

DESIGN-BUILD FINAL QR

TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

SR-222 Reconstruction and Widening

Haywood County- TENNESSEE

CONTRACT NUMBER: DB2301

TO BE ATTACHED WITH COVER SHEET IN TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

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RFP Book No. and Section ID	Question	Reserved for Agency Response
RFP Book No. 1, Section D.2.a Subpart 4.b	This section calls out Level 2 personnel – Prequalified ROW Acquisition/ Appraisals. It is our understanding that no additional ROW is required. Is a Prequalified ROW Acquisition/Appraisal person/company required for this project?	It is TDOT’s intent to stay within the footprint of the ROW established in the Simplified Functional Plans. ROW outside the Simplified Functional Plans may be considered except for Tract#1 and Tract#2 and if additional ROW is approved by the department a Prequalified ROW Acquisition/Appraisal person/company will be required.
RFP Book No. 1, Section D.3.b Subpart 3	This section gives some examples of pay item lists and corresponding tasks. Item 712-01.75 lists project photography and videography. Will project photography and videography be required for this project?	See Addendum #2, photography and videography has been removed.
RFP Book No. 1, Section N.2	The last bullet point mentions the ROW Acquisition sheets to be included. If TDOT is acquiring the required ROW, will these be necessary? If so, can TDOT expand on what is to be included?	If the Design-Builders design stays within the ROW on the Simplified Functional Plans the ROW Acquisition sheets will not be needed.
RFP Book No.2 Section 10	Will TDOT perform all soil and material testing required for this project?	TDOT/CEI will be responsible for soil and material testing when construction starts according TDOT Standard Specifications. The Designer-BUILDER shall be responsible for final Geotechnical Report see Book 3, Section 5.3.
RFP Book No. 2, Section Appendix B, SP109B	Special Provision 109B has no “Basic Bituminous Material Index” listed. Can TDOT provide the bituminous index to be used on this project?	Yes, TDOT will provide the 109B that will be used.

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RFP Book No.3 Section 1.7	How many trainee hours will be required for this project?	See Addendum #2. No trainee hours will be required.
RFP Book No.3 Section 1.8	Who will be performing C.E.I. for TDOT?	This decision has not been made.
RFP Book No.3 Section 2.2	The RFP requires that the activities be cost loaded and the schedule update is the basis of the pay estimate. Book 2, PDF Page 112 – If the schedule only gets updated every 3 months is it the case that the Design-Builder will only get paid every 3 months? PDF Page 290 indicates that “Monthly progress payment requests and CPM updates are due five (5) Business Days prior to estimate cutoff date” which is contradictory to Page 112.	The Design-Builder will be paid monthly if the monthly progress payments are requested along with the CPM updates five (5) Business Days prior to estimate cutoff date. Book 3 supersedes Supplemental Specs and CPM updates are required monthly for pay requests. See Book 2, Section L.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.1	Which utilities are expected to be a "moved and staked" relocation?	Ritter Communications, Chickasaw Electric, and Comcast.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.2	Will TDOT be responsible for all R.O.W. acquisitions?	TDOT will be responsible for the acquisition and if additional ROW outside the simplified functional plan set is needed TDOT will be responsible, but no additional time or compensation will be granted to the Design-Builder.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.2	Have all the required environmental permits for this project been issued? If not, what date is coverage expected?	Applied on 06/08/2023. As stated in the RFP, Book 3, Section 8.8, water quality permits will be acquired by April 15, 2024.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.2	Several locations in the proposal indicate that TDOT will acquire all environmental permits. If this is not so, please identify which permits are required by the contractor.	TDOT acquiring the water quality (WQ) permits (ARAP & NW). The Design Builder is responsible for any modifications to the WQ permits. As indicated in Book 3, Section 8.8, NPDES CGP is to be obtained by Design Builder.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.2	What date is right of entry expected for all acquired R.O.W.'s?	Right of Entry/possession is expected by March 31, 2024.
RFP Book No.3 Section 3.2	What is the current status of the ROW acquisition? Which parcels have been acquired and which ones remain?	As of 8-18-2023, 7 offers are made and 1 pending. Right of Entry or possession is expected by March 31, 2024.

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RFP Book No.3 Section 3.4	In contract book 3 sec. 3.4 drainage, the guidance states "Drainage Structures should account for the higher of existing flow or post construction flows from Blue Oval City." Would TDOT release this information so that we can verify that this requirement is met.	This will be provided in the reference material.
RFP Book No.3 Section 7.0	RFP Book 3 Page 28 indicates that the "A-date" and "B-date" periods are applicable, but also states that the "B-date" package will be submitted no later than 12/31/23. Can the Department give an update about the status of the Utility Coordination?	2 of the 3 Utilities requested time extension for the A Date submittal, Comcast has not submitted or requested anything. Moving forward with contracts for Ritter and Chickasaw. The B-Date packages are still on schedule to be turned in to the Department on or before 12/31/2023.
RFP Book No.3 Section 7.0	Book 3, Pages 29 and 30 indicate that six utilities may be within the limits of the project, but the separate list of utility owners only has three. Is it the case that only the three are in conflict?	TDOT utilities report states that 4 utilities are within the area. 1 Utility stated it is not within the area. It is the understanding the City of Stanton is proposing a new water/sewer line near or within the area.
RFP Book No.3 Section 7.0	Have all the affected utilities agreed to go in the State Contract? If not which ones have agreed to go into the state contract?	Ritter Communications and Chickasaw Electric have elected to go into the state contract.
RFP Book No.3 Section 7.0	Is the B Date still projected 12/31/2023?	Yes, the B-Date packages are still on schedule to be turned in to the Department on or before 12/31/2023.
RFP Book No.3 Section 8.2	Contract book 3, sect 8.2 states: "The Design Builder is responsible to make certain all features from the Environmental Boundaries Report provided by the Department's HQ Environmental Tech office are field verified and an updated EBR prepared as necessary" Please provide a copy of the current EBR?	The current EBR will be provided in the reference material.

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RFP Book No.3 Section 8.3	Book 3, Page 32 indicates that “The Design-Builder shall (in consultation with the Department) allow time in the CPM for the Department’s HQ ETO to coordinate with TWRA, USFWS, and the TDEC Division of Natural Areas, if required”. Is this required and, if so, how much time? What are the successors in the permitting process?	As stated in the Book 3, Section 8.3, additional coordination will be required “If the Design-Builder requires additional ROW and/or easements not studied under the footprint of the proposed project”.
RFP Book No.3 Section 8.8	For the Environmental Manager, Will a PE license and/or an EPSC Level 1 & 2 fulfill the requirement vs a CPESC certification?	Environmental Compliance Manager shall meet the requirements of Book 1, Section D.2.11.
SP 107 FP	Will TDOT inspector/Consultant be responsible for EPSC inspections or the design builder?	The Design-Builder will be responsible. In Book 3, Section 8.8 under Inspections, the Design-Builder shall complete project site inspections of the erosion control measures and prepare a report that is maintained with the SWPPP.
SP109A & SP109B	Will an Addendum be issued for the correct SP109A & SP109B?	Yes, TDOT will add the SP109A and SP109B that will be used.
SP 719 A	Will flagging operations be allowed for installation of traffic control devices and miscellaneous construction activities?	Each flagging operation shall be approved by TDOT/CEI, and those flagging operations shall be coordinated in a manner that causes as little delay to the traveling public as possible. Long term flagging will not be approved.
Pre-RFP Presentation	Per the Pre-RFP Presentation, For Blue Oval 1- it indicated 2 exit lanes and 1 entrance lane with a completion date for signalized turn of 6-30-2024. For Blue Oval 1 and 2 intersections, are the concept drawings or actual functional plan drawings required for the 06/30/2024 date?	The construction of the concept drawings for Blue Oval 1 and 2 Intersections (other than surface mix) with a temporary or permanent signal to be operational on or before 6/30/2024.
	Can the 50 MPH speed limit be lowered during construction?	Once the Design-Builders traffic control plans are reviewed a request can be submitted according to circular letter 712.04-01 which will then be evaluated.

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	In the areas that existing pavement is to remain, Who is to bear the repair cost if the existing roadway structure fails during construction timeframe?	The Design-Builder will be responsible for pavement maintenance. See Book 3 Section 9.2.
	Will burning of clearing debris be allowed?	See section 201.04 of the TDOT Standard Specifications.
	At Blue Oval 1, is it the intent to use the existing pipe and existing endwalls?	No, the Designer Builder will be responsible for the design and installation of new endwalls.
	Is removal required for the existing underdrain system?	The existing underdrain system shall be removed.
	Is it the opinion of the department that the erosion control items indicated in the EPSC are complete and sufficient for this project?	As stated in Book 3 Section 8.8 under NPDES Permit Specific Requirements, "It shall be the responsibility of the Design-Builder to develop final EPSC sheets and the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)".
	If temporary sheeting is required, will the department pay for it?	It is the Design-Builders responsibility to determine if sheeting is necessary and that cost should be included in there estimate.
	Is any R.O.W fence required?	No ROW Fence will be required.
	If utility material delays are encountered, will time extensions be granted?	Time extensions will be evaluated utilizing the procedures outlined in TDOT Specifications Section 108.07, RFP and the Design-Build Standard Guidance.

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