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November 8, 2013

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RE: I-59 Design-Build Bridge Improvements
DB/IM-9999-06(016)/106594-301000, 302000, 303000
Pearl River, Forrest, and Lamar Counties
Pre-Proposal Meeting Summary

Dear Wes:

A mandatory Pre-Proposal meeting was held for the referenced project on November 7, 2013, at the MDOT Central Office in Jackson, Mississippi. Below is a summary of the meeting. All Proposers were present at the meeting.

I-59 Design-Build Bridge Improvements Pre-Proposal Meeting
MDOT Office - 401 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201
November 7, 2013 – 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Summary

The meeting was opened by Wes Dean, MDOT Assistant Chief Engineer for Field Operations. Mr. Dean reminded everyone to be sure to sign in because it is a mandatory meeting for all Proposers. Mr. Dean also made the following statement regarding the Pre-Proposal meeting.

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. Dean also reiterated that all official questions need to be sent via the project email address and will be posted on the website. All answers will also be posted on the website. It is the responsibility of each Proposer to continually monitor the website for updates.

Keith Steele, MDOT Pre-Construction Engineer spoke next. Mr. Steele outlined each of the project sites that are listed in the RFP.

Locations 1-3 shall be included in the Proposal for this contract. The locations are as follows:

- Site 1 - I-59 over Red Creek (Mile Marker 40.2)
- Site 2 - I-59 over Little Black Creek (Mile Marker 47.5)
- Site 3 - I-59 over Black Creek (Mile Marker 53.2)

Work at each of these sites involves six (6)-foot inside widening and twelve (12)-foot outside widening to accommodate contraflow operations during emergency evacuations.

Locations 4-6 may be included in the Proposal for this contract. The locations are as follows:

- Site 4 - I-59 over Millard Road (Mile Marker 19.1)
- Site 5 - I-59 over West Union Road (Mile Marker 10.8)
- Site 6 - I-59 over Canal Street (Mile Marker 4.9)

These sites all involve removing the barrier walls on the bridges and replacing them in accordance with current standards.

Locations 7-8 may be included in the Proposal for this contract. These locations are outside of the contraflow section which ends at Mile Marker 55. The locations are as follows:

- Site 7 - I-59 over Steele Road (Mile Marker 58.8)

This site involves an inside widening only for the northbound bridge and inside and outside widening for the southbound bridge.

- Site 8 - I-59 over McPhail Road (Mile Marker 71.0)

This site involves inside widening and outside widening for both northbound and southbound bridges.

Mr. Steele explained the limits of construction for each site. The limits at each site are defined in the RFP as one hundred (100) feet in advance of the guardrail and one hundred fifty (150) feet beyond the end of the bridge at centerline of roadway.

Mr. Steele then discussed the lane closure restrictions that are shown in the RFP. The RFP states that from July 1 through November 1, two (2) eleven (11)-foot lanes must be maintained at all times. All other times of the year, one (1) twelve (12)-foot lane must be maintained at all times. The RFP also contains specific restrictions for lane closures for holidays or special events and reads as follows:

“Temporary lane closures shall NOT be permitted during mandatory hurricane evacuation orders. Also no lane closures will be permitted on the following holidays or the day preceding them: New Year’s Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day. In the event one of the aforementioned holidays falls during the weekend or on a Monday, no lane closure will be allowed during that weekend or the Friday immediately preceding said holiday.”

Contraflow operations may be initiated when a Category 3 Hurricane or greater is forecast for the greater New Orleans area.

Mr. Steele also called specific attention to Notice to Proposers No. 6001 DB which is related to barn swallows. He reminded Proposers to be aware of requirements of that particular notice. Mr. Steele reiterated that all questions from Proposers and answers will be posted on the website (gomdot.com), and Proposers should check the site often for updates.

Scot Ehr Gott, Director of Consultant Services, spoke next. Mr. Ehr Gott stated the following:

1. Volume 1-Technical Proposals are due December 17, 2013, by 4:00 p.m. in Billy Owen's office in the MDOT Contract Administration Division. He reiterated that they are not to be delivered to the MDOT Consultant Services Unit.
2. Do not discuss this Project with MDOT personnel. Any questions need to be addressed through the email and website process detailed above.
3. Follow the format on page 8 of the RFP when developing the Volume 1 – Technical Proposal and recognize the requirements shown.
4. Place the Contractor's Schedule Certificate in front of the Volume 1 – Technical Proposal. It should be the first thing seen when opening the Volume 1 – Technical Proposal.
5. The organizational chart should be placed in the front of the appendices. If personnel changes are to be made, prior written approval by MDOT is required, in accordance with the RFP.
6. Take note of the conflict of interest language in the RFP. Be sure to follow the instructions if a potential conflict is identified. If no potential conflict is identified, be sure to state that fact.

Billy Owen, Contract Administration Engineer, spoke next in regard to Volume 2 - Contract Price Proposal submittals. Mr. Owen stated the following:

1. Volume 2 - Contract Price Proposals are due February 28, 2014, by 10:00 a.m. in Billy Owen's office.
2. Mr. Owen distributed the envelopes for the Volume 2 - Contract Price Proposal submittals and reminded Proposers to include a letter requesting the stipend with the Volume 2 - Contract Price Proposals, in order to expedite processing of the stipends.

Wes Dean concluded the MDOT presentation and opened up the floor to questions. A series of questions were asked regarding specific technical details of the RFP. Proposers were encouraged to submit those questions in writing, in accordance with the formal question and answer process outlined in the RFP.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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