DESIGN-BUILD PROJECT NOTIFICATION

The Alabama Department of Transportation will issue a Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal (RFQ/RFP) to obtain Proposals from firms (Design-Build Teams) interested in providing Design-Build Services for the **West Alabama Highway Project** (Project). The cost of the project, in full, is estimated to be approximately **\$775,000,000**. Funding for this project is secured through state funds only. No federal funds are anticipated for the Project.

Information regarding the Project will be made available on ALDOT's Alternative Delivery Website https://www.dot.state.al.us/business.html

ALDOT is issuing an RFQ/RFP to procure the Project, and will enter into one or more Design-Build Agreement, in accordance with Section 23-1-40 of the Code of Alabama, 1975, as amended by Act 2016-257, and other applicable provisions of Alabama law. All firms or teams of firms desiring to enter into a Design-Build Agreement are invited to submit Proposals pursuant to the RFQ/RFP. Proposers must comply with the terms of the RFQ/RFP.

ALDOT's goals for the Project are to:

- Realize the benefits of progressive design-build project delivery, such as risk mitigation through early contractor involvement, collaborative project development, and reducing the overall schedule for delivery of the Project;
- Complete Usable Segments for partial acceptance by ALDOT and open to traffic;
- Uphold the trust of Stakeholders and the public in delivering the Project;
- Encourage participation of in-state, Alabama based contractors and firms;
- Deliver the Project within ALDOT's budget; and
- Complete the Project on or before December 31, 2027.

The work envisioned for the Project will include the following features:

- The Project consists of approximately 70 miles of roadway improvements including 25 bridges.
- The Project is anticipated to have two pre-determined sections:
- A southern portion will begin at Highway 43 in Thomasville and run north to the south intersection with the Linden Bypass.
 - o The Project will add two additional lanes to existing U.S. 43 from Thomasville to south of Linden.
 - Widening will continue north on Highway 43 to Linden.
- A northern portion will begin from the north intersection with the Linden Bypass to Highway 69 North of Moundville.
 - o North of Linden the Project will add two lanes to the existing two lanes of Highway 69.
 - o The Project will cross U.S. 80 and continue north on Highway 69 through Greensboro where it will ultimately connect with the existing four lanes of Highway 69 north of Moundville.

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An RFQ/RFP is anticipated to be issued on or about **December 17, 2021**. Responses to the RFQ/RFP, in the form of Proposals, will be evaluated to establish a short-list of Design-Build Teams that will be invited to participate in interviews.

The RFQ/RFP will provide full details of the Proposal required from interested Design-Build Teams and will include project goals for DBE participation. The RFQ/RFP will include a preference for Alabama-based proposers. Proposing firms must be pre-qualified according to ALDOT's Prequalification Process.

All publicly distributed Project information and notices will be posted on ALDOT's Alternative Delivery Webpage https://www.dot.state.al.us/business.html and the Statewide RFP Database http://rfp.alabama.gov/Login.aspx

Interested firms, including prime firms, subconsultants or subcontractors, specialty consultants, DBE firms, and local firms, are encouraged to enroll on the Alternative Delivery Website https://www.dot.state.al.us/business.html

Potential proposers are advised that communication can be made only with the designated Project point of contact. The contact person for this Project is:

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The Department reserves the sole right, without incurring any liability, to change any aspect of the proposed procurement described above, including the right not to proceed with the procurement and/or the right to proceed in a different manner or on a different timeline than as described above.