



January 8, 2015

Re: Request for Letters of Interest for Design-Build Services
C-470 Tolled Express Lanes Segment 1 Design-Build Project

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is proposing to construct tolled express lanes on C-470 between I-25 and Wadsworth Boulevard. CDOT is soliciting Letters of Interest from companies or teams interested in providing design-build services for this high-priority project.

A revised Environmental Assessment is nearing completion. The proposed improvements include: adding one tolled express lane in each direction on C 470, with two tolled express lanes westbound from I 25 to Colorado Boulevard; safety and operational improvements between I-25 and Quebec via adding direct-connect ramps from I 25 to the C 470 tolled express lanes; full reconstruction of a portion of the existing pavement; adding auxiliary lanes at select locations; improving portions of on-ramps and off-ramps to current standards (including ramp metering where appropriate); realigning substandard curves; widening existing structures throughout the corridor; replacing the bridges over the South Platte River; installation of water-quality features; installing noise barriers where required; adding grade separations for the multi-use trail at Quebec and Colorado; and, installing tolling/ITS elements. This project will participate in CDOT's owner-controlled insurance program (OCIP).

The non-prioritized goals for this project are:

- A. Optimize traffic operations on C-470 within the project budget
 - Once operational, optimize trip reliability in the tolled express lanes by maintaining a 45 mph minimum operating speed.
 - Preserve the existing general purpose lanes by providing improvements that enable them to operate at levels better than the no-action condition.
- B. Optimize scope of improvements within the project budget
 - [Dependent on output from Level 3 Traffic and Revenue Study]
- C. Optimize operating and life-cycle maintenance costs
 - [Dependent on output from Life Cycle Cost Analysis and Level 3 Traffic and Revenue Study]
- D. Minimize impacts to the traveling public during project construction and future construction
- E. Achieve the following project milestones:
 - Expenditure of RAMP funds by December 31, 2017
 - Tolled express lanes are operational by [to be determined]
 - Tolled express lanes are generating revenue by [to be determined]

Letters of Interest must be sent by registered mail, Federal Express, UPS or a similar delivery method that furnishes proof of having been received by CDOT no later than 5:00 PM on February 20, 2015. Letters of Interest that are sent via fax or e-mail will not be accepted.



Please address Letters of Interest to:

Jerome Estes, PE
C 470 Express Lanes Project Director
CDOT Region 1, South Engineering Section
2000 South Holly Street
Denver CO 80222

The following must be included in the Letter of Interest:

1. Title: Letter of Interest for the C-470 Tolled Express Lanes Segment 1 Design-Build Project
2. Company or team name
3. Contact person
4. Address, phone, fax, and e-mail information
5. If your firm is a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise or Emerging Small Business, please identify your firm as such and state all local agencies with whom you are certified.

Only those firms submitting a Letter of Interest meeting the above requirements will receive a Request for Qualifications. Letters of Interest will also be used to compile a list of interested companies for any notices and announcements relating to this project.

It is anticipated that the Request for Qualifications will be released February 26, 2015. After evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications from prospective design-build teams, CDOT will establish a Short List of eligible teams. A Request for Proposals (RFP) will be sent to these teams, and submittals will be evaluated using best-value criteria. The RFP will include a conceptual design reflecting environmental commitments and mitigation measures which conform with NEPA requirements. Conceptual design data and reports are available on the project website.

[http:// www.codot.gov/projects/c470ExpressLanes](http://www.codot.gov/projects/c470ExpressLanes)

An optional informational meeting will be held Wednesday, January 28, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the CDOT Headquarters Auditorium, 4200 East Arkansas Avenue, Denver 80222.

