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Project & DB Contract #: SR-114 Bridge Replacement (DB2603)

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RFQ Section 1.13	Given the level of effort anticipated for the RFP response and the amount of time shown in the Key Events Schedule for the RFP process, will the Department consider increasing the stipend?	No change at this time. However, the Department may consider increasing the stipend in the forthcoming RFP.
RFQ Section 2.5.3.3	Under Minimum Key Personnel Responsibilities and Qualifications, 3. Construction Manager shall: a) Be on-site whenever any construction activities are being performed. Can this statement be revised to a) Be available whenever any construction activities are being performed?	See revisions to Section 2.5.3.3 in Addendum No. 1.
RFQ Section 2.5.3.3	Under Minimum Key Personnel Responsibilities and Qualifications, 4. Safety Manager shall: a) Be on-site whenever any construction activities are being performed. Can this statement be revised to a) Be available whenever any construction activities are being performed?	See revisions to Section 2.5.3.3 in Addendum No. 1.
RFQ § 2.5.3 / § 2.5.3.2 / § 3.1	Volume II is limited to ten (10) pages “when answering the prompts in Section 2.5.3.1 through Section 2.5.3.4,” and Form B project descriptions are required under Section 2.5.3.2. 1) Do the completed Form B project description sheets count toward the ten (10)-page Volume II limit, or are they excluded as required TDOT forms? 2) If they count, will TDOT confirm the number of pages permitted for each Form B?	1) Yes. Form B project descriptions count towards the SOQ page limit. 2) The length of each Form B is at the Proposer’s discretion to provide the required information and meet the overall SOQ page-limit requirements. With that said, Proposers typically keep each Form B to one (1) page as currently formatted.
RFQ § 2.5.3.1 / § 2.4	Section 2.5.3.1 requires a graphic organization chart within Volume II. 1) Does the organization chart count toward the ten (10)-page Volume II limit? 2) May the organization chart be presented on an 11" x 17" sheet and, if so, is it counted as two (2) pages in accordance with Section 2.4?	1) Yes. 2) Yes. If the organizational chart is presented on an 11" by 17" layout, then the chart will count as two (2) pages towards the overall SOQ page limit.

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RFQ § 2.4 / § 2.5	Section 2.5 requires each volume to include a cover/title page. 1) Do cover/title pages, back covers, tab dividers, and a table of contents count toward the page limits for Volume I or Volume II? 2) Additionally, the RFQ does not specify minimum page margins — please confirm that no minimum margin requirement applies.	1) No. 2) Confirmed. There are no minimum page margin requirements, but the Proposer is cautioned that extending margins to the point where it is difficult to read the SOQ may limit the ability of the DBRC to review the information.
RFQ § 2.4	1) Does the Arial 10-point minimum font requirement apply to text within graphics (e.g., organization chart boxes, figure and photo captions, exhibit callouts) and to page headers and footers? 2) Please also confirm that the TDOT-provided Forms A, B, C, COI and QR are to be submitted in their issued typeface and are not subject to the Arial requirement.	1) Yes. 2) The issued typeface for all RFQ forms (which is currently Arial 10-point font) shall not be altered.
RFQ § 2.5.3.2	Please confirm whether Section 2.5.3.2 requires a minimum of four (4) Form B project descriptions in total, of which at least two (2) highlight the lead engineering firm and Major Participants; or four (4) project descriptions for the Proposer/design-builder plus an additional two (2) for the lead engineering firm and Major Participants, for a minimum of six (6) total.	As noted in Section 2.5.3.2, the Proposer must include a minimum of four (4) Form B project descriptions in total, which at least two (2) of the four (4) Form Bs are required for the lead engineering firm and any Major Participant (if applicable).
RFQ § 2.5.3.2	For the at least two (2) Form B project descriptions “highlighting the lead engineering firm and all Major Participants,” must every Major Participant have participated on each of those projects, or may the Major Participants’ experience be demonstrated collectively across the two project descriptions?	This is at the Proposer’s discretion to represent its experience.
RFQ § 2.5.3.2	1) For purposes of projects “completed in the last 15 years,” does TDOT consider a project complete at substantial completion / open to traffic, or at final acceptance? 2) May a project that is substantially complete and open to traffic but not yet finally accepted be submitted on Form B?	1) Substantial Completion and open to traffic 2) Yes

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RFQ § 2.5.3.2 / Form B	1) Is there a maximum number of Form B project descriptions a Proposer may submit? 2) May the Proposer expand or reformat the Form B table — retaining all requested item numbers and fields — to accommodate the requested content, and may project photographs be included on Form B? 3) For a lead engineering firm's project, how should Form B Item 8, "Work Carried by Own Forces (%)," be completed?	1) No, as long as the Proposer adheres to the overall SOQ page limit. 2) Yes, as long as the font requirements are adhered to. 3) This date entry can be noted as "N/A" for lead engineer projects.
RFQ § 2.5.3.3(4) and (5)	1) Can the Safety Manager and Quality Manager roles be filled by the same individual? 2) If not, please confirm that five (5) separate individuals are required for the Key Personnel positions listed in Section 2.5.3.3.	1) Yes 2) See answer above
RFQ § 2.5.3.3(4)(a)	The Safety Manager is to "be on-site whenever any construction activities are being performed." May a qualified designee cover this responsibility during short-duration, night, or subcontractor-only operations? Will TDOT address the use of a designated alternate in the forthcoming RFP?	See revisions to Section 2.5.3.3 in Addendum No. 1.
RFQ § 2.5.3.3	Will TDOT define, for evaluation purposes, what it considers "recent experience" and "projects of similar scope and size" (for example, a contract value range, bridge replacement over an active interstate, and/or design-build project delivery)?	This is at the Proposer's discretion to present the experience it believes is relevant to the Project.
RFQ § 4.2 / § 2.5.3.1	Section 4.2 identifies second-tier Key Personnel (Design Lead Engineer – Roadway, Structures, and Geotechnical; Construction Lead – Structures and Maintenance of Traffic) for the RFP phase. Should these individuals be identified on the SOQ organization chart, or are they to be introduced at the RFP stage only? If identified in the SOQ, will they be subject to the change restrictions of Section 1.5.1?	The second-tier Key Personnel may be introduced in the RFP stage and do not have to be identified on the Proposer's organizational chart in its SOQ.

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RFQ § 2.5.4(1)	Section 2.5.4 requires “resumes and references” for Key Personnel, with resumes not to exceed one (1) page each. 1) Are the references to be contained within the one (1)-page resume limit, or may they be provided on a separate sheet? 2) How many references does TDOT request per individual, and 3) what information should be provided for each?	1) Resumes, including references, are to be included in the one (1)-page limit. 2) The Proposer should provide at least one reference per Key Personnel resume. 3) Name, title, agency name, and contact details are sufficient to provide for each reference listed.
RFQ § 2.5.4(1)	Is it permitted to provide additional resumes beyond the required key personnel?	The Proposer may elect to include additional resumes as part of its two (2) pages of supplemental materials.
RFQ § 1.10(2)	Section 1.10(2) requires qualification “for each branch office participating on this Project.” Where a Major Participant will draw staff from more than one branch office, must each contributing branch office be separately qualified, or is qualification of the office of record performing the work sufficient?	The qualifications of the office of record performing the work are sufficient.
RFQ § 1.11 / § 2.5.2(6)	1) Is the \$13,000,000.00 preliminary estimate the anticipated construction value only, or the total design-build contract value including design services? 2) In addition, will TDOT accept a bonding capacity letter issued by the surety’s authorized agent or attorney-in-fact on the surety’s behalf, provided the surety satisfies the Tennessee licensing and Treasury Circular 570 requirements of Section 1.11?	1) Total design-build contract value 2) Yes. See instructions in Section 1.11
RFQ § 1.12	1) Is the 30% self-performance requirement measured against the total design-build contract price (design and construction) or against the construction value only? 2) Will TDOT identify in the forthcoming RFP the “specialty items” excluded from this calculation?	1) Against the construction value 2) The RFP will identify any specialty items (if applicable).

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RFQ § 1.1 / § 1.6 / § 2.5.2(5)	Section 1.1 states that the construction funding source is State funding, while the Project carries Federal Project Number BR-HIP-114(18), FHWA is identified as a stakeholder in Section 1.3, and the RFQ references 23 CFR § 636.116. Please confirm whether federal-aid requirements — including any DBE participation goal, Buy America, and Davis-Bacon wage requirements — will apply to the design-build contract, so Proposers may structure their teams accordingly at the SOQ stage.	While the project will not have a DBE goal, other federal-aid requirements will apply and be provided for in the forthcoming RFP.
RFQ § 2.2	Does TDOT intend to hold the non-mandatory pre-SOQ meeting described in Section 2.2? If so, please confirm the date and time, and whether it will be held sufficiently in advance of the August 25, 2026 deadline for submission of questions.	TDOT will not be holding a pre-SOQ meeting for this Project.
RFQ § 2.5.2(3) / § 2.1	Given that TDOT's final RFQ addendum is scheduled for September 1, 2026, please confirm that Form C need only acknowledge addenda and clarifications issued through that date, and that any addendum issued thereafter will be provided with an opportunity for Proposers to acknowledge receipt.	At this time, only the addendum issued on September 1, 2026, will need to be listed on Form C.
RFQ § 2.5	Please confirm that Volume I and Volume II should be combined into one submittal document as a complete SOQ package.	The Proposer must submit the two SOQ volumes separately as detailed in Section 2.4.

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RFQ § 1.1	1) The RFQ states the NEPA document is still under development; however, there was not a projected completion or release date. The NEPA document was also not listed in the Reference Document Index. When will the NEPA document be completed and available for review? 2) What coordination has taken place with the Natchez Trace State Park and Forest? Can TDOT provide the results of that coordination? 3) As indicated in the Bridge Concept Report and Base Technical Concept Roll plots, no right-of-way from the Natchez Trace State Park and Forest was required. However, did TDOT identify a Section 4(f) use of the Red Leaves Trail and/or the Holly Branch Trail? What, if any, Section 4(f) use or exemption was determined and can TDOT provide that information? 4) The Bridge Concept Report indicated that the Natchez Trace State Park and Forest is a Section 6(f) property and should be avoided. However, the map provided only shows the State Park portion of the property (west side of SR-114 and south of I-40) as a Section 6(f) property. Can TDOT confirm whether Section 6(f) applies to the portion of the property east of SR-144 on the south side of I-40 and on either side of SR-144 north of I-40?	1) Section 1.1 notes that a categorical exclusion will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2026. TDOT will release the NEPA document as a Reference Document (when available) through the Project website. TDOT will update the Reference Document index at that time. See revisions to Section 1.1 in Addendum No. 1 to adjust the date for the NEPA decision. 2) TDOT has started coordination with Natchez Trace State Park and Forest. Any requirements will be described in, and the related Reference Documents will be provided with the RFP. 3) TDOT has identified the Red Leaves Trail and Holly Springs Trail fire road as potential Section 4(f) resources. TDOT will provide additional information regarding any Section 4(f) impacts in the forthcoming NEPA Document and the RFP. 4) The map is correct in identifying the west side of SR-114 and south of I-40 as a Section 6(f) portion of the park. TDOT is still inquiring about the other locations for Section 6(f) eligibility.