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**Missouri Department of Transportation** *Patrick K. McKenna, Director* 

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December 2, 2022

Dear Consultant:

The Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission is requesting the services of a consulting firm to perform the described right of way services for MoDOT project NW0002, Route 752, Route 59 and Route U, Buchanan County.

Please note this RFQ (Request for Qualifications) solicitation is based on qualifications only. Each submittal will be reviewed and rated according to the firm's qualifications as outlined in this document. No bid for cost of services should be included with this RFQ.

Once consultants are rated and considered as "qualified", a detailed scope of services and set of plans will be provided to the qualified firms to prepare a cost of services. A firm will be selected to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Transportation for the specified services based on their qualification rating and cost.

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 three pages. This letter should include a statement to indicate your firm's understanding of the project. It should also include any other information which might help us in the selection process, including key personnel you would assign to the project and the backgrounds of thoseindividuals, and any sub-consultants you would propose to use, and an indication of your firm's approach to promoting and developing a diverse workforce. MoDOT is committed to reflecting the diversity of the communities we serve and we expect our partners to do the same. We will utilize the consultant information already on file so we will not need a lengthy submittal of other general companyinformation. In addition, please attach one page with detailed information on similar projects that your key personnel have worked on. Indicate the role your key personnel played in the projects and include reference contact information.

MoDOT will evaluate firms based on: Project Understanding & Innovation, Past Performance, Qualifications of Personnel Assigned, General Experience of Firm, Familiarity/Capability, Accessibility of Firm & Staff and cost associated with defined services outline in the Scope of Services. Firm's not providing a response on approach to workforce diversity will be considered non-responsive to this solicitation.

We request all letters be received by 3:00 pm, January 31, 2023, at the appropriate office. All participants will be notified by letter of the results of the RFQ before February 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

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Travis Koestner, P.E. State Design Engineer

## **DISTRICT OFFICE**

Northwest District Martin Liles, P.E., District Engineer Missouri Department of Transportation 3602 North Belt Highway St. Joseph, MO 64507

Contact Megan Atha Right of Way Manager 816-387-2497 <u>Megan.Atha@MoDOT.mo.gov</u> Email responses are encouraged

## **Northwest District**

Northwest District, Route 59/U/759 Intersection Buchanan County		
Job No:	NW0002	
Location:	Route 59, Route U, and Route 752 intersection in St. Joseph, MO.	
Proposed Improvement:	This project will provide for Right of Way (ROW) and Relocation Services outlined more specifically in the Scope of Services. The successful Offeror agrees to provide to MHTC ROW and Relocation services for Project NW0002, which is for intersection improvements at Mo 752, US 59 and Route U in Buchanan County. The project has a ROW acquisition estimate of \$1,000,000.00. It is anticipated that project acquisitions will begin in February 2023 and will include 40 parcels. ROW clearance in January 2024 and project letting in March 2024. Construction of the project is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2024 and run through the fall of 2025. The ROW consulting firm will supplement MoDOT's staff and provide the necessary services to continue the Missouri Department of Transportation's ROW needs for this ongoing project when staff is unavailable. Task orders will be at the discretion of MoDOT's ROW Manager. The specific services required for this project will cover the range of those typically provided by a full-service land acquisition and relocation assistance consultant including appraisals. Some tasks listed herein may be unnecessary, and, if necessary, others of a more specialized nature may be added. The Offerors agree to perform specific services within the above stated scope of work to include, but not be limited to the following: 1. Public Involvement. The selected consultant, with the assistance and guidance of MoDOT, may be required to provide all necessary handouts/graphics and attend informational presentations regarding ROW procedures provided	

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acquisition, referencing plans or plats, explaining
right of way and construction plans, project
schedule and other project details. Clearly explain
details related to the appraisal or value
determination and how the offer was developed, as
well as answering other necessary valuation
questions.
• The consultant shall prepare all necessary
documents for review and signature by the ROW
Manager. The only offer allowed to be made is that
which has been approved by MoDOT. The
consultant may not present any counteroffer or agree to any engineering plans revisions or changes
without express permission by MoDOT. The
consultant is to relay all concerns, counter offers, or
issues to the ROW Manager or designee for review
and consideration.
When negotiations result in an agreement
for approved just compensation or a MoDOT
approved administrative settlement, the consultant
shall prepare the necessary documents and secure
notarized signatures from the owner or their

representatives as well as any tenants to submit for	
payment.	
• At a minimum, the consultant's agent(s)	
must take the following acquisition actions on each	
ROW parcel being acquired on the project: Deliver	
each owner's notice of intended acquisition letter	
(60-day notice letter), acquisition brochures, copy	
of appraisal, plans, offer letters, and unsigned	
documents and agreements by means of personal	
contact or certified mail. Maintain a detailed written	
negotiator's log of contacts with each property	
owner to document negotiations, efforts to achieve	
amicable settlements, responsiveness to owners'	
counter proposals, and suggestions for changes in	
plans.	
• Utilize the MoDOT approved forms, letters	
and agreements.	
• MoDOT forms in negotiation packets shall	
include but not limited to the following documents:	
o Notice of Intended Acquisition Letter	
o Offer letter	
o Appraisal or waiver valuation	
o Pathways for Progress brochure	
o Conveyance documents (Deed or Easement	
Documents)	
o Escrow Agreement, if applicable	
o Pro Rata Real Estate Tax Claim form	
o Plan sheet, portion of plan sheet or plat	
illustrating the acquisition and the remainder	
o When applicable and appropriate, provide	
Request for Allocation of Gross Proceeds, (Form 7-	
7.3).	
o MoDOT Public Participation Survey (Title	
VI Survey).	
• Complete negotiations on all parcels on the	
project to settlement stage or condemnation prior to	
the scheduled project ROW clearance date, as	
determined by the ROW Manager and Project	
Manager.	
Consultant will complete all documents	
necessary to facilitate the payment of settlements to	
property owners. Some payments may be handled	
through a local title company. This will be	
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	determined during the initial pre-acquisition
	meeting.
	• MoDOT forms utilized in the payrolling
	process shall include but are not limited to:
	o Negotiator Report and Notes
	o A419 form
	o Vendor Input form
	• MoDOT will be responsible to pay for fees
	associated with the final processing of payments to
	property owners and title insurance.
	• When negotiations result in condemnation,
	the consultant shall submit all necessary completed
	files and documents to the ROW Manager.
	Condemnation forms to be completed are as
	follows:
	o Condemnation Information Worksheet
	• See additional documents to be completed
	in Section 7. Condemnation / Legal Processing.
	4. Relocation Services
	•The consultant will provide relocation assistance to
	eligible displaced individuals and businesses. All
	relocation services must be performed in
	accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance
	and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970
	as amended and the implementing regulations (49
	CFR Part 24). State laws and regulations shall also
	be adhered to when delivering the Relocation
	Assistance program.
	•Conduct personal interviews with all occupants to
	be relocated and prepare a Relocation Plan in
	accordance with the EPG. Identify specific
	relocation needs and suggest solutions.
	•Evaluate and make eligibility determination for
	relocation claims, including replacement housing
	supplemental payments, down payment and/or
	supplemental rent payments, moving payments, last
	resort housing plans, business relocation benefits,
	business reestablishment evaluations, and loss of
	tangible personal property evaluations. Prepare the
	necessary documents and secure signatures for
	processing of all payments of relocation claims.
	Submit claimants' requests for appeal of a
	determination of ineligibility for all or a portion of
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relocation assistance payment to the ROW
Manager.
•Inspect replacement housing and assure that it
meets applicable decent, safe and sanitary
standards. Minimize hardship to the displaced
occupants by providing counseling, information as
to other sources of assistance, methods of claiming
relocation benefits, and such other help as may be
appropriate. Coordinate the settlement on
replacement dwellings, as necessary, with claimants
and their attorney or representative.
•Issue Notice to Vacate to displaced according to
the needs of the project. The initial 90 day notice
should be given at the time the offer of the State's
determination of just compensation has been made
to the owner and the displaced has received a
written statement of benefits, or offer of
replacement housing.
•Current and detailed contact reports shall be
maintained in each relocation file, documenting all
actions relating to the relocation including dates,
places, and names. Contact reports will be typed
when package is submitted for payment.
•Secure moving cost estimates from reputable
Missouri licensed moving companies. This includes
the payment, by the consultant, of any estimating
fees that may be required by moving companies
(reimbursed by MoDOT).
5. Mediation
• The consultant shall cooperate and assist in
offering Mediation to property owners when
necessary with the District Right of Way Manager
and Regional Counsels Office of MoDOT to assist
in the processing of all parcel files not yet acquired.
The consultant will make available staff and
information as may be required by MoDOT
representatives.
• Consultant will coordinate with a local
mediation firm to facilitate mediation with property
owners. Mediation may be held via video
conference or in person depending on the local
regulations and comfort level of the participants at
the time.
6. Legal Processing

	The consultant shall cooperate and assist when necessary, with the legal representatives of	
	MoDOTto assist in the processing of all cases for	
	legal action. Act as MoDOT representative during	
	legal cases and hearings associated with assigned	
	parcel and project.	
	The consultant will make available staff and	
	information as may be required by MoDOT legal	
	representatives.	
Length:	0.455 miles	
Approximate Construction Cost:	\$4,498,000	
DBE Goal (if applicable)	Zero	
<b>Consultant Services Required:</b>		
<b>Other Comments:</b>	Interviews or presentation will not be required for	
	the consultant selection.	
	Tentative Date of Consultant Selection –	
	February 2023	
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## Rating Criteria w/Weighted Values

Project Understanding & Innovation	25 Points Max
Past Performance	15 Points Max
Qualifications of Personnel Assigned	25 Points Max
General Experience of Firm	10 Points Max
Familiarity/Capability	15 Points Max
Accessibility of Firm & Staff	<u>10 Points Max</u>
	100 Points Max Total

Low bid for cost of Services

Pass/Fail