

## STATE OF TENNESSEE Department of Environment and Conservation

## REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS # 32701-25-470 AMENDMENT # 1 OZONE FALLS TRANSPORTAION STUDY

**DATE: August 19, 2025** 

## RFQ # 32701-25-406 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFQ Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFQ dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

|     | EVENT   | TIME<br>(Central<br>Time Zone) | DATE (all dates are State business days) |
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| 1.  | RFQ Issued  |                                | July 29, 2025                            |
| 2.  | Disability Accommodation Request Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                      | August 1, 2025                           |
| 3.  | Pre-Response Conference   | 11:00 a.m.                     | August 5, 2025                           |
| 4.  | Notice of Intent to Respond Deadline  | 2:00 p.m.                      | August 6, 2025                           |
| 5.  | Written "Questions & Comments" Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                      | August 11, 2025                          |
| 6.  | State response to written "Questions & Comments"                                    |                                | August 19, 2025                          |
| 7.  | RFQ Response Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                      | September 3, 2025                        |
| 8.  | RFQ Cost Proposal Opened (ONLY for the apparent successful Respondents)             |                                | September 19, 2025                       |
| 9.  | State Notice of Intent to Award Released and RFQ Files Opened for Public Inspection | 3:00 p.m.                      | September 25, 2025                       |
| 10. | End of Protest Period   | 4:30 p.m.                      | October 2, 2025                          |
| 11. | State sends contract to Contractor for signature                                    |                                | October 3, 2025                          |
| 12. | Contractor Signature Deadline   | 2:00 p.m.                      | October 8, 2025                          |

## 2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFQ.

Any restatement of RFQ text in the Question/Comment column shall  $\underline{\mathsf{NOT}}$  be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFQ document.

| RFQ SECTION     | Page # | QUESTION/COMMENT  | STATE RESPONSE   |
|-----------------|--------|---|--|
|                 |        | Will any environmental or geotechnical due diligence be a part of the scope? If so, should proposers include those resources with their team or will the state contract for those services separately?  | No, environmental or geotechnical due diligence is not required at this stage. Recommended scenarios should include cost estimates and acknowledge that such studies may be needed during future phases of implementation. |
| Attachment B    | 19     | Section B in the RFP omits a section numbered B.15. Please clarify if this omission was intentional, or if there's a section that needs be added between B.14 and B.16.   | This was a clerical error. The original item for B.15. was omitted intentionally but the following items were not automatically renumbered.  |
| Attachment C    | 21     | In Section C of the RFP, the wording of C.2 and C.3 is nearly identical. Please clarify if the state is looking for a narrative that differs between the two sections so that we can provide responses that adequately address the evaluation factors.        | C.2. requires an illustration of the delivery and C.3. requires an illustration of the management of the project.  |
| Attachment B 19 |        | • In Section B, there are subsections B.14 and B.16, but there is no subsection B.15. Can you please confirm if this was a typo and there is indeed no B.15? Or, if there is supposed to be a B.15, can you please provide the requirements for section B.15? | This was a clerical error. The original item for B.15. was omitted intentionally but the following items were not automatically renumbered.  |

| Attachment C | 21 | In Section C.6, the RFQ requires consultants to 'Provide examples of land use, transportation, and other relevant planning studies and recommendations similar in scope and style to this RFP via website link or Dropbox.' Can you please confirm which of the following you would like us to follow for this section?  o If we are allowed to include a summary of these projects in the technical proposal itself, along with a link to the project example.  o If you prefer only a link to the project examples to be listed in the technical proposal. | A summary and link are acceptable and allowable.  |
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| Attachment F | 26 | Can you confirm the use to up to five references, additionally of those five can one client be listed as both current and completed as long as we have three minimum individual references that are different?   | Yes, the same reference may meet the requirement for both a completed and current client for a minimum total of three references. Two of the references must represent current contracts the respondent currently services that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFQ. Three of the references must represent completed contracts the respondent serviced that are similar in size and scope to the services required by this RFQ. |
|              |    | At this stage in project development, is the expectation to simply identify key properties for future acquisitions?  | At this stage, the expectation is not only to identify key properties for potential future acquisition, but also to provide an estimated cost for each and a preliminary planning opinion on the feasibility of acquisition.  |

<sup>3. &</sup>lt;u>RFQ Amendment Effective Date</u>. The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFQ not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.