

**NOTICE TO CONSULTANT ENGINEERS
REGARDING A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**March 25, 2026
(Project Management)**

The Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) seeks to retain the services of professional engineering consulting firms to provide expertise in **engineering services** as described below. The method of payment shall be **cost plus fixed fee**. Fixed fee is calculated using the following formula: Fixed fee = (Direct salary + Overhead based on the most recently approved field and/or office indirect cost rate) x (fixed fee rate as determined by the Fixed Fee Calculator). Payment of the fixed fee will be based on the actual labor costs rather than the estimated labor costs used for the basis of the agreement.

Items may be withdrawn if anticipated funding does not become available.

Item No. 1

Project Description and Location:

Provide project specific engineering services SR-35 (US-411) from near SR-416 to near SR-339 (PIN 136437.00), Widen; Sevier County.

This project is funded entirely with state funds and does not include any federal funding.

Schedule:

While the completion date has yet to be determined, plans development shall begin immediately after this contract is finalized and will follow the Department's new PDN process. ROW is scheduled for FY 2029; Construction is scheduled for FY 2031.

Scope of Services:

Shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of Survey, Right of Way, Roadway Design, Traffic Signal Design, and Lighting Design, Hydraulic Analysis, Utility Deconfliction as well as Traffic and Engineering Concepts, Safety Analysis, and Geotechnical Services.

Item No. 2

Project Description and Location:

Provide project specific engineering services SR-62 (Knoxville Highway) from near Petit Lane in Morgan County to near SR-61 in Oliver Springs in Roane County (PIN 124516.00), Widen; Morgan & Roane County.

This project is funded with state and federal funds.

Schedule:

While the completion date has yet to be determined, the project is authorized to begin preliminary engineering in FY 2026 and will follow the Department's new PDN process.

Scope of Services:

Shall include, but not be limited to, the provision of Survey, Right of Way, Roadway Design, Traffic and Safety Analysis, Traffic Signal Design, Geotechnical Services,

Hydraulic Analysis, Utility Deconfliction, and Structural Design. Structural Design shall include both preliminary and final bridge design (if necessary). Retaining wall and culvert design shall be provided as needed.

When applicable in the scope of services, a consultant may assist in evaluating certain goods and services and making recommendations to the State under the services provided. Under no circumstances may a professional services contract be utilized to procure goods, services, or assets for use by the State that are not project related and/or required for the performance of engineering and design related services, including software and hardware.

When support services are anticipated in the performance of a consultant contract, they may include providing the appropriate level of staff as outlined by disciplines defined in scopes of services generated under this contract. It is expected that the scope of work for these future work orders may require the selected consultant to make some of their staff available on-site within TDOT Headquarters and/or the regional offices as required.

Technical requirements in applicable standards, specifications, and policies must be satisfied in the performance of this contract. These include, but are not limited to: TDOT's [Design Guidelines](#), TDOT's [Drainage Manual](#), TDOT's [Instructional Bulletins](#), TDOT's [Standard Drawings](#), TDOT's [Design-Build Standard Guidance](#), TDOT [Structural Design Guidelines](#), TDOT's [Right-of-Way Manual](#), TDOT's [Standard Specifications](#), TDOT's [Construction Circular Letters](#), TDOT's [Standard Operating Procedures](#), TDOT's Field Operations Training, [Construction Special Provisions](#), [National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System \(NPDES\) Permit](#), [Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices \(MUTCD\)](#), [Occupational Safety and Health Administration](#), Contractor Employee Safety and Health Program, and TDOT Policy 355-01 (Approval of Construction Change Orders and Force Account Work).

Firms may request consideration by submitting a proposal. All proposals must be submitted electronically (PDF format) to **tdot.psadvertisements@tn.gov** with one of the following in the subject line of the email:

- Item 1 SR-35/ US-411 Sevier Co. – Firm Name
- Item 2 SR-62 Morgan & Roane Co. – Firm Name

	Deadline
Primary Contact: Erin Rakus	TDOT.PSAdvertisements@tn.gov (615) 253-3997
Questions	April 14, 2026, 4:00 pm (CST)
Request for Proposals	April 16, 2026, 4:00 pm (CST)
Phase II Selection Results	June 5, 2026 (Anticipated)

All firms must be pre-qualified or have a completed prequalification form filed with the Department by the first submission deadline. Any sub-consultant shall be one that is prequalified by TDOT to perform the specific tasks required. Prequalification procedures, example letter of interest, list of prequalified firms and DBE's, TDOT's standard procurement policy, and additional information, including the Prequalification Form ([DT-0330, Part I](#)), can be found at: [Consultant](#)

[Information \(tn.gov\)](http://Information.tn.gov). A pending prequalification status will be acceptable. **Please include a valid email address and phone number for the point-of-contact.**

Evaluation Process

Phase I Evaluation

This phase will be eliminated for this advertisement.

Phase II Evaluation

For firms submitting proposals (Part II of the DT-0330 form) during Phase II evaluation, the criteria that will be considered are:

Criteria and Relative Weights	
i. Team capability and work experience (Sections C, D, & E).	20 %
ii. Relevant Project Experience (Sections F & G)	30 %
iii. Ability to identify and mitigate risks (as explained in Section I)	30%
iv. Amount of work under contract with TDOT, if applicable and on file with TDOT	10 %
v. Past performance evaluations on TDOT Preconstruction Projects, if available	10%

Section E shall be no more than **20** pages. Section F shall include no more than **15** projects. The proposal package shall contain no more than **40** pages including front and back cover. Section H will not count toward the **40** -page limit.

Following Phase II evaluation, a number of firms no less than two* greater than the number of contracts being awarded, and that are deemed most qualified by the Consultant Evaluation Committee (CEC) will be recommended to the Commissioner for each Item listed above in alphabetical order for Phase III evaluation.

* In instances where less than the minimum required number of qualified consultants respond with proposals, or where the evaluated proposals do not result in a sufficient number of qualified firms, the Department may proceed with evaluation and selection if it is determined that the solicitation did not contain conditions or requirements that arbitrarily limited competition.

Phase III Evaluation

From the list of firms determined by the CEC to be the most highly qualified firms to perform the solicited services, the Commissioner will rank the firms in order of preference for each item .

Post Selection

TDOT will then negotiate with the firm(s) deemed to be most highly qualified in rank order. Before the invitation of a cost proposal is made, a mutual understanding of the scope of work and all technical and administrative requirements of the proposed undertaking will be established with the prospective consultant. This may be done by conference, phone, or correspondence as determined appropriate by TDOT. Instructions will be given regarding the method of compensation and the documentation needed to justify the proposed compensation.

Evaluation proceedings will be conducted within the established guidelines regarding equal employment opportunity and nondiscriminatory action based upon the grounds of race, color,

religion, national origin, sex, creed, age, and disability. Interested certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) firms are encouraged to respond to all advertisements by TDOT. For more information on DBE certification, please contact the Civil Rights Office Small Business Development Program at (615) 741-3681 or the following website:

<https://www.tn.gov/tdot/civil-rights/small-business-development-program.html>.

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