## Missouri Department of Transportation



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Pete K. Rahn, Director

July 20, 2007

## Dear Consultant:

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is requesting the services of a consulting engineering firm to perform the described professional services for the project included on the attached list.

If your firm would like to be considered for these consulting services, you may express your interest by responding to the appropriate office, which is indicated on the attachments. Limit your letter of interest to no more than five pages. This letter should include a statement to indicate why your firm is interested in the project. It should also include any other information which might help us in the selection process, such as the persons or team you would assign to each project, the backgrounds of those individuals, and other projects your company has recently completed or are now active. We will utilize the consultant information already on file so we will not need a lengthy submittal of other general company information.

DBE firms must be certified by the Missouri Department of Transportation in order to be counted as participation towards an established DBE Goal. We encourage DBE firms to submit letters of interest as prime consultants for any projects they feel can be managed by their firm.

We request all letters be received by 4:00 pm, August 10, 2007 at the appropriate office.

Sincerely,

Dave Nichols

Director of Program Delivery

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Attachment

cc: Ms. Beth Wright-d4

Ms. Kathy Harvey-de Mr. Dennis Heckman-br

Mr. Lester Woods-cm

## **DISTRICT OFFICE**

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| Interstate 70, Jackson County             |   |
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| First Tier Environmental Impact Statement |   |
| Job No:                                   | J4I1486B  |
| Location:                                 | Interstate 70 the Kansas and Missouri state line to east of the I-470 interchange (includes the Downtown Central Business District (CBD) Loop)  |
| Scope of Work:                            | Obtain a Record of Decision (ROD) on a First Tier Environmental Impact Statement (FTEIS) for the Interstate 70 corridor in Jackson County from the state line to east of the I-470 interchange (includes the Downtown CBD Loop).  |
| Project Budget:                           | \$1,250,000   |
| Consultant<br>Services<br>Required:       | <ul> <li>Services required for completion of the FTEIS shall include, but not are necessarily limited to the following:</li> <li>Approval of general concept (i.e. preferred strategy) for improving I-70, including a prioritization plan for the corridor;</li> <li>Identification of the Sections of Independent Utility for the second tier studies, including an action plan for the completion of the environmental process;</li> <li>Documentation that can be referenced by second tier studies to eliminate repetitiveness and record the first tier decision;</li> <li>Development of agency and public consensus for the overall improvement plan;</li> </ul>  |
| DBE Goal (if                              | Approval of a FTEIS by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and issuance of the ROD.  7%   |
| applicable):                              |   |
| Other comments:                           | <ul> <li>In November 2004, a Major Investment Study (MIS) was completed for the I-70 corridor in Jackson County. The feasibility of the conceptual strategies of the I-70 MIS will be determined in the FTEIS. A copy of the I-70 MIS technical memorandums is available upon request.</li> <li>This environmental study was started in April 2005.</li> <li>A Notice of Intent (NOI) has not been advertised.</li> <li>A draft purpose and need document is nearly completed; however it has not been reviewed by cooperating and participating agencies and FHWA. A copy of the draft is available upon request.</li> <li>Preliminary data collection has been completed.</li> <li>A draft first level screening criteria and methodology and new MIS strategies were developed.</li> <li>Consultant selection process – The evaluation of proposals based on criteria in accordance with MoDOT's consultant section process (see MoDOT's Engineering Professional Services Guidelines at www.modot.mo.gov/business/consultant_resources/geninfodesigncons ultans.htm) to arrive at a short list of firms. The short-listed firms will then be required to participate in an interview with a MoDOT selection committee. At the conclusion of all interviews, the selection committee will select one firm with which to begin negotiating a contract. Negotiations will include selection of any sub-consultants required based on the final scope of services.</li> </ul> |

- Responses to this proposal should be kept to five or fewer single-sided pages. Responses should include the names of the project manager as well as key staffing proposed for this project. Current workloads and future commitments for the project manager and other key staff should be briefly discussed. Do not include any attachments with the response.
- MoDOT requires the recommendation of a preferred strategy for this corridor and completion of the draft FTEIS by January 2009. Receipt of the approval final FTEIS will be required by June 2009. If your firm does not believe it has the ability to commit the adequate resources necessary to meet these dates, please do not submit a proposal for this work.
- The consultant short list will be posted to this website approximately August 24, 2007.
- Questions, regarding this solicitation should be directed to Allan Zafft at (816) 622-0687 or <u>Allan.Zafft@modot.mo.gov</u>.

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