is submitting the LOI) and contact information (name, telephone number, physical address, and E-mail address) for the official point of contact for the firm/team.

Firms/Teams that provide the LA DOTD with an LOI prior to the deadline will be issued the RFQ and placed on a list of interested firms posted to the LA DOTD Website (http://www.dotd.la.gov).