

May 24, 2013

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REFERENCE: I-55 DESIGN BUILD PROJECT  
DB/IM-0055-02(226) 105444/303000 & 304000  
PIKE/LINCOLN COUNTIES  
PRE-PROPOSAL MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

Dear Randy:

A mandatory pre-proposal meeting was held for the referenced project on May 20, 2013. Attached are the meeting minutes.

MDOT has short listed three teams for this project. Each team was present at this meeting. Each person present was requested to sign in on the sign in sheets, which are attached to these minutes.

Mr. Randy Battey, Assistant Chief Engineer of Operations, welcomed everyone and reminded all the participants of the following:

1. This meeting is for informational purposes only.
2. No answer or statement made by any MDOT representative at this meeting shall be relied upon or interpreted as a modification to the RFP or a commitment to modify the RFP or otherwise change the procurement process in any way.
3. MDOT will communicate official answers to questions only in writing and only in response to a written question posed in the manner outlined in the RFP.
4. MDOT will communicate an official modification to the RFP only by issuing an addendum.

Mr. Albert White, District Engineer, addressed some of the RFP requirements. He noted that the proposal is to be submitted in two volumes as stated in the RFP. The milestone schedule listed in the RFP was reviewed. The RFP includes three mandatory sites (Tangipahoa River, SR 24, and Little Tangipahoa River) and two optional sites (Beaver Creek and US 84). MDOT confirmed that the RFP has been posted on the web site and verified that the file size has not created any issue with the proposers.

Mr. White said the Proposers are responsible for accessing the website for potential future addenda. It was noted that the following data is available on the website for informational purposes only. Proposers are to advise MDOT if problems are encountered with accessing this information:

- Survey information
- As-built plans

- Erosion Control Plans
- Pile Records
- SR 24 Interchange Concept
- Interchange Modification Report

The scope of work listed in NTP 2618 on page 41 was briefly reviewed.

Mr. White said there is no target completion date specified in the RFP. The length of time submitted by Proposers will constitute a portion of the Best Value calculation.

Mr. White said the listed project limits are 100 feet in advance of the existing or proposed guardrail to a distance of 100 feet beyond the end of the bridge for widened bridges. Along I-55 at the SR 24 Interchange, project limits are 1000 feet either side of the I-55 overpass bridges and 100 feet past the ends of the existing ramp tie-ins as shown on page 42 of the RFP. These limits will be revised by Addendum to include the area of required slab replacement in the I-55 SB lanes, approximately 310 feet south of the Tangipahoa River.

The time frame (July 1 through November 1) for potential contraflow within this project was discussed. During this time, four lanes must remain open, as shown on page 382 of the RFP. In the event of contraflow, MDOT will control all traffic operations. After the traffic is returned to the normal configuration, the contractor will be granted the appropriate additional time to complete the project.

Some of the differences from previous Design-Build Projects were discussed:

- The overall equation for best value calculation was modified to provide an increased weight for additional sites (from \$2 million/site to \$3 million/site – RFP page 13);
- Bridge joints are to be repaired, rather than replaced;
- One PDA per Bridge Site (NB SB = one site); *Clarification: Per Technical Requirements, 10.5.1, NB and SB will be considered a site. At a minimum one abutment pile and one interior pile shall be dynamically tested to determine the capacity and to set the driving criteria for the remaining piles.*
- PDA testing will be performed by the contractor;
- Changes to criteria for scoring are shown on pages 11-12 of the RFP;
- For bridges over waterways, the allowable low chord elevation has been modified as shown on page 354 of the RFP.

Mr. White discussed lane closure restrictions listed in NTP 824 (RFP page 20). Specifically, maintenance of one-lane traffic on I-55 within the construction work zone shall be limited to a maximum length work zone of 1.5 miles within McComb city limits and one mile outside of McComb city limits.

The Contractor will be responsible for coordinating with and relocating all utilities listed on page 40 of the RFP, which are in conflict. Also, see page 341 of the RFP for more information.

Mr. White discussed the following requirements for the SR 24 Interchange:

- The proposer shall construct two left turn lanes where the SB I-55 ramp intersects SR 24;



- A traffic signal shall be installed at this location;
- Improvements shall be designed as shown in the Interchange Modification Report;
- Vertical clearance can be achieved by raising of I-55 or lowering of SR 24;
- Ramp reconstruction/removal of interchange loops;
- Phasing limitations (see RFP page 383).
- NTP 6000 DB for Cable Rail along I-55 was discussed (RFP page 107).
- NTP 6001 DB for Barn Swallows located in box culvert on SR 24 site was discussed (RFP page 108).
- NTP 6002 DB for Live Oak Trees (Protection and replacement) was discussed (RFP page 109).

Mr. B.B. House, Director of Contract Administration, distributed Volume 2 submittal envelopes to all three proposers. Mr. House noted the DBE goal of 9 percent. Also noted was the maximum bid price of \$10 million. The stipend will not be paid unless specifically requested by the unsuccessful proposers.

Proposers were reminded that they are prohibited from discussing this project with either Neel-Schaffer, Inc. or URS Corporation.

Mr. House said the escrow documents will be required two days after Notice of Award. They will not be reviewed unless a conflict arises. In the event they are examined, both MDOT and the successful proposer will be present. Proposers were reminded of the requirement to submit all payroll beginning with the second estimate, as required in the contract.

The live video of the opening of the bids will be available on MDOT's web site.

After the conclusion of the meeting, it was discovered that the email address listed on page 5 of the RFP was not operational. This issue has now been corrected. Any previous questions should be resubmitted to the same email address.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

NEEL-SCHAFFER, INC.



Cindy Rich, P.E.  
Engineer Manager, Vice President  
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Design and Construction of Improvements to Interstate 55  
 Pike and Lincoln Counties, Mississippi

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 DB/IM-0055-02(226)/10544-303000  
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 Pre-Proposal Meeting Sign In Sheet  
 May 20, 2013

| Name                             | Team             | Firm                   |
|----------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| KAUSTAV BOSE                     | JOE MCGEE        | TERRAON                |
| Stephen Rose<br>PAUL McFADIL     | MDOT<br>KEY      | MDOT                   |
| IAN ENGSTROM                     | LDA / SSR        | SSR                    |
| Richard Sheffield<br>Mark Turner | LDA<br>MDOT      | Thompson Engg.<br>MDOT |
| Justin Walker                    | MDOT             | MDOT                   |
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| Earl Glenn                       | MDOT             | CSD                    |
| Judy T. Martin                   | MDOT/AG          |                        |
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