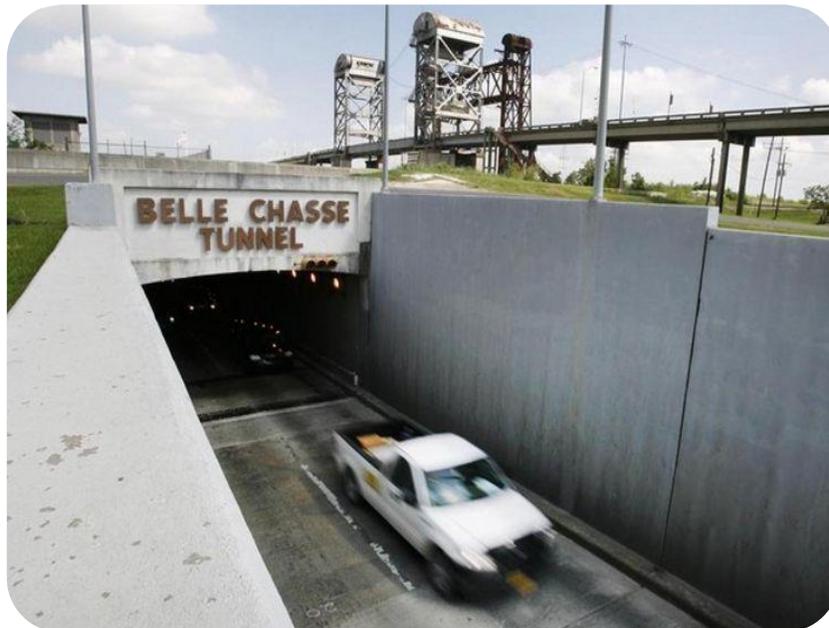




**BELLE CHASSE
BRIDGE & TUNNEL REPLACEMENT
PUBLIC-PRIVE PARTNERSHIP
PROJECT
PLAQUEMINES PARISH
State Project No. H.004791
NOTICE OF INTENT**



The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LA DOTD) is announcing the LA DOTD's intent to enter into a Comprehensive Agreement with a Developer possessing the capability to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain the Belle Chasse Bridge & Tunnel Replacement Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Project (the "Project").



Belle Chasse Highway (LA 23) is approximately 1.4 miles from LA 3017 to LA 406. The corridor is four lanes with a divided section (raised median) except at the Perez Bridge and Belle Chasse Tunnel. The movable Perez Bridge was constructed in 1967 and the Belle Chasse Tunnel in 1955. The LA 23 corridor has a current traffic volume in excess of 33,000 vehicles per day.

A new mid-level fixed-span four-lane bridge is proposed to replace the existing Perez Bridge and the Belle Chasse Tunnel. The Project will span the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway on LA 23 in Belle Chasse, Louisiana. To the northwest, LA 23 connects to I-910 in the City of Gretna. To the southeast, LA 23 connects to the Belle Chasse Naval Air Station, the census-designated place known as Belle Chasse, and the Scarsdale Ferry crossing the Mississippi River. This Project is toll feasible.

An Environmental Assessment to determine the preferred alternative is currently underway, with a final environmental determination anticipated by the end of 2018.

The anticipated contract execution date for this Project is no later than October 2019.

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, finance, operate, and maintain this Project to provide a quality product, with revenue service on or ahead of schedule.

The LA DOTD is seeking a Developer that is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, construction, financing, operations, and maintenance of tolled bridge projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project; will ensure timely completion for revenue service; and is willing to partner with the LA DOTD and local community stakeholders for the mutual success of the Project.

Firms/teams are required to review the LA DOTD's Public-Private Partnership Procurement Guidelines (the "Guidelines") for this Project, which can be found at http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Public-PrivatePartnerships/Pages/BelleChase.aspx. **The Guidelines outline the procurement process that will be used for this Project, including mandatory procedures related to communications with the LA DOTD and stakeholders and information regarding organizational conflicts of interest and firm eligibility.**

Firms/teams interested in proposing on this Project should submit a Letter of Interest (LOI) to P3bellechasse@la.gov. All correspondence with the LA DOTD on matters concerning this 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 4, 2018. The LOI must include a specific acknowledgment that the firm/team has reviewed the Guidelines and will comply with the Guidelines during this procurement. The LOI should also, at a minimum, name the proposed primary team members (if the LOI is being submitted by a team) and contact information (name, telephone number, 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 will be issued the RFQ and will be placed on a list of interested firms that will be placed on the LA DOTD Web site (http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Public-PrivatePartnerships/Pages/BelleChase.aspx).