

PROPOSED IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE ROUTE 9
From US 278/State Route 6 near Pontotoc to US 78 Near Sherman
Pontotoc County, Mississippi
State Project No. SP-2833-00(002)/105094-001000

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2010

1. In the next to last paragraph of the Notice of Intent, there is a list of items for which the D-B team will be responsible. One of the listed items is for "construction inspection and quality control." Does this mean CE&I tasks, or does it mean the QA/QC for material testing?

MDOT intends to contract with a Design-Build Team that will provide complete design, construction, construction engineering and inspection, and construction quality control (including quality control material testing) for the completion of the project.

MDOT intends to provide independent, third-party quality assurance inspection and quality assurance material testing through either in-house forces, by an independent consultant under separate contract, or a combination of the two.

2. Is it anticipated that there will be a stipend for the D-B teams that are selected to propose?

Yes, the amount will be determined based on the amount of design effort expected to complete the technical proposal.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2010

3. Could you tell me if the mainline and frontage road paving proposed under Alternatives C & E is concrete or asphalt?

MDOT is currently preparing design plans for the SR 9 improvements utilizing an asphalt typical roadway section for all mainline and frontage road alignments, however, it is MDOT's intent to allow the Design-Build Team to propose an alternative typical section that can provide equal or better structural performance and long-term operations and maintenance performance.

Revised, see additional statement for November 12, 2010.

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QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2010

4. Can a preliminary milestone schedule be provided for teaming discussions?

MDOT is currently finalizing the milestones for the SR 9 improvements project which will be included in the Request for Qualifications. A preliminary milestone schedule is provided below:

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| • Expected release of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) | mid-Nov 2010 |
| • Expected RFQ Due | late-Dec 2010 |
| • Expected Shortlist Announcement | mid-Jan 2011 |
| • Expected release of Request for Proposals (RFP) | Feb 2011 |
| • Expected RFP Due | Mar/Apr 2011 |
| • Expected Award | Mar/Apr 2011 |
| • Expected Notice to Proceed | Apr/May 2011 |
| • Expected Construction Completion | Dec 2012 |

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 22, 2010

5. Is the project fully funded?

The Project is fully funded through a State Bond Program.

6. What percentage of design plans does the State intend to provide to the Design-Build teams shortlisted to bid on the project, and are there any preliminary plans available for review at this time?

It is anticipated that approximately 90% design plans will be made available, including all electronic files. This information will be made available to the shortlisted proposers at the time that the Request for Proposal is released.

Revised, see additional statement for November 12, 2010.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF OCTOBER 29, 2010

7. Will Sections 107.22.2 and 107.22.4 pertaining to the maximum 750,000 square feet of exposed surface area be disregarded?

These Sections of the Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction are expected to be modified by Special Provision to allow a larger area of exposed surface area provided that all environmental regulations are followed.

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8. In paragraph 4 of the NOI, it states the potential design and plan quantities will be provided. You have stated only the short listed Teams will receive. This information (plan quantities) is needed to properly decide the Teams size or partners needed in addition to the routes provided and other scope shown. Can you provide the general quantities'?

On page 2-13 of the Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact (EA/FONSI) that is posted on the website, a planning level cost estimate is provided which provides some preliminary quantities on the area of bridge structures (square foot) and lane-mile of roadway. This is the best available information at this time. It is anticipated that normal MDOT pay quantity estimates will not be available until after the shortlist of Proposers.

QUESTIONS RECEIVED AS OF NOVEMBER 12, 2010

No questions were submitted, however, clarification to Question #3 submitted as of October 1, 2010 and Question # 6 submitted as of October 22, 2010 above is provided.

Question #3 concerned the proposed pavement for the mainline and frontage roads. MDOT has recently completed geotechnical investigations for the project and have determined that there is considerable high-volume soil in the project area. Therefore, it is likely that MDOT will not allow concrete pavement for the project. A final determination will be made with the issuance of the Request for Proposals.

For Question #6, a clarification will be made in the Request for Qualifications that states that MDOT will provide approximately 60% Roadway Design Plan (Right of Way Plans) and 100% Bridge Design Plans (stamped by a Professional Engineer). The Design-Build Team will have the opportunity to propose design alternatives that provide equal or better quality and/or maintenance/durability. The Design-Build Team will be required to provide final design plans, except bridge plans, signed by a Professional Engineer. The Design-Build Team may provide final bridges plans if the Design-Build Team has a more economical design.