

## **ADVERTISEMENT FOR ENGINEERING AND RELATED SERVICES**

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### **IDIQ CONTRACTS FOR INDEPENDENT COST ESTIMATING (ICE) SERVICES STATEWIDE**

Under the authority granted by Title 48 of Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) hereby issues this advertisement for consulting firms to provide engineering and related services. **Consultants who are a Louisiana or foreign LLC or corporation should be appropriately registered with the Louisiana Secretary of State, as contemplated by Title 12 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, and with the Louisiana Professional Engineering and Land Surveying (LAPELS) Board under its rules for firms. If a consultant is not in good standing in accordance with those provisions, it may be subject to consequences contemplated in Title 12 and/or the LAPELS rules. All requirements of LAPELS must be met at the time the proposal is submitted. Prime consultants must be registered with the Federal Government using SAM.gov prior to contract execution.**

One (1) proposal will be selected for each contract solicited per this advertisement. Only one (1) DOTD Form 24-102 proposal is required for this advertisement, and it represents the prime consultant's qualifications and those of any and all sub-consultants proposed to be used for the referenced contract(s). All identifying contract number(s) should be listed in Section 2 of the DOTD Form 24-102.

Any questions concerning this advertisement must be sent in writing to [DOTDConsultantAds80@la.gov](mailto:DOTDConsultantAds80@la.gov) no less than 48 hours (excluding weekends and holidays) prior to the proposal deadline.

### **SCOPE OF SERVICES**

The general tasks that the consultant may be required to perform are described more specifically in Attachment A, which is incorporated herein by reference. The selected consultant will perform the specific services covered in an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract as detailed in individual Task Orders (TOs), which will specify TO-specific scope of services, contract time, and compensation.

The consultant shall perform the work in accordance with the requirements of this advertisement, the resulting contract, and any TOs issued thereunder. Deliverables shall be in such format as required in Attachment A, unless otherwise specified in an individual TO. The work performed by the consultant shall be performed in a manner consistent with that degree of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the same profession currently practicing under similar circumstances.

## MINIMUM PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS (MPRs)

The requirements set forth in Attachment B must be met at the time the proposal is submitted.

### EVALUATION CRITERIA

The criteria to be used by DOTD in evaluating responses for the selection of a consultant to perform these services are listed below:

1. consultant's firm experience on similar projects, weighting factor of four (4);
2. consultant's staff experience on similar projects, weighting factor of five (5);

#### Project Category Weighting - Specialty

**THE FOLLOWING TABLE MUST BE COMPLETED AND INCLUDED IN SECTION 11 OF THE PRIME CONSULTANT'S DOTD FORM 24-102 PROPOSAL.**

Identify the percentage of work for the <u>overall contract</u> to be performed by the prime consultant and each sub-consultant.							
	% of Overall Contract	Prime	Firm B	Firm C	Firm D	Firm E	Firm F
Percent of Contract	100%						

Consultants will be evaluated as set forth in the "Evaluation Criteria" section of this advertisement. The evaluation will be by means of a point-based rating system. Each of the above criteria will receive a rating on a scale of one (1) through five (5). The rating will then be multiplied by the corresponding weighting factor. The firm's rating in each category will then be added to arrive at the consultant's final rating.

If sub-consultants are used, the prime consultant must perform a minimum of 51% of the work for the overall contract. The prime consultant and each sub-consultant will be evaluated on their part of the contract. The individual prime consultant and sub-consultant ratings, proportional to the amount of their work, will then be added to arrive at the total consultant rating.

DOTD's Project Evaluation Team will be responsible for performing the above described evaluation, and will present a shortlist of the three (3) (if three are qualified), highest rated consultants to the Secretary of DOTD. The Secretary will make the final selection.

### RULES OF CONTACT

These rules are designed to promote a fair and unbiased selection process. DOTD is the single source of information regarding the contract selection. Any official correspondence will be in writing, and any official information regarding the contract will be disseminated by DOTD's designated representative via the DOTD website. The following rules of contact will apply during the contract selection process, commencing on the advertisement posting date and ceasing at the

time of final contract selection. Contact includes face-to-face communication, the use of a telephone, facsimile, electronic mail (email), or formal or informal written communications with DOTD. Any contact determined to be improper, at the sole discretion of DOTD, may result in the rejection of the proposal (i.e., DOTD Form 24-102).

Consultants and consultant organizations shall correspond with DOTD regarding this advertisement only through the email address designated herein; [DOTDConsultantAds80@la.gov](mailto:DOTDConsultantAds80@la.gov) and during DOTD sponsored one-on-one meetings.

No consultant, or any other party on behalf of a consultant, shall contact any DOTD employee, other than as specified herein. This prohibition includes, but is not limited to, the contacting of: department heads, members of the evaluation teams, and any official who may participate in the decision to award the contract resulting from this advertisement.

DOTD will not be responsible for any information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified above.

**By submission of a proposal to perform services pursuant to this advertisement, the consultant agrees to the communication protocol herein.**

No protest or appeal will be entertained unless made in accordance with the procedures found on DOTD's website, which are incorporated herein by reference and can be accessed at: [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Pages/Process\\_Procedures.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Pages/Process_Procedures.aspx).

### **CONTRACT TIME**

This IDIQ contract shall be in effect for **five (5) years**. **All TOs must be completed by the termination date of the IDIQ contract.** No TO will be initiated unless sufficient contract time remains to complete the TO.

### **COMPENSATION**

The maximum compensation payable to the consultant under each IDIQ contract shall not exceed **\$3,000,000**. Compensation to the consultant for services rendered in connection with each TO may be made on the basis of lump sum, actual cost plus a fixed fee, cost per unit of work, or specific rates of compensation, as specified in each TO, subject to the limitation set forth in the IDIQ contract.

Compensation may be either negotiated or non-negotiated as determined by DOTD for each individual TO. When the compensation is negotiated, it will be determined by DOTD based on work hours negotiated between DOTD and the consultant. After notification of selection, a kick-off meeting will be held with the selected consultant and appropriate DOTD personnel. The selected consultant will be required to submit a work hour proposal. All negotiations must be completed within the timeframe set forth in the Consultant Contract Services Manual, unless an abbreviated timeframe is specified in writing by the PM.

## **DIRECT EXPENSES**

To the extent that the consultant is allowed to claim reimbursement for direct expenses, all direct expense items which are not paid for in the firm's indirect cost rate and which are needed and will be consumed during the life of the contract must be identified by the consultant during contract development. Standard equipment or resources to be used in the provision of services rendered for this contract will not be considered for payment under direct expenses.

The consultant should own most of the equipment required to provide the work and services. The cost of this equipment should be included in the consultant's indirect cost rate. Equipment may be considered "specialized" if it cannot be considered standard equipment for that particular consultant's normal operating business needs. If a consultant believes special equipment is needed for the contract, the consultant must inquire through the Question and Answer process, as provided herein, whether the identified item will be considered specialized equipment for the individual contract.

To the extent that direct expenses are authorized to be compensated pursuant to a particular TO, all travel related expenses will be compensated under direct expenses, and will be in accordance with the most current Louisiana Office of State Travel regulations as promulgated in the Louisiana Administrative Code under the caption "PPM No. 49", with the exception that compensation for vehicle usage will be based on actual miles traveled directly and exclusively related to project needs. Vehicle rental rates will require prior approval from the PM.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL**

DOTD requires the selected consultant and all sub-consultants to develop a Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) program in order to provide a mechanism by which all deliverables will be subject to a systematic and consistent review. The selected consultant shall address in its plan the review of all sub-consultant work and deliverables. The selected consultant must submit their QA/QC plan to the DOTD PM within 10 business days of the award notification to the consultant. Consultants must ensure quality and adhere to established DOTD policies, procedures, standards and guidelines in the preparation and review of all deliverables. DOTD may provide limited input and technical assistance to the consultant. Any deliverables to be transmitted by the consultant shall be transmitted with a DOTD Quality Assurance/Quality Control Checklist, and a certification that the deliverables meet DOTD's quality standards.

If Attachment A includes specific QA/QC requirements that contradict those set forth above, the requirements in Attachment A control.

## **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING PROCESS AND REPORT TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

As part of DOTD's on-going commitment to high quality traffic engineering reports, a traffic engineering training course must be taken by traffic engineering PEs and EIs in order to be eligible to work on DOTD projects. For consultants performing traffic engineering services (i.e., traffic analysis throughout all DOTD project stages), appropriate personnel must successfully complete the three (3) modules of the Traffic Engineering Process and Report Course offered by Louisiana

Transportation Research Center (LTRC) . This Course must be completed no later than the time the proposal is submitted. Copies of training certificates are to be included in the proposal. It will be the prime consultant's responsibility to ensure their staff and sub-consultants complete the training. Copies of training records may be obtained from the LTRC website <https://registration.ltrc.lsu.edu/login>.

## WORK ZONE TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

As part of DOTD's on-going commitment to work zone safety, required work zone training courses must now be taken every four (4) years in order for personnel to remain eligible to work on DOTD projects. For consultants performing preconstruction services (*i.e.*, design, survey, subsurface utility, geotechnical, traffic, bridge inspection, environmental services), appropriate personnel must successfully complete these courses. In general, the person in responsible charge of traffic control plans shall be required to have Traffic Control Supervisor training. For preconstruction field services performed within the clear zone, at least one (1) member of the field crew shall have Traffic Control Supervisor or Traffic Control Technician training. The consultant should identify all personnel listed in the staffing plan for the contract who have completed the appropriate work zone training courses. **The consultant shall explain in Section 16 of DOTD Form 24-102 how they plan to meet the work zone requirements.** All preconstruction work zone training requirements shall be met **prior to contract execution**. It will be the prime consultant's responsibility to ensure their staff and sub-consultants have the appropriate work zone training.

In addition to the above requirements, if the Scope of Services set forth in Attachment A includes Construction Engineering and Inspection (CE&I), the following training requirements shall be met **at the time the proposal is submitted**:

Field Engineers:	Traffic Control Technician Traffic Control Supervisor Flagger
Field Engineer Interns:	Traffic Control Technician Traffic Control Supervisor Flagger
Field Senior Technicians, Survey Party Chiefs, and SUE Worksite Traffic Supervisors*:	Traffic Control Technician Traffic Control Supervisor Flagger
Other Field Personnel*:	Traffic Control Technician Flagger

\* excluding Asphalt Plant Inspector, Paint Managers, and Paint Inspectors

Approved courses are offered by ATSSA and AGC. Substitutes for these courses must be approved by the DOTD Work Zone Task Force. For more information, please contact Barry Lacy at 225-379-1584. Specific training course requirements are:

- Flagger: Successful completion every four (4) years of a work zone flagger course approved by the Department. The “DOTD Maintenance Basic Flagging Procedures Workshop” is not an acceptable substitute for the ATSSA and AGC flagging courses.
- Traffic Control Technician (TCT): Successful completion every four (4) years of a work zone traffic control technician course approved the Department. After initial successful completion, it is not necessary to retake this course every four (4) years if Traffic Control Supervisor training is completed every four (4) years.
- Traffic Control Supervisor (TCS): Successful completion of a work zone traffic control supervisor course approved by the Department. Following an initial completion, traffic control supervisors must either complete a one (1)-day TCS refresher course or retake the original two (2)-day TCS course every four (4) years.

ATSSA contact information: (877) 642-4637

## REFERENCES

All services and documents will meet the standard requirements as to format and content of DOTD and will be prepared in accordance with the latest applicable editions, supplements, and revisions of the following:

1. AASHTO Standards – <https://www.transportation.org/>
2. ASTM Standards – <https://www.astm.org/BOOKSTORE/BOS/index.html>
3. DOTD Test Procedures – [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Materials\\_Lab/Pages/Menu\\_TPM.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Materials_Lab/Pages/Menu_TPM.aspx)
4. DOTD Location and Survey Manual – [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/LocationSurvey/Manuals%20and%20Forms/Location\\_and\\_Survey\\_Manual.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/LocationSurvey/Manuals%20and%20Forms/Location_and_Survey_Manual.pdf)
5. Addendum “A” to the Location & Survey Manual – [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/LocationSurvey/Manuals%20and%20Forms/Location%20and%20Survey%20Manual%20-%20Addendum%20A.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/LocationSurvey/Manuals%20and%20Forms/Location%20and%20Survey%20Manual%20-%20Addendum%20A.pdf)
6. DOTD Roadway Design Procedures and Details – [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Road\\_Design/Pages/Road-Design-Manual.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Road_Design/Pages/Road-Design-Manual.aspx)

7. DOTD Design Guidelines –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Road\\_Design/Memoranda/Minimum%20Design%20Guidelines.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Road_Design/Memoranda/Minimum%20Design%20Guidelines.pdf)
8. DOTD Hydraulics Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Public\\_Works/Hydraulics/Documents/Hydraulics%20Manual.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Public_Works/Hydraulics/Documents/Hydraulics%20Manual.pdf)
9. Louisiana Standard Specifications for Roads and Bridges –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Standard\\_Specifications/Pages/Standard%20Specifications.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Standard_Specifications/Pages/Standard%20Specifications.aspx)
10. Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (Non-DOTD Link) –  
<http://mutcd.fhwa.dot.gov/>
11. DOTD Traffic Signal Design Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic\\_Engineering/Traffic%20Control/Traffic%20Signal%20Manual%20V2.0%205-28-2015.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic_Engineering/Traffic%20Control/Traffic%20Signal%20Manual%20V2.0%205-28-2015.pdf)
12. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
13. DOTD Stage 1 Planning/Environmental Manual of Standard Practice - [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/Stage\\_1.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Environmental/Pages/Stage_1.aspx)
14. National Electrical Safety Code
15. National Electrical Code (NFPA 70)
16. A Policy on Geometric Design of Highways and Streets (AASHTO) –  
[https://bookstore.transportation.org/collection\\_detail.aspx?ID=110](https://bookstore.transportation.org/collection_detail.aspx?ID=110)
17. DOTD Construction Contract Administration Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Pages/Engineering\\_Docs.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Pages/Engineering_Docs.aspx)
18. DOTD Materials Sampling Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Materials\\_Lab/Pages/Menu\\_MSM.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Materials_Lab/Pages/Menu_MSM.aspx)
19. DOTD Bridge Design Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge\\_Design/Pages/BDEM.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge_Design/Pages/BDEM.aspx)
20. Consultant Contract Services Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Manuals/CCS%20Manual%202017.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Manuals/CCS%20Manual%202017.pdf)
21. Bridge Inspector's Training Manual –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Operations/BridgeMaintenance/Pages/Documents-and-Manuals.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Operations/BridgeMaintenance/Pages/Documents-and-Manuals.aspx)
22. Federal Aid Off-System Highway Bridge Program Guidelines –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge\\_Design/Manuals/Other%20Manuals%20-%20Guidelines/Federal%20Aid%20Off-System%20Highway%20Bridge%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Bridge_Design/Manuals/Other%20Manuals%20-%20Guidelines/Federal%20Aid%20Off-System%20Highway%20Bridge%20Program%20Guidelines.pdf)

23. Code of Federal Regulations 29 CFR 1926 (OSHA)
24. Complete Streets –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Multimodal/Highway\\_Safety/Complete\\_Streets/Pages/default.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Multimodal/Highway_Safety/Complete_Streets/Pages/default.aspx)
25. Traffic Engineering Manual -  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic\\_Engineering/Misc%20Documents/Traffic%20Engineering%20Manual.pdf](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic_Engineering/Misc%20Documents/Traffic%20Engineering%20Manual.pdf)
26. Traffic Engineering Process and Report –  
[http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic\\_Engineering/Publications/Pages/Process%20and%20Report.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/Traffic_Engineering/Publications/Pages/Process%20and%20Report.aspx)
27. AREMA: American Railway Engineering and Maintenance-of-Way Association, Manual for Railway Engineering (2019 ed.) – [https://www.arema.org/AREMA\\_MBRR/AREMA\\_MBRR/AREMAStore/MRE.aspx](https://www.arema.org/AREMA_MBRR/AREMA_MBRR/AREMAStore/MRE.aspx)

### **CONTRACT EXECUTION REQUIREMENTS**

The selected consultant will be required to execute the contract within ten (10) days after receipt of the contract.

A sample of the contract provisions can be found at the following link: [http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside\\_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Pages/Advertisements.aspx](http://wwwsp.dotd.la.gov/Inside_LaDOTD/Divisions/Engineering/CCS/Pages/Advertisements.aspx).

### **SECONDARY SELECTION PROCESS**

When multiple IDIQ contracts with similar scopes of service are available within a DOTD Section that is prepared to issue a TO, the TO selection procedures set forth in Attachment C shall be used to award that TO. Documentation of the selection process shall be retained by DOTD.

### **REVISIONS TO THE ADVERTISEMENT**

DOTD reserves the right to revise any part of the advertisement by issuing addenda to the advertisement at any time. Issuance of this advertisement in no way constitutes a commitment by DOTD to award a contract. DOTD reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or part, all DOTD Form 24-102s submitted, and/or cancel this consultant services procurement if it is determined to be in DOTD's best interest. All materials submitted in response to this advertisement become the property of DOTD, and selection or rejection of a proposal does not affect this right. DOTD also reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to waive administrative informalities contained in the advertisement.

### **CLARIFICATIONS**

DOTD reserves the right to request clarification of ambiguities or apparent inconsistencies found within any proposal, if it is determined to be in DOTD's best interest.



























