## STATE OF NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 451-25-015

Project Specifications and Instructions for Submitting a Proposal to Furnish

# On-Call Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) Design Services

Statewide

Due: **December 8, 2025**No later than 11:00 A.M. PT



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This Request for Proposal (RFP) is being advertised to select multiple firms with whom the Nevada Department of Transportation (DEPARTMENT) hopes to negotiate an Agreement for the described services. Issuance of this RFP shall in no way constitute a commitment by the DEPARTMENT to execute an Agreement. The total amount of Task Orders issued to all service providers shall not exceed Twenty-Five Million and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000,000.00).

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to issue addenda to this RFP prior to the Proposal due date. It is the Proposer's responsibility to check for any addenda to this procurement at <a href="www.dot.nv.gov">www.dot.nv.gov</a> prior to Proposal submission. Submission of a Proposal constitutes acknowledgement of this RFP and all subsequent addenda. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals received in response to this RFP, or to cancel this RFP if it is deemed in the best interest of the DEPARTMENT to do so.

Any agreement executed as a result of this procurement shall be a Master Service Agreement, and work will be issued by Task Order. Master Service Agreements with all successful Proposers must be executed prior to the issuance of the Notice of Award.

All Master Service Agreement SERVICE PROVIDERs will be invited to submit a response to a Request for Approach (RFA) when each task is identified. RFAs will be evaluated and ranked by the Project Manager. With approval from the Division Head, the top-ranked firm will be awarded the Task Order.

A firm proposing as a Prime Consultant (Proposer) for this procurement is not permitted to serve as a subconsultant on another Agreement within this Agreement series at any time during the life of the Agreement. By submitting a Proposal as a SERVICE PROVIDER, the Proposer is stating they will not be on any other project team as a subconsultant. In addition, it is the responsibility of the firm proposing as a SERVICE PROVIDER to ensure, prior to submittal of their Proposal, they have written acknowledgement and consent from their proposed subconsultants to be listed as a subconsultant and that the subconsultants will not submit a Proposal themselves as a SERVICE PROVIDER (copies of the written consent and acknowledgement shall be kept on file and be available to the DEPARTMENT upon request). Any firm that has submitted a Proposal as a SERVICE PROVIDER and is also identified as a subconsultant in another SERVICE PROVIDER's Proposal shall have their SERVICE PROVIDER Proposal submission rejected as non-responsive.

#### **SECTION I - BACKGROUND**

The purpose of this RFP is to select qualified firms to provide the DEPARTMENT with professional civil engineering and related support services. This RFP will establish an on-call list of firms that may be invited to respond to specific RFAs for assignments on an "as-needed" basis.

Selected firms must demonstrate strong technical expertise and experience in transportation design, project management, and all disciplines identified in the attached Scope of Services. Firms must also be capable of assisting the DEPARTMENT in developing complete bid packages, including stamped plans and engineer's estimates, as required for each project.

A separate task order will be issued for each assignment, with scope, schedule, and cost to be negotiated prior to the start of work.

#### **SECTION II - MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS**

Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) will first be reviewed to determine if minimum qualification requirements are met. Qualifications will be evaluated solely based upon information submitted in the SOQ; therefore, the SOQ must include sufficiently detailed information to clearly establish that the Proposer meets the minimum qualifications. Any Proposals submitted that do not meet the minimum qualification requirements, as outlined below, will be disposed of in an appropriate manner, at the sole

discretion of the DEPARTMENT, and without further review. All minimum qualifications must be held at time of submittal unless otherwise indicated.

#### **Minimum Qualification Requirements:**

- 1. The proposing firm must have a minimum of five (5) years of relevant experience in transportation engineering and design within the past ten (10) years and must demonstrate the firm's ability to deliver work of similar type, scope, and complexity as DEPARTMENT projects, including experience managing schedules, budgets, and quality.
- 2. The proposed Project Manager must be a licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada\*\* with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in transportation design within the past ten (10) years and must demonstrate experience leading projects similar in scope to DEPARTMENT projects, managing teams, coordinating with agencies, and ensuring quality and schedule compliance.
- 3. The proposed Design Lead must be a licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada\*\* with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in transportation design within the past ten (10) years and must demonstrate technical expertise, experience managing design deliverables, applying applicable standards, and ensuring accuracy and consistency in projects similar to DEPARTMENT projects.

\*\*The Proposer and its Project Manager shall comply with the registration requirements of Chapter 625 of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS), Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors, at the time of submission of the Proposal. Such individual(s) must be employed by the firm that is submitting the Proposal for consideration by the DEPARTMENT. A firm cannot meet the registration requirements of NRS Chapter 625, for qualification purposes, by "borrowing" such a person from another firm under the guise of a "Joint Venture" submission. Each firm of a Joint Venture must be qualified by the DEPARTMENT by having a Nevada licensed Professional Engineer on staff; each Joint Venture firm must stand alone in this requirement. If the Proposal is being submitted by a Joint Venture, a copy of the documents by which such Joint Venture is formed must be submitted with the Proposal. The individuals so named must be Nevada licensed Professional Engineers at the time of submission; pending licenses do not qualify.

The Proposer shall procure and maintain for the duration of the Agreement any state, county, city or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit qualification or certification required by statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by the Proposer to provide the goods or services required by the Agreement. The Proposer shall provide proof of its compliance upon request of the DEPARTMENT. The Proposer will be responsible to pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Real property and personal property taxes are the responsibility of the Proposer in accordance with NRS 361.157 and NRS 361.159. The Proposer agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of the Agreement. The Agreement may be terminated without notice if any of the above licenses or requirements are for any reason denied, revoked, debarred, excluded, terminated, suspended, lapsed, or not renewed.

#### **SECTION III - SCOPE OF SERVICES**

Please see Attachment A - Scope of Services.

#### **SECTION IV - INSTRUCTIONS TO PROPOSER**

Task	Date
RFP Release	10/27/2025
Proposers' Questions Due	11/10/2025 at 11:00 A.M. PT
DEPARTMENT's Response to Proposers' Questions Distributed	11/17/2025
Proposal Due	12/08/2025 at 11:00 A.M. PT

The Proposal must respond to each Evaluation Factor listed. The Proposal MUST provide clearly titled sections, referencing the same number and title as the Evaluation Factor being addressed. Each Evaluation Factor must be addressed in the exact same order as the Evaluation Factors appear in Section IV - Instructions to Proposer. All other appendices and/or documents may be utilized by the DEPARTMENT in support of the responses but will NOT be considered as standalone responses to the Evaluation Criteria.

No cost information is to be provided with the Proposal. The selection will be based on the Proposal offering the best qualifications to the DEPARTMENT. Cost shall be negotiated with the most qualified firm after conclusion of the evaluation process.

#### **EVALUATION FACTORS**

- Past Performance (30 Points): Provide examples of your firm's past performance on engineering and design projects successfully completed within the past five (5) years. In your response,
  - a. Clearly describe the type and scope of projects delivered, the quality and accuracy of your work delivered, and how project schedules and milestones were managed.
  - b. Explain the measures taken to control costs and maintain budget commitments, and highlight lessons learned or challenges encountered and explain how those challenges were resolved.
  - c. Demonstrate how your firm's past work is directly relevant to DEPARTMENT-type projects and clearly illustrate your ability to meet the requirements necessary for any work outlined in the Scope of Services.
- 2. Project Approach (25 Points): Describe your understanding of the Scope of Services and present your plan to successfully deliver DEPARTMENT projects. In your response,
  - Explain your approach to delivering Design-Bid-Build projects on accelerated schedules to meet funding deadlines and how you will coordinate with DEPARTMENT Headquarters, District(s), and technical Divisions throughout the project.
  - Identify potential risks, complications, or constraints that may be encountered in the implementation of the required services and provide strategies for addressing and resolving them.
  - c. Describe your approach to Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC) to ensure technical accuracy and consistency in all work deliverables.
- **3. Project Team (20 Points):** Identify the Project Manager and key personnel who will be assigned to DEPARTMENT projects. In your response,
  - a. Provide the education, qualifications, and relevant experience of the Project Manager, as well as the experience and expertise of key staff and subcontractors.
  - b. Include an organizational chart that shows reporting relationships and responsibilities, and describe how your team will communicate, coordinate, and collaborate to ensure efficient project delivery.
  - c. Explain how you will maintain staff continuity over the life of the contract to ensure consistent and reliable performance.
- **4. Availability and Capacity (15 Points):** Demonstrate that your firm has the resources and availability to successfully deliver DEPARTMENT projects. In your response,
  - a. Describe the current and projected workload of your firm and key staff and explain the availability of staff to meet DEPARTMENT project timelines.
  - b. Outline your firm's ability to scale resources up or down to respond to project demands and identify any specialized expertise or support staff that can be made available as needed.
- **5. Other Factors (10 Points):** Show your understanding of DEPARTMENT's requirements and your ability to apply them. In your response,

- a. Provide examples of your experience using DEPARTMENT policies, manuals, standards, and procedures.
- b. Demonstrate your familiarity with Federal, State, and local regulations that affect DEPARTMENT projects, and explain how you will ensure DEPARTMENT-specific requirements are fully integrated into project design and delivery.

#### **LOCAL PREFERENCE:**

Per Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 333.3352 and 333.3354, a local preference credit of five percent (5%) will be granted for Proposers who have a principal place of business in the State of Nevada when evaluating competitive proposals. This five percent (5%) will not be afforded to a Proposer that has a principal place of business in a state other than Nevada. To claim this preference a Proposer must indicate in their cover letter that Nevada is their principal place of business. The term 'principal place of business' has the meaning outlined by the United States Supreme Court in Hertz Corp v. Friend, 559 U.S. 77 (2010), typically meaning a company's corporate headquarters. 6.2.3.

The DEPARTMENT's determination regarding a business' local preference credit shall be final.

The Proposers must follow these requirements in preparing their Proposals:

- 1. The Proposal <u>must</u> respond to each Evaluation Factor. Each response <u>must</u> be contained in its own unique, numbered section bearing the same number and title as the particular Evaluation Factor being addressed. Each Evaluation Factor must be presented in the exact same order as the Evaluation Factors appear in this Section IV Instructions to Proposer.
- 2. It is recommended that 11-point standard Arial font and 1.5-line spacing is used in the responses to the Evaluation Factors including tables, figures, charts and graphics. To prevent interference with the presentation of the material, the text size and line spacing used must be legible without the use of magnification. Disregard for this recommendation may negatively affect Proposal evaluation. The responses to the Evaluation Factors must not exceed twenty (20) 8½" x 11" pages. 11" x 17" pages will be counted as two (2) pages. Please see paragraph 4 below for additional information about what is not included in the page count.
- 3. A Cover Letter is required. The Cover Letter may be single-spaced and <u>must not</u> exceed one (1) 8½" x 11" page. It <u>must</u> include the Proposer's contact information including name, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- 4. Resumes, Nevada State Business Licenses and Statements of Qualifications (see Attachment B Statement of Qualifications) <u>must</u> only be included as an Appendix to the Proposal. Resumes can be submitted to verify information contained in the responses to the Evaluation Factors but will not be considered by the review committee as part of the Proposal. Cover Page, Section Dividers, Cover Letter, and aforementioned Appendix <u>do not</u> count towards the page count limitation identified in Paragraph 2 above. Any additional appendices with information that pertains to the Evaluation Criteria will be counted toward the page limit.
- 5. The United States Department of Transportation (USDOT or Department) requires the collection of Proposer list information from successful and unsuccessful Proposers and their subcontractors. This information includes company name, SBE or non-SBE status, age of firm, gross receipt brackets, and North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code applicable to each scope of work the firm sought to perform in its Proposal. Information collected must be submitted with all Proposals on the "Service Provider List Requirements" form that is attached to this RFP (see Attachment C Service Provider List Requirements).

Failure to meet any stated requirements or limitations within this RFP may result in a Proposal being deemed non-responsive in the DEPARTMENT's sole discretion.

Each Proposer <u>must</u> submit its Proposal in a searchable PDF format through the DEPARTMENT's Vendor Portal website, located at <u>www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/vendor-opportunities/vendor-portal-login</u>. In order to submit Proposals, Proposers <u>must</u> initially register with the DEPARTMENT at www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/vendor-opportunities/vendor-registration.

Any Proposal received prior to the date and time specified above for receipt of Proposals may be withdrawn or modified; Proposals can be modified through the Vendor Portal webpage any time prior to the date and time specified above. The modified Proposal must be received before the time and date specified above for receipt of Proposals.

Proposals received after the specified deadline <u>will not</u> be considered and will be disposed of in an appropriate manner suitable to the DEPARTMENT, in its sole discretion.

Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and/or Proprietary Information must be marked as such in the Proposal. The failure to mark this information as per NRS 333.020 and 333.333 shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by release of the information by the DEPARTMENT. If the DEPARTMENT reviews the confidential information and determines that the information is not considered confidential pursuant to NRS Chapter 333, the DEPARTMENT will contact the Proposer. The Proposer must advise the DEPARTMENT as to whether it either accepts the DEPARTMENT's determination that the information is not confidential or withdraws the information. The Proposer will not be allowed to alter the Proposal after the date and time set for receipt of Proposals shown above. Notwithstanding the provisions in NRS Chapter 333, the DEPARTMENT retains its immunity pursuant to the provisions of NRS 239.012 for any "good faith" release of information, and the immunities from liability provided to it pursuant to NRS Chapter 41.

The DEPARTMENT assumes no financial responsibility in connection with the Proposers' costs incurred by attending any mandatory pre-submittal meeting, in the preparation and submission of the Proposal packets, or by attending the oral interviews, if such interviews are conducted by the DEPARTMENT in its sole discretion.

Each Proposer shall familiarize itself with the "Sample Service Agreement" template which can be found under the "Vendor Opportunities" section on the <a href="Nevada Department of Transportation">Nevada Department of Transportation</a> website. To maintain consistency between the DEPARTMENT and its SERVICE PROVIDERS, only those portions of the "Sample Service Agreement" which are blank may be open for negotiation.

A pre-negotiation audit may be required by the DEPARTMENT's Audit Services. The objective of a pre-negotiation audit is to establish a provisional indirect cost rate of direct labor to be utilized for negotiations and progress payments to the SERVICE PROVIDER during the course of the project. All DEPARTMENT audits will be conducted and/or indirect cost rates will be accepted in accordance with the guidelines stated in the most recent American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Uniform Audit and Accounting Guide, which can be found at <a href="https://www.transportation.org">www.transportation.org</a>, and the DEPARTMENT's policy on the same.

The Cost Plus Fixed Fee method of compensation shall be used for the Proposer's services, as set forth in 48 CFR Chapter 1.

#### **SECTION V - RULES OF CONTACT**

The following rules of contact shall apply during this procurement:

After release of the RFP and through the Notice of Award of the Agreement, the Proposers shall **ONLY** correspond with the DEPARTMENT regarding this RFP through the DEPARTMENT's designated representative as per NAC 333.155. The exception applies upon issuance of the Notice of Intent, where negotiations will be conducted between the DEPARTMENT and the successful Proposer(s), The designated representative's contact information is:

## Agreement Services Nevada DEPARTMENT of Transportation 1263 South Stewart Street, Room 102 Carson City, Nevada 89712 Phone: 775-888-7070

Fax: 775-888-7101 agreeservices@dot.nv.gov

The Proposers shall not contact the DEPARTMENT's employees, including DEPARTMENT heads, members of the review committee and/or any official who will participate in the decision to award the Agreement regarding the Project, except through the process identified above. Any communications determined to be improper may result in disqualification, at the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT. Any official information regarding the RFP will be disseminated by the DEPARTMENT. Specific information necessary for the preparation of Proposals will be disclosed to all Proposers. The DEPARTMENT will not be responsible for any oral exchange or any other information or exchange that occurs outside the official process specified herein. Failure to comply with these rules of contact may result in a Proposal being deemed non-responsive in the DEPARTMENT's sole discretion.

#### **SECTION VI - PROPOSER QUESTIONS**

Any irregularities or lack of clarity in the RFP must be brought to Agreement Service's attention, in writing, as soon as possible, so that corrective addenda may be furnished by the DEPARTMENT in a timely manner to all Proposers.

Any questions raised by Proposers must be submitted in writing through the Open Procurements webpage, located at <a href="www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/vendor-opportunities/open-procurements">www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/vendor-opportunities/open-procurements</a> no later than 11:00 A.M. PT, on November 10, 2025. The DEPARTMENT will respond to questions regarding the RFP, including requests for clarification and requests to correct errors, on or before November 17, 2025. Only requests submitted through the Open Procurements webpage will be considered. No requests for additional information or clarification to any other DEPARTMENT office, consultant, employee, or the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) will be considered or allowed.

#### SECTION VII - NEVADA BUSINESS LICENSE REQUIREMENT

The selected firm, prior to doing business in the State of Nevada, must be appropriately licensed by the Office of the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 76.100. Information regarding the Nevada State Business License can be located at <a href="https://www.nvsos.gov">www.nvsos.gov</a>.

Before the Agreement(s) resulting from this RFP can be executed, the successful Proposer(s) <u>must</u> provide the following:

- A. Nevada State Business License Number; and
- B. Business Entity's Legal Name (affirm that it is the same name under which the Proposer is doing business).

Additionally, if the Proposer is a corporation, LLC, LP, LLP, or LLLP, or non-profit corporation based out of state, it must be registered as a foreign business entity equivalent in Nevada, in active status, and in good standing with the Nevada Secretary of State.

Each Proposer shall clearly state, at the time of Proposal submission, its willingness to adhere to this requirement by providing a statement of adherence within the proposal cover letter, a copy of its Nevada State Business License, a copy of its application from the Secretary of State Office, or a print out of the entity status, which can be obtained from the Nevada Business Search found on the homepage of the Nevada Secretary of State's website at <a href="https://www.nvsos.gov">www.nvsos.gov</a>.

Award of any Agreement is contingent on a Proposer having and holding an active and valid Nevada State Business License. The successful Proposer must satisfy this requirement within five (5) business days of issuance of the Notice of Intent. If a Proposer is unable or unwilling to adhere to this requirement, the DEPARTMENT will deem the Proposer to be non-responsive, and the DEPARTMENT will proceed to negotiate with the next most qualified firm, and so on, until an Agreement, that is acceptable to the DEPARTMENT, is negotiated.

To apply for a Nevada State Business License or to file appropriate formation documents with the Nevada Secretary of State's office, please visit <a href="www.nvsos.gov">www.nvsos.gov</a>. Business licenses can be obtained immediately by applying on-line; however, paper applications may take several weeks to process.

#### **SECTION VIII - SELECTION PROCESS**

Selection will be based on the Evaluation Factors listed in the Evaluation Factors section (Section IV), which will be used by a Review Committee to evaluate the Proposals. The Review Committee will be comprised of DEPARTMENT staff and may include other members representing local entities, who shall remain anonymous to protect the integrity of the procurement process.

Oral interviews will not be conducted unless two or more proposers receive tying scores.

The committee may use the information submitted in the Proposer's Proposal package, the information referenced in this RFP, and the information presented at the interview, if applicable, to arrive at the final ranking. The Proposals will be ranked, and an Agreement may be negotiated following the selection of a most qualified Proposer. If an acceptable Agreement cannot be reached with the highest ranked firm, the DEPARTMENT may proceed to negotiate with the next highest ranked firm, and so on, until an acceptable Agreement is negotiated, or the DEPARTMENT, in its sole discretion, elects to terminate the solicitation.

It is the DEPARTMENT's policy that any Person under current contract with the DEPARTMENT to prepare procurement documents for the Project will not be allowed to participate in any capacity on a Proposer team.

Proposer confirms, by submitting its proposal, that no directors, officers, or employees of the DEPARTMENT, or their agents, have any financial or other interest, directly or indirectly, in the Proposer's organization. Proposer acknowledges that, in the event it was awarded a contract as a result of this procurement, such contract would be declared void if the DEPARTMENT later discovered that any of its directors, officers, or employees, or their agents, had such an interest.

Proposer shall provide information concerning organizational conflicts of interest and disclose all relevant facts concerning any past, present, or currently planned interest, which may present an organizational conflict of interest. Organizational conflict of interest means that because of other activities or relationships with other persons, a person is unable or potentially unable to render impartial assistance or advice to the DEPARTMENT, or the person's objectivity in performing the contract work is or might be otherwise impaired, or a person has an unfair competitive advantage with regard to the subject procurement. Proposer shall state how its interests or those of any of its team members, consultants, contractors, or Subcontractors, including the interests of any chief executives, directors, or key personnel thereof, may result in, or could be viewed as, an organizational conflict of interest.

Proposer shall provide information concerning organizational conflicts of interest and disclose all relevant facts concerning any past, present or currently planned interest, which may present an organizational conflict of interest. Proposer shall state how its interests or those of any of its team members, consultants, contractors or Subcontractors, including the interests of any chief executives, directors or key personnel thereof, may result in, or could be viewed as, an organizational conflict of interest.

By submitting its response to this RFP, each Proposer agrees that, if an organizational conflict of interest is discovered after Proposal submission, the Proposer must make an immediate and full written disclosure to the DEPARTMENT that includes a description of the conflict(s) and the action that the Proposer has taken or proposes to take to avoid or mitigate such conflicts. If an organizational conflict of interest about which the Proposer knew, or should have known, but failed to disclose, is determined to exist during the procurement process, the DEPARTMENT may, in its sole discretion, disqualify the Proposer. If an organizational conflict of interest about which the Proposer knew, or should have known, but failed to disclose exists and the Proposer has entered into an agreement, the DEPARTMENT may, at its sole discretion, terminate the agreement for breach and without liability to Proposer. In either case, the DEPARTMENT reserves all rights and remedies.

In responding to this RFP, the Proposer shall be responsible for ensuring their proposal response conforms to the following DEPARTMENT data standards, which shall be enforced in all subsequent contracts.

- 1. The Proposer agrees to the following definitions:
  - a. Structured data refers to information that is organized in a predefined manner, typically in rows and columns, making it easily searchable and analyzable. This type of data is often stored in databases or spreadsheets, where each data point has a specific meaning or value within a fixed schema. Examples of structured data include relational databases, tables in spreadsheets, and data stored in SQL databases.
  - b. Unstructured data refers to information that does not have a predefined data model or is not organized in a systematic way. It is typically text-heavy and can include multimedia content, making it more complex to process and analyze. Examples of unstructured data include emails, social media posts, videos, images, and documents in various formats.
  - c. NDOT DATA refers to any structured or unstructured data:
    - i. Prepared by the Proposer in the performance of its obligations under this Agreement;
    - ii. Collected, stored, passed through, or reported out of a vendor-supported or thirdparty cloud-hosted application, system, or service in the performance of this Agreement;
    - iii. Purchased by the DEPARTMENT; and
    - iv. Classified both public and non-public (internal use, sensitive, or restricted).
- 2. The Proposer accepts the following data terms and conditions with respect to NDOT DATA made available to the Proposer:
  - a. NDOT DATA is the exclusive intellectual property of the DEPARTMENT. Sole ownership of NDOT DATA rests with the DEPARTEMENT.
  - b. The Proposer agrees to collect, store, and retrieve NDOT DATA in accordance with <a href="Transportation Policy 3-11 Data Governance Policy">Transportation Policy 3-11 Data Governance Policy</a>, <a href="NDOT IT Standards">NDOT Records</a> <a href="Retention Schedule">Retention Schedule</a>, <a href="Transportation Policy 1-3-13 Cloud Technology Policy">Transportation Policy 1-3-14 Technology Use Policy</a>, and any Data Sharing Agreements (reference template) between the Provider and the DEPARTMENT.
  - c. The Proposer agrees to protect the confidentiality and integrity of NDOT DATA in accordance with the <u>Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 603A-Security and Privacy of Personal Information</u>, in compliance with the <u>Transportation Policy 3-11 Data</u>

Governance Policy, <u>Transportation Policy 1-3-14 Technology Use Policy</u>, and <u>Center for Internet Security (CIS) v8</u>.

- d. The Proposer agrees to authenticate and control access to NDOT DATA in accordance with NDOT IT Standards, Transportation Policy 1-3-15 Mobile Device Policy, Transportation Policy 1-3-13 Cloud Technology Policy, and any Data Sharing Agreements (reference template) between the Provider and the DEPARTMENT.
- e. The Proposer agrees to make NDOT DATA available (system's uptime and accessibility) to the DEPARTMENT in accordance with <u>Transportation Policy 3-11 Data Governance Policy</u>, <u>NDOT IT Standards</u>, <u>NDOT Records Retention Schedule</u>, and <u>Transportation Policy 1-3-13 Cloud Technology Policy</u>.
- f. The Proposer agrees to only share NDOT DATA in accordance with <u>Transportation Policy 3-11 Data Governance Policy</u>, <u>NDOT IT Standards</u>, <u>NDOT Records Retention Schedule</u>, <u>Transportation Policy 1-3-13 Cloud Technology Policy</u>, <u>Transportation Policy 1-3-14 Technology Use Policy</u>, and any Data Sharing Agreements (<u>reference template</u>) between the Provider and the DEPARTMENT.
- g. The Proposer agrees to comply with DEPARTMENT audits of NDOT DATA in accordance with <u>Transportation Policy 3-11 Data Governance Policy</u>, <u>NDOT IT Standards</u>, and <u>Transportation Policy 1-3-13 Cloud Technology Policy</u>.

#### SECTION IX - DISCLOSURE OF CURRENT AND FORMER STATE EMPLOYEES

Proposals from firms employing current or former employees of the State of Nevada will be considered pursuant to the requirements and limitations set forth in the NRS 333.705, and the State Administrative Manual, Section 323.

- · Current employee is a person who is an employee of an agency of the State;
- Former employee is a person who was an employee of any agency of the State at any time in the two (2) years preceding the commencement date of the proposed [agreement], and who will be receiving retirement benefits under the Public Employee' Retirement System at any time during the period of the [agreement].

Prior to entering into an agreement with a firm, the DEPARTMENT must request approval from the State Board of Examiners (BOE). That individual will not be permitted to work on the project until the BOE provides approval. Each Proposer shall submit, as part of their Proposal, the "Authorization to Contract with a Current Employee" and/or "Authorization to Contract with a Former Employee" form(s) to assist the DEPARTMENT in requesting such approval from the BOE. The forms are located at <a href="http://purchasing.nv.gov/contracts/empcontracting">http://purchasing.nv.gov/contracts/empcontracting</a>.

In the event of a denial by the BOE, the Proposer will be allowed one (1) opportunity to replace the disapproved employee with another employee who possesses substantially equivalent capabilities. The DEPARTMENT has the authority to approve or deny the equivalent employee.

In addition, all former state employees are advised to contact the Nevada Commission on Ethics regarding a separate twelve (12) month cooling off period, per NRS 281A.550. This statute pertains to a public officer/employee soliciting or accepting employment from certain vendors if the vendor was awarded a contract exceeding Twenty-Five Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$25,000.00) during the past twelve (12) months.

#### **SECTION X - AWARD PROCESS**

The DEPARTMENT shall issue its Notice of Intent in accordance with NAC 333.170. Any award is contingent upon the successful negotiation of final contract terms and upon approval of the

Transportation Board, when required. Negotiations shall be confidential and not subject to disclosure to competing firms. The terms agreed to by the parties shall be confidential until an Agreement is executed. If contract negotiations cannot be concluded successfully, the DEPARTMENT, at its sole discretion and upon written notice to all firms, may negotiate a contract with the next highest-ranking firm or withdraw the RFP and cancel this procurement.

Upon the successful negotiation and execution of an Agreement, the DEPARTMENT shall issue a Notice of Award in accordance with NAC 333.170, at which time Proposals are no longer confidential and can be requested from the DEPARTMENT via a Public Records Request, available at: <a href="https://www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/contact-us/public-records-request">www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/contact-us/public-records-request</a>.

Pursuant to NRS 333.370, the period in which a person who made an unsuccessful proposal may file a notice of appeal commences. Any unsuccessful vendor may file an appeal in strict compliance with NRS 333.370 and NAC Chapter 333.

#### **SECTION XI - TERMS, CONDITIONS AND EXCEPTIONS**

This procurement is being conducted in accordance with NRS Chapters 333 and 408, NAC Chapter 333, and SAM Section 300.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to alter, amend, or modify any provisions of this RFP, or to withdraw this RFP, at any time prior to the award of a contract pursuant hereto, if, in the sole discretion of the DEPARTMENT, it is in the best interest of the state to do so.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to waive informalities and minor irregularities in Proposals received.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals received prior to contract award (NRS 333.350).

Alterations, modifications or variations to a Proposal may not be considered unless authorized by the RFP, or by an addendum or an amendment to the RFP.

Proposals which appear unrealistic in the terms of technical commitments, lack of technical competence, or are indicative of failure to comprehend the complexity and risk of the requirements of this RFP, may be rejected.

All materials submitted in accordance with the prescribed deadline become the property of the DEPARTMENT and will not be returned. The DEPARTMENT's selection or rejection of a Proposal does not affect this right. The master copy of each Proposal shall be retained for official files and will become public record after execution of an Agreement. Only specific parts of the Proposal may be labeled a "trade secret," provided that the Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify the DEPARTMENT for honoring such a designation (NRS 333.333); unsuccessful Proposals containing "trade secrets" will be returned pursuant to NRS 239.010. The failure to so label any information shall constitute a complete waiver of any and all claims for damages caused by any release of such information by the DEPARTMENT. The DEPARTMENT shall not be liable for disclosure or release of information when authorized or required by law to do so pursuant to NRS 239.012.

The awarded Proposer will be the sole point of Agreement responsibility. The DEPARTMENT will look solely to the awarded Proposer for the performance of all contractual obligations, which may result from an award based on this RFP, and the awarded Proposer shall not be relieved for the non-performance of any or all of its subcontractors.

The SERVICE PROVIDER shall procure and maintain for the duration of this Agreement any state, county, city or federal license, authorization, waiver, permit qualification or certification required by

statute, ordinance, law, or regulation to be held by the SERVICE PROVIDER to provide the goods or services required by this Agreement. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall provide proof of its compliance upon request of the DEPARTMENT. The SERVICE PROVIDER will be responsible to pay all taxes, assessments, fees, premiums, permits, and licenses required by law. Real property and personal property taxes are the responsibility of the SERVICE PROVIDER in accordance with NRS 361.157 and NRS 361.159. The SERVICE PROVIDER agrees to be responsible for payment of any such government obligations not paid by its subcontractors during performance of this Agreement. This Agreement may be terminated without notice if any of the above licenses or requirements are for any reason denied, revoked, debarred, excluded, terminated, suspended, lapsed, or not renewed.

The awarded Proposer must maintain, for the duration of its Agreement, insurance coverage as set forth in the Agreement executed in response to this RFP. Work under the Agreement shall not begin until after the awarded Proposer has submitted to the DEPARTMENT acceptable evidence of the required insurance coverage. Failure to maintain any required insurance coverage or alternative method of insurance acceptable to the DEPARTMENT in its sole discretion will be deemed a breach of contract.

Each Proposer must disclose any existing or potential conflict of interest relative to the performance of the contractual services resulting from this RFP. Any such relationship that might be perceived or represented as a conflict must be disclosed. By submitting a Proposal in response to this RFP, each Proposer affirms that they have not given, nor intend to give at any time hereafter, any economic opportunity, future employment, gift, loan, gratuity, special discount, trip, favor, or service to a public servant or any employee or representative of same, in connection with this procurement. Any attempt to intentionally or unintentionally conceal or obfuscate a conflict of interest will automatically result in the disqualification of a Proposer's Proposal. An award will not be made where a conflict of interest exists. The DEPARTMENT, in its sole discretion, will determine whether a conflict of interest exists and whether it may reflect negatively on the DEPARTMENT's selection of a Proposer. The DEPARTMENT reserves the right in its sole discretion to impose additional requirements upon the Proposer to mitigate such conflict of interest or to disqualify any Proposer on the grounds of an actual or an apparent conflict of interest.

The DEPARTMENT will not be liable for Federal, State, or Local excise taxes.

The DEPARTMENT reserves the right to negotiate final Agreement terms with any Proposer selected in accordance with NAC 333.170. The Agreement between the parties will consist of the final executed Agreement, the RFP with any modifications thereto, and the awarded Proposer's Proposal with any modifications and clarifications thereto that are incorporated at the request of the DEPARTMENT during the evaluation and negotiation process. In the event of any conflict or contradiction between or among these documents, the documents shall control in the following order of precedence: the final executed Agreement, addenda to the RFP, the RFP, any modifications and clarifications to the awarded Proposer's Proposal, and the awarded Proposer's Proposal. Specific exceptions to this general rule may be noted in the final executed Agreement.

The Proposer understands and acknowledges that the representations above are material and important and will be relied on by the DEPARTMENT in its evaluation of a Proposal. Any misrepresentation by a Proposer shall be treated as fraudulent concealment from the DEPARTMENT of the true facts relating to the Proposal.

No announcement concerning the award of an Agreement as a result of this RFP can be made without the prior written approval of the DEPARTMENT.

The Nevada Attorney General will not render any type of legal opinion regarding this transaction.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Scope of Services

Attachment B - Statement of Qualifications

Attachment C - Service Provider List Requirements

Attachment D - Proposal Preparation Instructions
Attachment E - Title VI Compliance Questionnaire

## Attachment A Scope of Services

This Scope of Services is intended to assist the DEPARTMENT in delivering projects or performing various tasks needed to help deliver construction projects as well as additional accelerated projects as needed. Due to limited internal resources and workload, the DEPARTMENT may require supplemental support across any of its engineering disciplines to ensure timely project delivery as well as support to other project management tasks.

The final scope for each project will be defined in the Request for Approach (RFA), and may include, but is not limited to, the following services:

#### A. Engineering and Design Services

Services may be required in any of the DEPARTMENT's engineering disciplines, including:

- Project Management Services, including Project Management Plans (PMP), Quality Assurance/Quality Control (QA/QC), coordination, meetings, progress reporting, and project scheduling
- Field Reviews, Data Collection, and Project Scoping
- General Environmental Services, Studies, and Surveys
- Roadway Design and Engineering Services
- Plan, Specifications, Quantities and Cost Estimate Preparation and Development
- Right-of-Way Survey Services, Engineering, and Acquisition Support (in accordance with the Uniform Act and current NDOT policies and standards)
- Subsurface Utility Exploration (SUE) and coordination
- Structural Design
- Traffic Operations and Modeling/Forecasting
- Traffic Signal, Intelligent Transportation System (ITS), and Lighting Design
- Traffic Pavement Marking and Signing Design
- Traffic Control Plans, Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) Analysis, and Transportation Management Plans (TMP)
- Pavement Design
- Hydraulics/Drainage and Stormwater Design
- Landscape and Aesthetics Design
- Mapping and Surveying
- Geotechnical Investigation and Analysis
- Construction Engineering and Support Services during construction
- Transportation Engineering Studies, Cost Risk Assessments, Value Engineering Studies, Benefit/Cost Analysis, and Constructability Reviews and Construction Schedules
- Public Involvement, Relations, Outreach, and Meetings

#### B. Applicable Project Types

Projects delivered under this Scope may include, but are not limited to:

- District Betterment Projects
- Hydraulic Projects
- Preservation Projects
- ADA and Pedestrian Ramp Improvement Projects
- Bridge/Structure Projects
- Safety Projects
- Traffic Operations Projects
- Bike and Multimodal Projects
- Landscape and Aesthetic Projects

- Capacity and Interchange Projects
- Other Special Projects and Studies

#### C. Reference Materials

Current manuals and guidance documents for each discipline are available at: NDOT Documents and Publications

Any project management assistance tasks need to conform with the current NDOT Project Management Guidelines, current NDOT Risk Management and Risk-Based Cost Estimation Guidelines, current NDOT Pioneer Program Guidelines, and current FHWA Project Management Guidance.

For scope associated with plan, specifications, quantities, and cost estimate preparation and development, the SERVICE PROVIDER shall produce biddable and buildable construction plans, specifications, quantities, and cost estimates. The SERVICE PROVIDER shall also provide support as needed for the projects during advertising and construction. All engineering services shall conform to current DEPARTMENT policies, manuals, standards, and design criteria, including but not limited to:

- 2019 NDOT Road Design Guide (or latest version)
- 2020 Plan Preparation Guide (or latest version)
- 2014 NDOT Standard Specifications for Road and Bridge Construction (or latest version)
- 2024 Standard Plans for Road and Bridge Construction (or latest version)
- 2020 ADA Design Guidelines (or latest version)

All design efforts shall be prepared in English units using the latest DEPARTMENT-approved **OpenRoads Designer software**; converted AutoCAD files will <u>NOT</u> be accepted.

## Attachment B Statement of Qualifications

#### RFP-specific fillable PDF form is available on the NDOT Portal's "Documents" tab.

The Statement of Qualification form must be completed in full, as-is, and submitted as part of the Proposal package per Request for Proposal instructions.

Request for Proposal number: <u>451-25-015</u>	
Date prepared:	
Firm's name:	
Minimum Qualification Requirements:	
1. Please describe how your firm meets the following requirement: The proposing firm must have a minimum five (5) years of relevant experience in transportation engineering and design within the past ten (10) years a must demonstrate the firm's ability to deliver work of similar type, scope, and complexity as DEPARTME projects, including experience managing schedules, budgets, and quality. (Provide specific project titl timeframes (month/year – month/year), and a brief description of each project):	and NT

2. Please describe how your firm meets the following requirement: The proposed Project Manager must be licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada** with a minimum of five (5) years of experience i transportation design within the past ten (10) years and must demonstrate experience leading projects similar i scope to DEPARTMENT projects, managing teams, coordinating with agencies, and ensuring quality an schedule compliance. (Provide engineer's license information, relevant project titles, timeframes (month/year month/year), and a brief description of each project):	in in id

3. Please describe how your firm meets the following requirement: The proposed Design Lead must be a licensed Professional Civil Engineer in the State of Nevada** with a minimum of five (5) years of experience in transportation design within the past ten (10) years and must demonstrate technical expertise, experience managing design deliverables, applying applicable standards, and ensuring accuracy and consistency in projects similar to DEPARTMENT projects. (Provide engineer's license information, relevant project titles, timeframes			
(month/year – month/year), and a brief description of each project):			



## Attachment C Service Provider List Requirements

In accordance with US DOT Final Rule, 49 CFR Part 26. Please fill out form and submit with Proposal.

Prime Service Provider:			RFP Number:		SBE or non-SBE:			
Address:		ddress:		City/State:	Zip:			
Age of Firm:	Gross Receipt Bracket:		NAICS (applicable to each scope of work):					
Subcontractor Nam	ne	Full Address	SBE or non-SBE	Age of Firm	Gross Receipt Bracket	NAICS (Applicable to each scope of work the subcontractor sought to perform in its bid)		

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## Attachment D Proposal Preparation Instructions

Pr	oposal Submission
	Proposal submitted no later than 11:00 A.M. PT on <b>December 8, 2025</b>
	Submitted via NDOT Vendor Portal (prior registration required)
	www.dot.nv.gov/doing-business/vendor-opportunities/vendor-portal-login
	Clarifying questions submitted via the Open Procurements page no later than 11:00 A.M. PT on <b>November</b>
	10, 2025
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Pr	oposal Format
	Font size, including tables, figures, charts and graphics, recommended 11-point Arial font
	Line spacing including tables, figures, charts and graphics, recommended 1.5-spacing
	Ordered according to Evaluation Criteria
Pr	oposal Content
	Cover Letter not exceeding one (1) 8½" x 11" page, containing Proposer's name, mailing address, telephone number, email address and acknowledgement of Nevada Business License requirement, if a license is not included (not included in page count)  Content (exclusive of Appendices) not exceeding twenty (20) 8½" x 11" pages
	The following applies to the page count:  11" x 17" pages will be counted as two (2) pages  Pictures, graphics, figures and tables are included in the page count  Cover Page with identifying information is not included in the page count  The Cover Letter is not included in the page count  Plain section dividers identifying the Evaluation Criteria headings are not included in the page count  Section dividers containing additional text or graphics <u>are</u> included in the page count  Information submitted within Appendices are not included in the page count
	Sections addressing each of the Evaluation Criteria in the following order:
	o Past Performance
	<ul> <li>Project Approach</li> </ul>

- o Project Team
- Availability and Capacity
- Other Factors
- Appendices (not included in page count) containing:
  - Resumes
  - Nevada State Business License
  - Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) (Attachment B)
  - Service Provider List Requirements (Attachment C)
  - Professional Engineer's License

Confidential Information, Trade Secrets, and/or Proprietary Information clearly marked "Confidential."

## Attachment E Title VI Compliance Questionnaire

Title VI is a statute provision of the Civil Rights Act of 1964:

"No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." (42 USC Sec 2000d)

The following information will be used by the Nevada DEPARTMENT of Transportation (DEPARTMENT) and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for statistical purposes only. This information will be stored confidentially and will not affect any decisions made by the DEPARTMENT.

<u>Your participation is voluntary</u> but would be greatly appreciated. If you choose to participate, please do not include this form with your technical Proposal. Please upload this questionnaire to the Confidential folder provided in EPATS.

#### Choose one ethnic group with which the principal owner(s) most identify:

☐ <b>Black</b> (Not of Hispanic origin: All persons having origins in any of the Black racial groups.)
Asian/Pacific Islander (All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent, or the Pacific Islands. This area includes, for example, China, Japan, Korea, the Philippine Islands, and Samoa.)
Hispanic (All persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban, Central or South American, or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race.)
Native American (All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America and who maintain cultural identification through a tribal affiliation or community recognition.)
White (Not of Hispanic origin: All persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Europe, North Africa, or Middle East.)
Other (All persons not matching one of the other choices.)
Sex: Male Female
☐ I understand my participation is voluntary and decline to provide the requested information
Firm Name:
Owner Name (Print):
Owner Name (Sign):
Date: