

Status of the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) Project
PRELIMINARY DESIGN ENGINEERING
April 1, 2009

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC) project team is continuing its bi-national effort to complete the crossing project for the United States, Michigan, Canada and the Ontario governments. On January 14, 2009, the United States (U. S.) Record of Decision (ROD) was attained and the project was formally approved by the Michigan and U. S. Department of Transportation. The project consists of three (3) sections; a new bridge between Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario, a new U. S. Customs Plaza, and an interchange with I-75. The estimated cost for the U. S. portion of the project is \$1.8 billion.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), through the U. S. DRIC project team, will be advertising for preliminary engineering activities for the U. S. portion only. These activities include; applications for permits and approvals, preliminary design engineering work, and preliminary utility planning and relocation. The formal Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted before May 1, 2009.

Consultants are advised that there will be a total of Seven (7) preliminary engineering contracts which will include either multiple sections or separate sections of the project. These Contracts consist of:

Contract 1: Owner's Representative/General Engineering Consultant (GEC): (Bridge, Plaza, Interchange)

Contract 2: Preliminary Design: Context Sensitive Solutions: (Bridge, Plaza, Interchange)

Contract 3: Preliminary Design: Roadway (I-75 Interchange only)

Contract 4: Preliminary Design: Bridge S37 (I-75 Interchange only)

Contract 5: Preliminary Design: Bridge S38 (I-75 Interchange only)

Contract 6: Preliminary Design: Bridge S39 (I-75 Interchange only)

Contract 7: Preliminary Design: Utilities (Plaza only)

Each Contract is composed of Two (2) Parts. The work for Part 1 consisting of preliminary design engineering is funded at this time. Part 2 is contingent on future legislation; it is for final design and is currently not funded. The selected consultant will be required to submit a price proposal for Part 1 and an "estimate only" for Part 2. Vendors are advised that pursuant to authorizing legislation and MDOT discretion, the DEPARTMENT does not guarantee the award or any binding commitment of Part 2.

Acting under MDOT's management, the Owner's Representative/General Engineering Consultant (GEC) will be responsible for the coordination and monitoring of all aspects of the total project. All contracted Consultants will be responsible to maintain a working and orderly relationship with the Owner's Representative and other contracted Consultant teams.

PREQUALIFICATION CLASSIFICATION:

Prequalification classifications, included but not limited to, Complex Bridges and Complex Urban Freeway Design, may be required.

PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING

The preliminary engineering work will be advertised for Four (4) weeks. On approximately the second week of advertisement a MANDATORY Pre-Proposal Meeting will be held to provide Consultants with further information regarding the project.

SECURITY

The (DRIC) project encompasses an international border crossing and protective security measures will be required. It is expected that the Consultant, Sub Consultants, and all personnel performing the work, will be committed to fully comply with all provisions required. The selected Consultants will be informed of these requirements upon notification of selection.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

A commitment is required from each Consultant to maintain objectivity, avoid conflicts of interest, and abstain from financial entanglements that would create the appearance of a conflict of interest. The Owner's Representative and the Prime Consultants of all Contracts will not be allowed to participate or join each others teams on these projects or any similar or related projects, including but not limited to, with a potential Concessionaire, the Detroit International Bridge Company (DIBC), or the city of Detroit without disclosing all of the circumstances and securing approval from the DEPARTMENT that no conflict of interest would be created.

Additionally, the Consultant and its Affiliates agree not to have any public or private interest, or acquire directly or indirectly any such interest in connection with the project, that would conflict or appear to conflict in any manner with the performance of the services under this Contract. "Affiliate" means a corporate entity linked to the Consultant through common ownership. The Consultant and its Affiliates agree not to provide any services to a construction contractor or any entity that may have an adversarial interest in a project for which it has provided services to the DEPARTMENT without disclosing all of the circumstances and securing approval from the DEPARTMENT that no conflict of interest would be created. The Consultant and its Affiliates agree to disclose to the DEPARTMENT all other interests that the prime or sub consultants have or contemplate having during each phase of the project. The phases of the project include, but are not limited to, planning, scoping, early preliminary engineering, design, and construction. In all situations, the DEPARTMENT will decide if a conflict of interest exists and its decision will be final and binding. If the DEPARTMENT concludes that a conflict of interest exists, it will inform the Consultant and its Affiliates. If the Consultant and its Affiliates choose to retain the interest constituting the conflict, the DEPARTMENT may terminate the Contract for cause in accordance with the provisions stated in this Contract.

DBE

MDOT is an equal opportunity employer and MDOT Disadvantaged Business Enterprise's (DBE's) are encouraged to apply.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Web Link for viewing further details of this project can be found at:

MAP OF SELECTED ALTERNATIVE:

http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/pdf/Selected_Alternative_DRIC_ROD.pdf

ROD:

http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/reports_us.asp#recordOFdecision

FEIS:

http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/reports_us.asp#feis

ENGINEERING REPORT:

http://www.partnershipborderstudy.com/reports_us.asp#addTECHreports

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