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in Oakland County

DESIGN–BUILD PROJECT

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), Metro Region, is requesting Statements of Qualifications ("SOQs") from entities ("Submitters") interested in submitting proposals for an interchange reconstruction project at M-59 and Crooks Road (the "Project"). The Project will be funded with state and federal-aid dollars thereby requiring the Submitters adhere to all pertinent federal, state and local requirements.

1.1 Procurement Process

MDOT will use a two-phase procurement process to select a Design-Build contractor to deliver the Project. This Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is issued as part of the first phase to solicit information, in the form of SOQ's, that MDOT will evaluate to determine which Submitters are the most highly qualified to successfully deliver the Project. MDOT intends to short-list three but may short-list up to five Submitters that submit SOQ's. In the event that there are less than three Submitters, MDOT may cancel or re-advertise the Project.

In the second phase, MDOT will issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Project to the short listed Submitters. Only the short-listed Submitters will be eligible to submit technical and price proposals in response to the RFP for the Project. Each short-listed Submitter that submits a proposal in response to the RFP (if any) is referred to herein as a "Proposer." MDOT will award a contract for the Project, if any, to the Proposer offering the lowest bid, to be determined as described in the RFP.

1.2 Project Goals

The Purpose of this Project is to reconstruct the interchange of M-59 and Crooks Road including replacement of the Crooks Road Bridge over M-59. MDOT anticipates that the construction work will start in the spring of 2011. M-59 traffic is currently anticipated to be maintained during construction of the proposed improvements. Traffic requirements (closure or part width construction) for the replacement of the Crooks Road bridge are still being evaluated.

The following goals have been established for the Project:

a) Safety
   - Provide a safe Project area for the traveling public and workers during execution of the Project
   - Provide a solution consistent with current MDOT, FHWA, and AASHTO practices, guidelines, policies, and standards.

b) Budget
   - Complete the project within MDOT's established budget

c) Quality
   - Provide a high quality project that minimizes future maintenance

d) Mobility
   - Minimize impacts to traffic on M-59 during construction
   - Expedite bridge construction to open Crooks Road Bridge to vehicular traffic

e) Anticipated Schedule
   - Begin construction in 2011
   - Complete construction in early 2011.

An informational CD with existing project information is available to pick up at the Oakland TSC, 800 Vanguard Drive, Pontiac, MI 48341 For information on how to find the office, call 248-451-0001. **Information provided on the CD are for informational purposes only.**

1.3 Submitter Information

Information regarding this RFQ, including any needed addenda and questions and answers will be posted at the following website: www.michigan.gov/designbuild and follow the M-59 at Crooks Road link. General information on MDOT's Design Build program can be found on www.Michigan.gov/designbuild. If an entity intends to submit a proposal as part of a team, the entire team is required to submit a single SOQ as a single Submitter.

2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION; RFQ PROCESS

2.1 Project Description; Scope of Work

The Project is located in Oakland County at M-59 and Crooks Road interchange. The Project consists of replacing the Crooks Road Bridge, reconstruction of approach road, construction of new ramps and reconstruction of existing ramps.

2.2 Estimated Cost; Maximum Time Allowed

The current anticipated design build cost of the Project is $10,000,000. The RFP will establish open to traffic and completion dates. The current goal is to have construction completed in 2011.

2.3 Project Schedule

The deadline for submitting RFQ questions and the SOQ due date stated below apply to this RFQ. MDOT also anticipates the following additional Project milestone dates. This schedule is subject to revision by the RFP and addenda to this RFQ.

Phase I – Request for Qualifications

Issue RFQ	May 4, 2010
Informational Meeting*	May 20, 2010*
Deadline for submitting RFQ questions	May 24, 2010; 1:00PM EST
SOQ due date	~~May 27, 2010~~; **June 4, 2010 - 1:00PM EST**
Evaluation of SOQs	May 28, 2010 to June 11, 2010
Anticipated Notification of short listed Submitters (Proposers)	June 11, 2010

***May 20, 2010 at 10:00am - An Informational Industry Meeting** has been scheduled on at the Oakland Transportation Service Center (TSC), 800 Vanguard Drive, Pontiac, MI 48341 For information on how to find the office, call 248-451-0001.

Phase II – Request for Proposals – Tentative Schedule (subject to change)

Issue RFP	August 31. 2010
Technical and Price Proposals due	Nov/Dec 2010
Contract Award	Dec 2010 to Jan 2011

2.4 Inquiries and General Information

All questions regarding the Project must be submitted by e-mail to the MDOT Project Manager listed below. Questions shall be received by the date and time indicated in Section 2.3. All such questions and their answers will be placed on the MDOT website (see above) as soon as possible after receipt of the questions. The names of the entity submitting questions will not be disclosed. **The employees and representatives of the Submitter may not contact any MDOT staff (including members of the selection team) other than the MDOT Project Manager, or their designee, to obtain information on the Project. Such contact may result in disqualification.**

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1. Addenda to the RFQ

If it becomes necessary to revise any part of the RFQ, addenda will be posted on the MDOT website.

2. News Releases

Any news releases pertaining to this RFQ or the services, study, data or project to which it relates will not be made without prior written MDOT approval, and then only in accordance with the explicit written instructions from MDOT. MDOT reserves the right to revise this RFQ at any time before the SOQ due date. Such revisions, if any, will be announced by addenda to this RFQ.

3. Disclosure

Except as otherwise stated, all information in a Submitter's SOQ and any contract resulting from this RFQ are subject to disclosure under the provisions of the "Freedom of Information Act," 1976 Public Act No. 442, as amended, MCL 15.231, et seq.

2.5 Prequalification

The following is the minimum prequalification required for a Submitter and their subcontractors to be able to submit a Statement of Qualification:

<u>Contractor Prequalification requirements</u>

- 10000 Fa or 10000 Fb **or 10000 B**

<u>Lead Engineering Design firms Prequalification requirements</u>

- Short and Medium Span Bridges
- Road Rehabilitation and Rural Freeways
- Maintaining Traffic Plans and Provisions

Additional construction and design prequalifications will be listed in the Project's Request for Proposal.

2.6 Major Participants

As used herein, the term "Major Participant" means any of the following entities: all general partners or joint venture members of the Submitter; all individuals, persons, proprietorships, partnerships, limited liability partnerships, corporations, professional corporations, limited liability companies, business associations, or other legal entity however organized, holding (directly or indirectly) a 20% or greater interest in the Submitter; any subcontractor(s) that will perform work valued at 20% or more of the overall contract amount; the lead engineering/design firm(s); and each engineering/design sub-consultant that will perform 20% or more of the design work.

2.7 MDOT/County Consultant/Technical Support

Because of contractual work with MDOT and the county, the following consultants are not eligible to participate on any submitters team: HNTB Michigan Inc, Parsons Brinckerhoff Michigan Inc., URS Corporation Great Lakes, Wilcox Professional Services LLC, Orchard, Hiltz and McClimment, Inc.

2.8 Conflicts of Interest

The Proposer shall accept responsibility for being aware of the requirements of 23 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 636.116 and include a full disclosure of all potential organization conflicts of interest in the Proposal.

In addition to the Submitter, each Major Participant shall also complete Form 5100I certifying that the entity has read and understands MDOT's policy regarding conflict of interest and the CFR. Each Major Participant must also certify that there is no conflict of interest with the Project. If there is a conflict with the Project, then the Submitter and known Major Participant needs to describe the conflict.

The Submitter agrees that, if after award, an organizational conflict of interest is discovered, the Submitter must make an immediate and full written disclosure to MDOT that includes a description of the action that the Submitter has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest is determined to exist, MDOT may, at its discretion, cancel the design-build contract for the Project. If the Submitter was aware of an organizational conflict of interest prior to the award of the contract and did not disclose the conflict to MDOT, MDOT may terminate the contract for default.

MDOT may disqualify a Submitter if any of its Major Participants belong to more than one Submitter organization.

2.9 Changes to Organizational Structure

All changes in Key Personnel from a Submitters SOQ to the Submitters proposal in response to the RFP must be approved by MDOT in writing by submitting Form 5100G at least 2 weeks prior to submitting a proposal. Changes in Key Personnel must be approved by MDOT prior to submitting a proposal in response to the RFP MDOT may revoke an awarded contract if any Key Personnel or Major Participant identified in the SOQ is removed, replaced or added without MDOT's prior written approval. To qualify for MDOT approval, the written request must document that the proposed removal, replacement or addition will be equal to or better than the Key Personnel or Major Participant provided in the SOQ. MDOT will use the criteria specified in

this RFQ to evaluate all requests. Form 5100G RFQ must be submitted to MDOT's Project Manager as described in Section 2.4.

2.10 Equal Employment Opportunity

The Submitter will be required to follow both State of Michigan and Federal Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) policies.

2.11 Disadvantaged Business Enterprises

It is the policy of MDOT that Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as defined in 49 CFR Part 26, and other small businesses shall have the maximum feasible opportunity to participate in contracts financed in whole or in part with public funds. Consistent with this policy, MDOT will not allow any person or business to be excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be discriminated against in connection with the award and performance of any U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT)-assisted contract because of sex, race, religion, or national origin. MDOT has established a DBE program in accordance with regulations of the DOT, 49 CFR Part 26. In this regard, the Submitter will take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 CFR Part 26 to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for and perform the contract. Additional DBE requirements will be set forth in the RFP.

Required DBE Percentage – 10%

3.0 CONTENT OF STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

This section describes specific information that must be included in the SOQ. SOQs must follow the outline of this Section 3.0. Submitters shall provide brief, concise information that addresses the requirements of the Project consistent with the evaluation criteria described in this RFQ.

3.1 Introduction (Pass/Fail)

Provide a letter stating the business name, address, business type (e.g., corporation, partnership, joint venture) and roles of the Submitter and each known Major Participant. Identify one contact person and his or her address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address. This person shall be the single point of contact on behalf of the Submitter organization, responsible for correspondence to and from the organization and MDOT. MDOT will send all Project-related communications to this contact person. Authorized representatives of the Submitter organization must sign the letter. If the Submitter is a joint venture, the joint venture members must sign the letter. If the Submitter is not yet a legal entity, the Major Participants must sign the letter. The letter must certify the truth and correctness of the contents of the SOQ. This information will be used to identify the Submitter and its designated contact, and will be reviewed on a pass/fail basis only and not as part of the qualitative assessment of the SOQ.

3.2 Understanding of Project (25 points)

Provide a synopsis demonstrating the Submitter's understanding of the physical description of the Project, probable impacts, and potential issues affecting the Project. Specifically address:

- Understanding of Project scope
- Understanding of the construction requirements needed for the Project
- Understanding of the design requirements needed for the Project

- Understanding of mobility and safety concerns
- Understanding of impacts on the adjacent communities and traveling public
- Potential Project innovations

3.3 Qualifications of Team (30 Points)

Provide the qualifications of the Submitters team that includes both construction firm and design firm personnel. The information should address the following:

- Management and staff experience, capabilities and functions on projects of similar scope and complexity.
- Experience of the Design Lead Structures Engineer on projects of similar scope and complexity.
- Effective project management structure
- Effective project management and interaction with MDOT or other entities
- Effective utilization of personnel
- Experience in projects with expedited schedules
- Experience with timely completion of comparable projects
- Experience with on-budget completion of comparable projects
- Experience with integrating design and construction activities
- Experience of team members working together
- Experience and qualifications that are relevant to the Project scope

The following are the minimum requirements of what must be addressed in Qualifications of Team:

3.3.1 Organization of Project Team

Describe the roles of all Key Personnel, Major Participants and identified subcontractors. Include what percent of the named role that the entity is expected to provide.

Provide an organizational chart(s) showing the flow of the "chain of command" with lines identifying participants who are responsible for major functions to be performed and their reporting relationships, in managing, designing and building the Project. The chart(s) must show the functional structure of the organization down to the design discipline leader or construction superintendent level and must identify Key Personnel by name. Identify the Submitter and all known Major Participants in the chart(s). Identify the known bridge/structure contractor, and the earthwork and paving subcontractors, if known, by company name, if not otherwise identified as a Submitter or Major Participant in the organizational chart(s).

An SOQ may still be submitted to MDOT if a Submitters is unable to identify all Major Participants or other construction subcontractors who are providing construction services. However, a Submitter must include the design companies that satisfy the design prequailication requirements of this RFQ. If a submitter is unable to provide the name of the construction Major Participants or other subcontractors, they should include a plan of how they will obtain the firm including what qualifications they would expect the firm to provide.

Provide a communication plan of how the team will communicate and resolve issues with MDOT and within their team.

3.3.2 Staff Service Experience

3.3.2.1 Resumes of Key Personnel

Resumes of Key Personnel shall be provided as Appendix A – Resumes of Key Personnel to the SOQ. Resumes of Key Personnel shall be limited to two pages each and will not be counted towards the overall SOQ page limit. If an individual fills more than one position, only one resume is required. The listing below describes the minimum key personnel for the Project ("Key Personnel"), others may be added by the Submitter. Submitters may propose alternate plans to staff and manage the Project. SOQ's with alternate staffing plans are required to have details of the key staff and their roles and responsibilities in a manor similar to the requirements listed below, including their responsibility on the project and their authority over the design and/or construction operations.

Key Personnel

- Contractor's Project Manager
- Project Superintendent
- Construction Quality Control Manager
- Design Manager
- Design Lead Structures Engineer
- Design Lead Road Engineer
- Design Lead Traffic Engineer

Include the following items on each resume:

a) Relevant licensing and registration.

b) Years of experience performing similar work.

c) Actual work examples on similar projects, including projects, project dates, duties performed and their percentage of time on the project.

3.3.2.2 Minimum Qualifications of Key Personnel

Key Personnel will be evaluated, in part, based on the extent they meet and/or exceed minimum qualifications including, but not limited to, relevant education, training, certification, and experience. The following provides minimum qualifications of the Key Personnel assigned to the Project. Any certifications required to meet the requirements of the RFQ shall be in place by the time the first notice to proceed is issued. Key Personnel, except as noted, may perform Work in more than one position in the organization.

a) Contractor's Project Manager

- Contractor's Project Manager will be responsible for the overall design, construction, quality management and contract administration for the Project. The Contractor shall at all times provide Contractor's Project Manager, who will: (i) have full responsibility for the prosecution of the Work, (ii) act as agent and be a single point of contact in all matters on behalf of Contractor, (iii) be available (or its Approved designee will be available) at all times that Work is performed, and (iv) have authority to bind Contractor on all matters relating to the Project.

- The Contractor's Project Manager is expected to have significant experience managing the design and/or construction of highway and/or bridge reconstruction projects.

b) Project Superintendent

- The Project Superintendent, or its Approved designee, must be on site during all construction activities.

- The Project Superintendent is expected to have recent experience in highway and/or bridge construction and testing.

c) Construction Quality Control Manager

- The Construction Quality Control Manager must work under the direct supervision of Contractor's Project Manager. It must be the responsibility of the Construction Quality Control Manager to manage the Contractor's assigned Quality Control functions. The Construction Quality Control Manager must not be assigned any other duties or responsibilities on the Project. This person will be required to be available whenever any construction activities are being performed.

- The Construction Quality Control Manager shall have the authority to stop any and all work that does not meet the standards, specifications or criteria established for the Project.

- The Construction Quality Control Manager is expected to have significant recent experience overseeing the inspection and materials testing on major highway and/or bridge construction projects.

d) Design Manager

- The Design Manager will be responsible for ensuring that the overall Project design is completed and design criteria requirements are met. The Design Manager must be available whenever design activities are being performed.

- The Design Manager must work under the direct supervision of Contractor's Project Manager.

- Is expected to have significant experience in managing the design of highway and/or bridge projects.

- Must be a licensed professional engineer in the State of Michigan now or by the time the first notice to proceed is issued.

e) Design Lead Structures Engineer

- Must be a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan now or by the time the first notice to proceed is issued.

- Experienced in structures design of the size and type required for the Project.

f) Design Lead Road Engineer

- Must be a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan now or by the time the first notice to proceed is issued.
- Experienced in freeway design related to freeway reconstruction projects that include bridge replacements, including associated approach work.

g) Design Lead Traffic Engineer

- Must be a registered professional engineer in the State of Michigan now or by the time the first notice to proceed is issued.
- Experienced in signal design, signing design and work zone safety and work zone traffic control plan design.
- Is expected to have significant recent experience in traffic engineering and traffic management on similar projects in urban areas with significant traffic volumes.

3.4 Submitter Experience (20 points)

Describe at least one but a maximum of four projects the Submitter has completed or participated in (if the Submitter is not yet existing or is newly formed, please explain) and at least one but a maximum of four projects each Major Participant has managed, designed and/or constructed. For projects in which several of the proposed Major Participants were involved, the Submitter may provide a single project description. Highlight experience relevant to the Project the Submitter/Major Participants have gained in the last 5-10 years. Cite projects with levels of scope comparable to that anticipated for the Project. Describe the experiences that could apply to the Project. The experience of the Major Participants will account for a maximum of 8 points out of the 20 point available in this category. If some Major Participants are unknown at the time SOQ's are submitted, the Submitter's plan (see section 3.3.1) for obtaining the firm for this area of work will be considered.

Specifically, this area should address experience on expedited contracts and innovative approaches to minimize traffic impacts and improve scheduling.

Each project description must include the following information:

(1) Name of the project and either the owner's contract number or state project number;

(2) Owner's Construction Engineer and Design Engineer for this project and their current telephone number;

(3) Dates of design, construction, and project management;

(4) Description of the work or services provided and percentage of the overall project actually performed; and

(5) Description of scheduled completion deadlines and actual completion dates.

MDOT may elect to use the information provided above as a reference check.

3.5 Past Experience (20 Points)

MDOT's objective in evaluating Past Performance is to incorporate quality of past performance of the Submitter's design firm(s) into the overall technical score. Past performance of the Design firm(s) will be determined based on the Service Vendor Evaluation System at MDOT. If performance evaluations have not been performed, the selection team will contact previous clients and base scoring on feedback received. Past performance for the DB teams Construction Company is reflected in the level the firm can bid (based on available Prequalification capacity) and will not be part of this score.

3.6 Location (5 points)

MDOT's scoring of location provides additional points for work that is performed within Michigan. Both the Submitters and design firm's location will be taken into account equally (2.5 points total for each). Scoring will depend on percent of work performed in Michigan as follows:

A) 95 - 100% 5 points
B) 80 - 94% 4 points
C) 50 - 79% 3 points
D) 25 - 49% 2 points
E) 10 - 24% 1 point
F) Less then 10% 0 points

3.7 Legal and Financial (Pass/Fail)

The information required in response to Section 3.7 shall be submitted as Appendix B – Legal and Financial. Information provided in response to these sections will not count towards the overall page limitation defined in Section 5.2. Information required by this section will be evaluated on a pass/fail basis.

3.7.1 Acknowledgment of Clarifications and Addenda

Identify all addenda provided by date and version.

3.7.2 Organizational Conflicts of Interest

Identify all relevant facts relating to past, present or planned interest(s) of the Submitter's team (including the Submitter, Major Participants, proposed consultants, contractors and subcontractors, and their respective chief executives, directors and key project personnel) which may result, or could be viewed as, an organizational conflict of interest in connection with this RFQ.

Disclose: (a) any current contractual relationships with MDOT (by identifying the MDOT contract number and project manager); (b) present or planned contractual or employment relationships with any current MDOT employee; and (c) any other circumstances that might be

considered to create a financial interest in the contract for the Project by any current MDOT employee if the Submitter is awarded the contract. The foregoing is provided by way of example, and shall not constitute a limitation on the disclosure obligations.

For any fact, relationship or circumstance disclosed in response to this Section 3.7.2 identify steps that have been or will be taken to avoid, neutralize or mitigate any organizational conflicts of interest.

In cases where Major Participants on different Submitter organizations belong to the same parent company, each Submitter must describe how the participants would avoid conflicts of interest through the qualification and proposal phases of the Project.

The required information for Organizational Conflicts of Interest shall be submitted with the 5100I RFQ Conflict of Interest Form. Information provided in response to this section will not count towards the overall page limitation defined in Section 5.2.

3.7.3 Legal Structure

If the Submitter organization has already been formed, provide complete copies of the organizational documents that allow, or would allow by the time of contract award, the Submitter and Major Participants to conduct business in the State of Michigan. If the Submitter organization has not yet been formed, provide a brief description of the proposed legal structure or draft copies of the underlying agreements.

3.7.4 Financial Viability

The Submitter must supply form 1300 EZ with their SOQ to show they will be bid on the project when it is advertised. Form 1300 EZ will be required to be resubmitted again before letting.

4.0 EVALUATION PROCESS

4.1 SOQ Evaluation

MDOT will initially review the SOQs for responsiveness to the requirements of this RFQ. The information in the SOQ will then be measured against the evaluation criteria stated in Section 4.2. Submitter's SOQ response shall be complete based on the RFQ requirements. A non-responsive or partially non-responsive SOQ missing required information may result in a "fail".

4.2 SOQ Evaluation and Scoring

MDOT will evaluate all responsive SOQs and measure each Submitter's response against the project goals and evaluation criteria set forth in this RFQ, resulting in a numerical score for each SOQ. MDOT will use the following criteria:

a) Understanding of Project (25 Points):

b) Qualifications of Team (30 Points):

c) Submitters Experience (20 Points)

c) Past Performance of Designers (20 Points)

d) Location (5 Points)

4.3 Determining Short listed Submitters

MDOT will total the scores for each responsive SOQ and prepare a ranked list of Submitters. MDOT intends to short list between three and five of the most highly qualified Submitters.

MDOT reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to cancel this RFQ, issue a new RFQ, reject any or all SOQs, seek or obtain data from any source that has the potential to improve the understanding and evaluation of the responses to this RFQ, seek and receive clarifications to an SOQ and waive any deficiencies, irregularities or technicalities in considering and evaluating the SOQs.

This RFQ does not commit MDOT to enter into a contract or proceed with the procurement of the Project. MDOT assumes no obligations, responsibilities and liabilities, fiscal or otherwise, to reimburse all or part of the costs incurred by the parties responding to this RFQ. All such costs shall be borne solely by each Submitter.

4.4 Notification of Short listing

All scores will be posted on MDOT's website in conjunction with the posting of the short list. No submitter names will be provided; however, each Submitter will receive their individual score sheet from MDOT via facsimile or e-mail within three working days of the scores and selection results being posted.

4.5 Debriefing

Feedback may be provided via phone or email or face to face at the sole discretion of the Project Manager however, it will not be provided until after the award of the contract.

5.0 SOQ SUBMITTAL REQUIREMENTS

The following section describes requirements that all Submitters must satisfy in submitting SOQs. Failure of any Submitter to submit their SOQ as required in this RFQ may result in rejection of its SOQ.

5.1 Due Date, Time and Location

Submitter to deliver 10 (ten) copies all required SOQ information as specified in Form 5100H RFQ - attached (**NOTE – the SOQ is not delivered to the MDOT Project Manager)**. MDOT will not accept SOQs by facsimile or electronic transmission. Any SOQ that fails to meet the deadline or delivery requirement will be rejected without opening, consideration or evaluation.

5.2 Format

All SOQ's must comply with the following:

- The SOQ must not exceed 19 single-sided pages. The 19 page limit does not include key personnel resumes, required 5100 forms, 1300EZ forms, and the required legal

information defined in Section 3.7. In the 1300EZ form the references to "Bidder" shall mean "Submitter".

- Pages shall be 8 ½ inches by 11 inches.
- Font must be a minimum of 12 point.
- Pages must be numbered continuously throughout and in the format of "Page 1 of _".
- Submittals shall be stapled in the upper left hand corner and shall be completely recyclable. (e.g. no binders, plastic, spiral binding, etc.)
- Graphics are allowed within established page limits.

6.0 PROCUREMENT PHASE 2

This Section 6.0 is provided for informational purposes only so that each Submitter has information that describes the second phase of the Project procurement process, including a summary of certain anticipated RFP requirements. MDOT reserves the right to make changes to the following, and the short listed Submitters must only rely on the actual RFP when and if it is issued. This Section 6.0 does not contain requirements related to the SOQ.

6.1 Request for Proposals

The Submitters remaining on the short list following phase 1 of the procurement process will be eligible to move to Phase 2 and receive an RFP. While MDOT may make the RFP available to the public for informational purposes, only short listed submitters will be allowed to submit a response to the RFP.

6.2 RFP Content

6.2.1 RFP Structure

The RFP will be structured as follows:

a) Instructions to Proposers

b) Contract Documents

- Book 1 (Contract Terms and Conditions)
- Book 2 (Project Requirements)
- Book 3 (Standards)

c) Reference Information Documents (RID)

6.3 Proposal Evaluations

MDOT has determined that award of the Project will be based on a low bid or a "best value" depending in which provides the opportunity to obtain the most qualified Proposer to deliver the Project.

6.4 Stipends

MDOT will offer to pay a $24,999 stipend for the responsive proposals submitted by Proposers (short-listed Submitter). A stipend will not be paid to the successful Proposer or Proposers submitting unresponsive proposals.

No stipends will be paid for submitting SOQs.

In consideration for paying the stipend, MDOT may use any ideas or information contained in the proposals in connection with any contract awarded for the Project or in connection with a subsequent procurement, without any obligation to pay any additional compensation to the unsuccessful short listed Proposers. Proposers will be required to sign an agreement that allows the use of the information or the Proposer may choose to keep the proposal information confidential and not receive a stipend.