

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

DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT
NOTICE OF INTENT

The Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) is announcing its intent to enter into a Design-Build contract with a Design-Build Team, possessing both professional engineering design capability and qualified construction contracting capability for the construction of a new alignment of State Route 9 in Pontotoc County, Mississippi.

MDOT is utilizing an accelerated project delivery method in support of the FHWA sponsored "Every Day Counts" innovation initiative. More information on the "Every Day Counts" program is available on the MDOT website.

The proposed Project consists of the construction of a four-lane highway on new alignment, including the construction of new interchanges and frontage roads, as further defined in the Environmental Assessment/FONSI document prepared by MDOT for this project. A copy of the Environmental Assessment/FONSI document is available on the MDOT website (<http://www.gomdot.com/Home/Projects/DesignBuild/Home.aspx>).

MDOT intends to purchase all of the required right-of-way and have all of the utilities relocated prior to the initiation of construction. MDOT will also provide potential design and plan quantities. All environmental permits will be acquired by MDOT based on the potential design provided by MDOT, however, final responsibility for all permits will be transferred to the Design-Build Team at project award.

The anticipated contract award will be between April 2011 and July 2011. The estimated cost of this project is anticipated to be between \$75 to \$100 Million. MDOT requires that the **construction be completed before December 31, 2012.**

A Design-Build Team will be selected for the entire project based on a best value selection. The selection process will consist of two phases. MDOT will issue a Request for Qualifications (RFQ), which will be evaluated to establish a short-list of proposers that will be invited to submit proposals in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP). The selection process will evaluate the ability of the Proposers to plan, design, construct, and control this Project to provide a quality product, on or ahead of schedule.

The Mississippi Department of Transportation is seeking a Design-Build Team that has the capacity to complete the project on time; is committed to quality; has proven experience in the management, design, and construction of highway projects; will bring innovative approaches to the Project;; and is willing to partner with MDOT for the mutual success of the Project.

The Design-Build Team will be responsible for selecting the final design, developing an approved erosion control plan, construction inspection and quality control, and determining how to construct the project within the allowable timeframes and within all state and federal regulations. If the Design-Build Team proposes a design and/or method of construction that triggers additional regulatory requirements, such as the requirement for turbidity monitoring if the disturbed area of construction is greater than twenty acres at any time, then the Design-Build Team will be responsible for compliance with all such additional state and federal regulations.

This NOTICE OF INTENT is issued to allow potential proposers an opportunity to form Design-Build Teams in anticipation of issuance of the RFQ for this project. No formal submittal is required at this time. Question may be submitted to project website. Questions received and answers will be periodically updated on the project website. The RFQ will be issued via the MDOT Website in November 2010.

