

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is seeking professional services for the project contained in the attached scope of services.

If your firm is interested in providing services, please indicate your interest by submitting a Proposal, Proposal/Bid Sheet or Bid Sheet as indicated below. The documents must be submitted in accordance with the latest (Consultant/Vendor Selection Guidelines for Services Contracts” and “Guideline for Completing a Low Bid Sheet(S)*, if a low bid is involved as part of the selection process. **Reference Guidelines are available on MDOT’s website under Doing Business > Vendor/Consultant Services >Vendor/Consultant Selections.**

RFP SPECIFIC INFORMATION

BUREAU OF HIGHWAYS BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION PLANNING OTHER

THE SERVICE WAS POSTED ON THE ANTICIPATED QUARTERLY REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS
 NO YES DATED _____ THROUGH _____

<input type="checkbox"/> Prequalified Services – See page ____ of the attached Scope of Services for required Prequalification Classifications.	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Prequalified Services – If selected, the vendor must make sure that current financial information, including labor rates, overhead computations, and financial statements, if overhead is not audited, is on file with MDOT’s Office of commission Audits. This information must be on file for the prime vendor and all sub vendors so that the contract will not be delayed. Form 5100J is required with Proposal for firms not currently prequalified with MDOT
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Qualifications Based Selection – Use Consultant/Vendor Selection Guidelines

For all Qualifications Based Selections, the section team will review the information submitted and will select the firm considered most qualified to perform the services based on the proposals. The selected vendor will be contacted to confirm capacity. Upon confirmation, that firm will be asked to prepare a priced proposal. Negotiations will be conducted with the firm selected.

For a cost plus fixed fee contract, the selected vendor must have a cost accounting system to support a cost plus fixed fee contract. This type of system has a job-order cost accounting system for the recording and accumulation of costs incurred under its contracts. Each project is assigned a job number so that costs may be segregated and accumulated in the vendor’s job-order accounting system.

Qualification Review / Low Bid – Use Consultant/Vendor Selection Guidelines. See Bid Sheet instructions for additional information.

For Qualification Review/Low Bid selections, the selection team will review the proposals submitted. The vendor that has met established qualification threshold and with the lowest bid will be selected. The selected vendor may be contacted to confirm capacity.

Best Value – Use Consultant/Vendor Selection Guidelines, See Bid Sheet Instructions below for additional information. The bid amount is a component of the total proposal score, not the determining factor of the selection.

Low Bid (no qualifications review required – no proposal required.) See Bid Sheet Instructions below for additional instructions.

BID SHEET INSTRUCTIONS

Bid Sheet(s) must be submitted in accordance with the “Guidelines for Completing a Low Bid Sheet(s)* (available on MDOT’s website). Bid Sheet(s) are located at the end of the Scope of Services. Submit bid sheet(s) separate from the proposal, to the email address: mdot-rfp-response@michigan.gov. Failure to comply with this procedure may result in your bid being rejected from consideration.

PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL INFORMATION

REQUISITION NUMBER	PROPOSAL/BID DUE DATE	TIME DUE
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PROPOSAL AND BID SHEET EMAIL ADDRESS – mdot-rfp-response@michigan.gov

Mail the multiple proposal bundle to the MDOT Project Manager or Other indicated below

MDOT Project Manager

MDOT Other

GENERAL INFORMATION

Any questions relative to the scope of services must be submitted by e-mail to the MDOT Project Manager. Questions must be received by the Project Manager at least five (5) working days prior to the due date and time specified above. All questions and answers will be placed on the MDOT website as soon as possible after receipt of the questions, and at least three (3) days prior to the RFP due date deadline. The names of vendors submitting questions will not be disclosed.

MDOT is an equal opportunity employer and MDOT DBE firms are encouraged to apply. The participating DBE firm, as currently certified by MDOT's Office of Equal Opportunity, shall be listed in the Proposal.

MDOT FORMS REQUIRED AS PART OF PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

5100D – Request for Proposal Cover Sheet

5100J – Consultant Data and Signature Sheet (Required only for firms not currently prequalified with MDOT)

(These forms are not included in the proposal maximum page count.)

**NOTIFICATION
MANDATORY ELECTRONIC SUBMITTAL**

Proposals submitted for this project must be submitted electronically.

The following are changes to the Proposal Submittal Requirements:

- Eliminated the Following Requirements:
 - Safety Program
 - Communication Plan
 - Past Performance as *a separate section*
 - Separate section for DBE Statement of goals. Include information in Qualification of Team section

- Implemented the Following Changes:
 - All proposals require an Organization Chart
 - Resumes must be a maximum of two pages
 - Only Key (lead) staff resumes may be submitted
 - Tier III proposal reduced from 19 to 14 pages
 - Forms 5100D, 5100I, and 5100G combined – 5100D
 - Forms 5100B and 5100H combined – 5100B
 - RFP's will be posted on a weekly basis -- on Mondays

The following are Requirements for Electronic Submittals:

- Proposals must be prepared using the most current guidelines
- The proposal must be bookmarked to clearly identify the proposal sections (See Below)
- For any section not required per the RFP, the bookmark must be edited to include “N/A” after the bookmark title.
Example: Understanding of Service – N/A
- Proposals must be assembled and saved as a single PDF file
- PDF file must be 5 megabytes or smaller
- PDF file must be submitted via e-mail to MDOT-RFP-Response@michigan.gov
- MDOT's requisition number and company name must be included in the subject line of the e-mail. The PDF shall be named using the following format:
 - Requisition#XXX_Company Name.PDF
- MDOT will not accept multiple submittals
- Proposals must be *received* by MDOT on or before the due date and time specified in each RFP

If the submittals do not comply with the requirements, they may be determined unresponsive.

The Consultant's will receive an e-mail reply/notification from MDOT when the proposal is received. Please retain a copy of this e-mail as proof that the proposal was received on time. **Consultants are responsible for ensuring the MDOT receives the proposal on time.**

Required Bookmarking Format:

- I. Request for Proposal Cover Sheet Form 5100D
 - A. Consultant Data and Signature Sheet, Form 5100J (if applicable)
- II. Understanding of Service
 - A. Innovations
- III. Qualifications of Team
 - A. Structure of Project Team
 - 1. Role of Firms
 - 2. Role of Key Personnel
 - B. Organization Chart
 - C. Location
- IV. Quality Assurance / Quality Control Plan
- V. Resumes of Key Staff
- VI. Pricing Documents/Bid Sheet (if applicable)

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Michigan Department of Transportation

SCOPE OF SERVICE FOR AS NEEDED DESIGN SERVICES

CONTROL SECTION(S): Various

JOB NUMBER(S): Various

PROJECT LOCATION: Various

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Consultant will be expected to provide experienced personnel for Design services on an as needed basis for MDOT design projects. Such tasks would include but may not be limited to work in the following areas of design: Road & Streets, Utility Coordination, Maintaining Traffic Plans and Provisions, Pavement Marking Plans, Permanent Freeway Signing Plans, and Permanent Non- Freeway Signing Plans. Full time services will not be required on all projects at all times.

The scope is for “as needed” services, based on intermittent needs of the MDOT Southwest Region. It must be noted that this is not a guarantee of Consultant authorized work.

PRIMARY PREQUALIFICATION CLASSIFICATION(S):

Road & Streets

SECONDARY PREQUALIFICATION CLASSIFICATION(S):

Utility Coordination
Maintaining Traffic Plans and Provisions
Pavement Marking Plans
Permanent Freeway Signing Plans
Permanent Non- Freeway Signing Plans.

DBE REQUIREMENT:

This Scope of Services has a 0% DBE qualification

MDOT PROJECT ENGINEER MANAGERS:

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MDOT Southwest Region Contract Management Engineer
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NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS & ESTIMATED CONTRACT COSTS

Up to two (2) Consultants will be chosen for “as needed” contracts up to \$550,000 each. The number of projects assigned to each Consultant will be determined by future workloads.

Estimated costs of construction will be provided for each REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF LETTER, ATTACHMENT A. If at any time the estimated cost of construction varies by more than 5% of the current programmed amount, then the Consultant will be required to submit a letter to the MDOT Project Manager justifying the changes in the construction cost estimate.

REQUIRED MDOT GUIDELINES AND STANDARDS:

Work shall conform to current MDOT, FHWA, and AASHTO practices, guidelines, policies, and standards (i.e., Road Design Manual, Standard Plans, Drainage Manual, Roadside Design Guide, A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets, Michigan Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices, etc.).

NOTE: A process change mandated by federal audit of MDOT’s design process puts the Omissions and Errors Check Meeting after the Plan Completion. Please keep this in mind when

preparing your schedule. See MDOT Road Design Manual, Chapter 14 – Procedures – Section 14.54 for corroboration. See “For Your Information” contacts at the end of this document for more info or questions.

Consultant is required to use MDOT’s current version of Bentley MicroStation for CADD applications and Bentley GEOPAK for road design. Consultant shall comply with all MDOT CADD standards and file naming conventions.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

The MDOT Southwest Region Project Engineering Managers will contact the Consultant for specific services through a **REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF LETTER, ATTACHMENT A** of this Scope of Services, stating the MDOT Project Engineer Manager in charge, Job Number, Control Section, route, design services needed, the project description, and a timeframe in which the work shall be required for completion. The Consultant will then review this request and inform MDOT of their availability and willingness to work on this project as well as the names of the Consultant’s personnel chose to work on the project, within two (2) days of receiving the Request for Consult Design Staff letter. A price proposal will also be submitted to the MDOT Project Engineer Manager prior to authorization. Every attempt will be made to submit request at least one week prior to the need for personnel. If the Consultant accepts the MDOT work assignment a meeting will be set up between MDOT and the Consultant to review the information in the Request for Consultant Design Staff Letter and the Consultant’s proposal and Personnel.

The Consultant will need to get approval of the MDOT Southwest Region Project Engineer Manager prior to using personnel not included in this proposal. An amended Form 5100G will need to be submitted along with a resume and a reason for the change to assure MDOT a comparable substitute is being utilized. If the Consultant does not get pre-approval for this substitution, MDOT will not accept the hours worked as billable and the Consultant will be working at their risk.

The MDOT reserves the right to grant final work authorization based on the Consultant’s understanding of the specific design project tasks and personnel. If the Consultant is unable to fulfill a request MDOT may utilize a different Consultant awarded under this As Needed Scope for Design Service. There will be up to a total of two (2) Consultant awards under this As Needed Scope for Consultant Design Services.

MDOT reserves the right to request services on other projects located in the Region/TSC area that are not listed above, under the conditions of this “as needed” scope of services.

Full time services will not be required on all projects at all times. This scope is for “as needed” services, based on the intermittent needs of MDOT. It must be noted that this is not a guarantee that MDOT will use the Consultant’s services.

CONSULTANT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Complete the design of this project including, but not limited to the following:

The Consultant must adhere to all applicable OSHA and MIOSHA safety standards, including the appropriate traffic signs for the activities and conditions for this job and perform field operations in accordance with the Department's Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) policy as stated in the MDOT Guidance Document #10118.

Meet with the MDOT Project Manager to review project, location of data sources and contact persons, and review relevant MDOT operations. The Consultant shall review and clarify project issues, data needs and availability, and the sequence of events and team meetings that are essential to complete the design by the project plan completion date. Attention shall be given to critical target dates that may require a large lead time, such as geotechnical requirements, ROW submittal dates, Railroad coordination requirements, utility conflict resolution, local agency meetings, etc.

- A. Perform design pickup surveys.
- B. Prepare required plans, typical cross-sections, details, and specifications required for design and construction.
- C. Compute and verify all plan quantities.
- D. Prepare staging plans and special provisions for maintaining traffic during construction.
- E. Provide solutions to any unique problems that may arise during the design of this project.
- F. The Consultant may be required to provide Design Services during the construction phase of this project. If Construction Assistance is required, then a separate authorization for those services will be issued.
- G. Maintain a Design Project Record which includes a history of significant events (changes, comments, etc.) which influenced the development of the plans, dates of submittals and receipt of information.
- H. If excavation is required, submit the excavation locations which may contain contamination. Project Manager then can proceed in requesting a Preliminary Project Assessment (PPA).
- I. The Consultant may be required to prepare and submit a CPM network for the construction of this project.
- J. The Consultant representative shall record and submit type-written minutes for all project related meetings to the MDOT Project Manager within two weeks of the meeting. The Consultant shall also distribute the

- K. The Consultant will provide to MDOT at the scheduled submittal dates, copies of the required specifications and plan set materials for distribution by MDOT for all reviews for this project with the exception of The Plan Review. The Consultant shall contact the project manager prior to the submittal dates for the exact number of copies that will be required for submittal.
- L. Prepare and submit electronically (native format or Adobe PDF) any information, calculations, hydraulic studies, or drawings required by MDOT for acquiring any permit (ie. NPDES, DEQ, etc), approvals (i.e. county drain commission) and related mitigation. MDOT will submit permit requests.
- M. Attend any project-related meetings as directed by the MDOT Project Manager.
- N. Attend information meetings (i.e., public hearings, open houses, etc.) with the public and public officials to assist in responding to concerns and questions. May require the preparation of displays such as maps, marked-up plans, etc.
- O. The Consultant shall assist in the review of utility permit requests, incorporate the information in the design plans, and respond within 2 weeks from receipt of the permit.
- P. The MDOT Project Engineer Manager shall be the official MDOT contact person for the Consultant **and shall be made aware of all communications regarding this project**. The Consultant must either address or send a copy of all correspondence to the MDOT Project Manager. This includes all Subcontractor correspondence and verbal contact records.
- Q. The Consultant shall contact the MDOT Project Manager whenever discoveries or design alternatives have the potential to require changes in the scope, limits, quantities, costs, or right-of-way of the project.

UTILITIES

The Consultant shall be responsible for obtaining and showing on the plans the location and names of all existing utilities within the limits of the project. In the course of resolving utility conflicts, the Consultant shall make modifications to

the plans or design details and provide assistance as directed by the MDOT Utility Permits Engineer and/or Project Manager. The Consultant shall attend any utility meetings called to ensure that the concerns are addressed on the plans involving utilities. The Consultant shall assist in the review of utility permit requests to ensure compatibility with the project. The Consultant will be responsible for miscellaneous staking of utilities.

TRAFFIC CONTROL

The Consultant shall be responsible for all traffic control required to perform the tasks as outlined in this Scope of Design Services.

MDOT PERMITS

The Consultant shall be responsible for obtaining up to date access permits and pertinent information for tasks in MDOT Right of Way (ROW). This information can be obtained through Joe Rios, Utilities/Permits Section, Real Estate Division at (517) 241-2103.

MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

On the first of each month, the Consultant Project Manager shall submit a monthly project progress report to the Project Manager.

MDOT RESPONSIBILITIES:

- A. Schedule and/or conduct the following:
 - 1. Project related meetings.
 - 2. The Plan Review, OEC or QA meetings.
 - 3. Utility Meetings.
 - 4. Quantity summary sheets and final item cost estimates.
 - 5. Packaging of plans and proposal.
- B. Furnish Special Details and pertinent reference materials.
- C. Furnish prints of an example of a similar project and old plans of the area, if available. Furnish the E.A.
- D. Obtain all permits for the project as outlined in previous section.
- E. Coordinate any necessary utility relocation.
- F. Furnish FTP site for software download and instructions for the MDOT Stand Alone Proposal Estimator's Worksheet (SAPW).

DELIVERABLES:

The Consultant shall deliver all computer files associated with the project in their native format (spreadsheets, CADD files, GEOPAK files, etc.) on DVD, CD or uploaded to ProjectWise, as directed by the MDOT Project Manager. All CADD/GEOPAK files shall be created and identified with standard MDOT file names as shown in Appendix A of the Road Design Manual.

It is the Consultant's responsibility to obtain up to date MicroStation and GEOPAK seed/configuration files necessary to comply with MDOT's CADD standards which are posted to the bulletin board system. When the use of GEOPAK road design software is necessary to develop plans all pay items shall be placed into the CADD file using GEOPAK's Design and Computation Manager so that Quantity Manager can be used to transfer pay item information to SAPW/Trns*port. Any CADD/GEOPAK files that do not conform to MDOT standards will be returned to the Consultant for correction at the Consultant's expense.

Proposal documents shall be submitted in their native format with standard naming conventions as well as combined into one Adobe PDF file in the sequence specified by MDOT. To provide text search capabilities the combined proposal shall be created by converting native electronic files to PDF. Scanning to PDF is discouraged except in instances where it is necessary to capturing a legally signed document or a hard copy version of a document is all that exists.

Plan files shall be submitted in their native dgn format with standard naming conventions as well as plotted into a combined Adobe PDF file. Plan sheets shall be plotted to Adobe PDF with full text search and level on/off capabilities in half size (11" x 17") formats. A full size title sheet shall be plotted stamped and signed then scanned for inclusion with the Adobe PDF set. The original title sheet will be sent to the MDOT Project Manager.

Stand Alone Proposal Estimator's Worksheet (SAPW) shall be used to generate the txt and csv files necessary for import into the Trns*port bid letting software. The SAPW files shall be transmitted electronically by the method specified by the MDOT Project Manager.

The project construction, removal and profile sheets will require a ratio (scale) of **1:40 (English Units)**.

Other plan sheets that are required for this project shall be completed by the Consultant. These include, but are not limited to the following plan sheets:

- A. The title sheet. MDOT will provide a map of the area on a disk in our workstation format. If the map is not available, MDOT will provide a map that could be used. The Consultant shall be responsible for any revisions to the title sheet and the title sheet and map shall meet MDOT format and layout guidelines.
- B. Note Sheet.
- C. Typical Cross-Sections.
- D. Project specific Special Details.

- E. Construction staging and traffic control plans.
- F. Detail grade sheets for critical areas.
- G. Pavement marking plan(s).
- H. Witness and benchmark sheet(s).
- I. Soil boring log sheet(s).
- J. Structure plan(s).

All plans, special provisions, estimates, and other project related items shall meet all MDOT requirements and detailing practices (i.e., format, materials, symbols, patterns, and layout) or as otherwise directed by the Project Manager. All plans, specifications, and other project related items are subject to review and approval by MDOT.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

MDOT will provide a project schedule for each separate authorization in the **REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF LETTER, ATTACHMENT A.**

The Consultant shall use the supplied schedule to prepare the proposed implementation schedule as required in the Guidelines for the Preparation of Responses on Assigned Design Services Contracts. These dates provided in **REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF LETTER, ATTACHMENT A** shall be used in preparing the Consultant's Monthly Progress

The hours provided in the **REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF LETTER, ATTACHMENT A** are only an estimate.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

For questions on specific tasks, refer to the P/PMS Task Manual located on the MDOT Bulletin Board System.

For assistance in accessing this manual, please contact one of following:

Dennis Kelley: (517) 373-4614

CONSULTANT PAYMENT – Actual Cost Plus Fixed Fee:

Compensation for this project shall be on an **actual cost plus fixed fee** basis. This basis of payment typically includes an estimate of labor hours by classification or employee, hourly labor rates, applied overhead, other direct costs, subconsultant costs, and applied fixed fee.

All billings for services must be directed to the Department and follow the current guidelines. The latest copy of the "Professional Engineering Service Reimbursement Guidelines for Bureau of Highways" is available on MDOT's website. This document contains instructions and forms that must be followed and used for billing. Payment may be delayed or decreased if the instructions are not followed.

Payment to the Consultant for services rendered shall not exceed the maximum amount unless an increase is approved in accordance with the contract with the Consultant. Typically, billings must be submitted within 60 days after the completion of services for the current billing. The final billing must be received within 60 days of the completion of services. Refer to your contract for your specific contract terms.

Direct expenses, if applicable, will not be paid in excess of that allowed by the Department for its own employees in accordance with the State of Michigan's Standardized Travel Regulations. Supporting documentation must be submitted with the billing for all eligible expenses on the project in accordance with the Reimbursement Guidelines. The only hours that will be considered allowable charges for this contract are those that are directly attributable to the activities of this project.

The use of overtime hours is not acceptable unless prior written approval is granted by the MDOT Region Engineer/Bureau Director and the MDOT Project Manager. Reimbursement for overtime hours that are allowed will be limited to time spent on this project in excess of forty hours per person per week. Any variations to this rule should be included in the priced proposal submitted by the Consultant and must have prior written approval by the MDOT Region Engineer/Bureau Director and the MDOT Project Manager.

The fixed fee for profit allowed for this project is 11.0% of the cost of direct labor and overhead.

The Consultant will be reimbursed a proportionate share of the fixed fee based on the portion of the authorized total hours in which services have been provided to the Department.

Fixed fee on "as needed" projects is computed by taking the percent of actual labor hours billed to labor hours authorized, then applying that percentage to the total fixed fee authorized.

Full time services may not be required on all projects at all times. This scope is for "as needed" services, based on the intermittent needs of MDOT. It must be noted that this is not a guarantee that MDOT will use the Consultant's services.

**ATTACHMENT A
MDOT REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT DESIGN STAFF**

Date:

Consultant:

Attn:

VIA: e-Mail

Address

City, State, zip

MDOT requests consultant design staff and services for the following project under the contract number xxxx-xxx(xx), Scope of Services for Consultants "As Needed" Design Services for MDOT Southwest Region Development.

JOB NUMBER: xxxxxC CONTROL SECTION: xxxxx

ROUTE:

TYPE OF DESIGN SERVICE:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The attached Design Scope of Work provides specific details.

PROJECT DELIVERABLES:

1. Project design, project meeting minutes and proposal packages, design record, monthly updates and consultant staff that worked on the project.
2. Utility conflict identification and coordination activities.
3. Maintaining traffic special provisions and staging plans, if required.

PROJECT SCHEDULE:

The attached Design Scope of Work provides specific details.

Receipt of this request requires the Consultant to notify the undersigned regarding the availability of the Consultant's staff to work on this project and acceptance of the above terms and conditions in writing within two working days. A detailed cost proposal with a breakdown of man hours and tasks will be required and reviewed prior to obtaining a final work authorization.

Sign/Date
Ms. Elyse Huly, P.E.
MDOT Southwest Region
Contract Management Engineer

Sign/Date

Consultant Project Manager