

## **Southwest District**

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To all interested parties:

The Southwest District of the Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) is preparing to advertise for bids for the construction of a new segment of Interstate 49 in McDonald County, Missouri, job number J7P0601, locally known as the I-49 Missouri-Arkansas Connector. This project will construct an interstate highway on new alignment from Route 71 south of the City of Pineville to the Arkansas State Line, a distance of approximately five miles.

This project will allow contractors the opportunity to include pricing in their bid proposal for preapproved Alternate Technical Concepts (ATCs) that differs from the Commission furnished bid proposal. ATCs allow for innovation, project schedule reduction and cost savings to obtain the best value for the project that meets or exceeds the project goals, and which provides a product equal to or better than the concept it replaces. ATCs may address, but are not limited to, specifications, materials, products, design standards, design solutions, construction methods, staging or traffic control.

The Commission furnished proposal documents contain all of the proposed work for the project to be bid. If an ATC is pre-approved by the Commission, the contractor will have the option of submitting a bid for the pre-approved ATC or for the Commission furnished proposal. The contractor will only be allowed to submit one bid for the project. The contractor will be responsible for completing all roadway and structural design plans, including bid quantities, for ATCs.

An informational meeting is scheduled from 10:00 AM to Noon on Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at the Neosho Civic Center (The Civic), 109 West Main Street, in Neosho, Missouri. The meeting will consist of presentations on the project history, location and schedule, including a detailed description of the ATC process, submittal and review procedures, constraints and expectations. The meeting will conclude with a brief question and answer period followed by time for networking.

Draft plans are being released at this time. It is anticipated that the Commission furnished base design (signed and sealed plans and JSPs) will be available by November 30, 2019 at the latest. No significant deviation from the draft plans is anticipated at this time, aside from the bridge-box re-designs as noted on the bridge plans.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Project Manager

