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STATE PROJECT NO. H.011133
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NO. H011133
LA 1: UP RR XING
ROUTE LA 1
WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH**

Questions & Answers:

Q1. Would it be possible to get a PDF of the General Plan and Elevation Sheet for the proposed Highway 1 overpass described in this RFQ?

A1. I do not have this information readily available to me. The overpass will be built to meet the height and width requirements UP has posted on their website. However, I don't believe this information is needed to determine what personnel will be needed for the consultant's project team.

Q2. Why is DOTD requiring at least five years of experience and training in HYDROGRAPHIC surveys in rivers, lakes and bays as this overpass crosses a railroad, not a stream?

A2. The advertisement is not for the overpass. The advertisement is for the track relocation.

Q3. Please explain why the weighting factors were changed. It appears from the change to be a COMPLEX project, but is listed as NORMAL.

A3. Per RS 48:293.B(2), "For other types of services or for special project requirements, the weighting factors may be varied based on the specific project requirements. Weighting factors to be used for each project will be stated in the project's advertisement". This is specialty type work. There is no Past Performance criteria for this type work. Therefore, the Past Performance rating was neutralized and the weighting reduced to 1. Although the work effort is NORMAL, this is a "specialty" type project. The grading criteria is similar as that for a COMPLEX type project. Since the Workload criterion was neutralized, a weighting of 1 was assigned. The major QBS criteria (Firm and Staff experience) was given a greater weighting (7 & 9) due to special project requirements.