

STATE OF COLORADO



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Region 1 West Engineering Section 425A Corporate Circle Golden CO 80401

Date: July 11, 2013

Re: REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF INTEREST FOR DESIGN BUILD SERVICES
Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel Fixed Fire Suppression System

The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is proposing to retrofit the existing Eisenhower/Johnson Memorial Tunnel (EJMT) with a fixed fire suppression system. CDOT is soliciting Letters of Interest from companies or teams interested in providing Design Build Services for this important project.

The purpose of this project is to install a fixed fire suppression system in the EJMT within Summit and Clear Creek Counties, located approximately 60 miles west of Denver, Colorado. At an elevation of 11,013 feet at the East Portal and 11,158 feet at the West Portal, the facility is the highest vehicular tunnel in the world. The facility exists on a major commercial corridor for interstate commerce with an Average Annual Daily Traffic (AADT) of approximately 30,000 vehicles per day, equating to over ten million vehicles per year. CDOT is seeking a non-programmatic categorical exclusion (CE) for this project.

Project Goals

CDOT has determined that Design Build provides the best process to deliver the project and achieve the following non-prioritized Project Goals:

- Provide a system with the greatest flexibility in suppressing different fires
- Maintain compatibility with existing tunnel operations and minimize complications with future maintenance
- Maximize safety of workers and traveling public
- Minimize project delivery time

Notable Constraints

- The new system shall be compatible with the climatic factors present at the EJMT
- Construction cannot impact the peak period traffic capacity
- The new system shall be constructed in conformance with the U.S. Forest Service easement documents
- The new system shall be compatible with the existing structural and operational systems supporting the EJMT

Project Budget

The anticipated Design Build services budget for this project is between \$20 million and \$25 million.

Procurement Process

A Request for Qualifications will be sent to those companies or teams submitting a Letter of Interest containing the information required below. After evaluation of the Statements of Qualifications from prospective Design Build teams, CDOT will establish a 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 to the NEPA requirements for this project.

All companies or teams submitting a Letter of Interest are invited to attend an optional information meeting on August 21, 2013, at 10 a.m. in the CDOT Headquarters Auditorium located at 4201 E. Arkansas Avenue, 2nd Floor, Denver, CO 80222. Group tours of the EJMT complex will be scheduled during the Request for Qualifications phase. As-built drawings of the existing facilities will also be provided to prospective bidders. Both the group tours and the distribution of any as-built drawings are subject to a security clearance.

The Letter 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 2:00 p.m. on **September 12, 2013**. Any Letter of Interest sent via fax or email will not be accepted.

Please address the Letter of Interest to:

Steve Harelson, P.E.
EJMT FFSS, Project Manager
CDOT Region 1, West Engineering Section
425A Corporate Circle
Golden, CO 80401

The following must be included in the Letter of Interest:

1. Title: Statement of Interest for the EJMT FFSS
2. Company or team name
3. Contact person
4. Address, phone, fax, and email information

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. Additional information can be found on the project website <http://www.coloradodot.info/projects/Eisenhowerfiresystem>.

The anticipated release of the Request for Qualifications is September 19, 2013.