

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RETENTION OF AN ENGINEERING FIRM

Mon/Fayette Expressway Project Pa Route 51 to I-376

Section 53 Railroads Railroad Relocation, Coordination and Design Services Allegheny County, Pennsylvania

Reference No. E-046

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will retain an engineering firm to provide preliminary and final design services for Railroad Relocation, Coordination and Design Services for the PA Route 51 to I-376 Project of the Mon/Fayette Expressway in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The Commission is seeking proposals from qualified railroad engineering design consultants to develop plans and specification for relocation of CSX Transportation (CSXT), Allegheny Valley Railroad (AVR) and possibly other railroad lines in the project area.

The significant cost of the Mon/Fayette Project makes it necessary to design and construct the project in coordinated phases. A Design Manager will coordinate the work of the design section consultants so as to accommodate the required construction-letting schedule. To allow for construction and operation of the new Mon/Fayette Expressway facility, existing CSXT and AVR mainline and yard tracks, signals, and appurtenances will need to be relocated within an area bounded approximately by Laughlin Junction on the north; the W&P Connection on the south; the new Mon/Fayette Expressway alignment on the east; and the Monongahela River on the west. Other railroad relocations may be identified as details of the Project develop.

All work will be conducted in two phases – Preliminary Design and Final Design – as outlined below. One consultant will be selected to perform both phases. It is anticipated that authorization to begin Phase 1 will begin shortly after selection, but authorization to begin Phase 2 will be given at a future date after satisfactory completion of Phase 1 work.

Items of work may consist of, but not be limited too the following: Project Management, Design, Schedule Development, Project Meetings, Mapping, Field Surveys, Line and Grade, Yard Schematics, Typical Sections, Cross Sections, Structures, Utilities Relocations, Right-of-Way, Service Roads, Drainage (includes SWM, H&H Report and E&S Control), Geotechnical Investigations, Traffic Control, Signing (both RR and side road) and RR Signaling/Communications, Construction Cost Estimates, Environmental Tracking, Value Engineering, Permits, Coordination with Others, Various Submissions.

Respondents are to provide three examples of similar work and appropriate contact information so that the Commission can verify the references.

The Commission will consider the following factors during the evaluation of the Statements of Interest for this project:

- a. Specialized experience and technical competence of prime consultant and subconsultants. The Team must clearly demonstrate experience and competence on design of large-scale public works projects.

- b. Past record of performance with respect to cost control, work quality ability to meet schedules and previous experience on design projects. The consultant should identify similar projects that have been completed by that firm as the prime, the magnitude of the project, and the client.
- c. The specific experience and number of individuals who constitute the firm.
- d. Location of consultant's office where the work will be performed.
- e. Workload of the prime consultant and subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects.
- f. Other factors, if any, specific to the project.

Address these items and any necessary further details in a brief yet comprehensive manner in the Statement of Interest.

The Turnpike Commission is committed to the inclusion of disadvantaged, minority, and woman firms (DBE/MBE/WBE) in contracting opportunities. The minimum participation level for DBE/MBE/WBEs in this contract will be 10%. Responding firms shall clearly identify DBE/MBE/WBE firms, expected to participate in this contract, in their statement of interest. If the selected firm does not meet the minimum requirement for DBE/MBE/WBE participation, they will be required to demonstrate good faith efforts to achieve the required level. Proposed DBE/MBE/WBE firms must be certified at the time the selected Team executes a contract with the Commission.

“Certified” means a firm certified by any of the following agencies: Allegheny County, Office of Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprises; City of Philadelphia, Minority Business Enterprise Council; Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Bureau of Equal Opportunity; Port Authority of Allegheny County, Office of Equal Opportunity; Southeast Pennsylvania Transportation Authority, Small & Disadvantaged Business Utilization Department or the Pa Department of General Services. If further information is desired concerning DBE/MBE/WBE participation, direct inquiries to the Contract Administration Department, at (717) 939-9551 Ext. 4241.

Direct inquiries about this advertisement to Joseph W. Sutor, at (717) 939-9551 ext. 3182; or by e-mail at jsutor@paturndpike.com. Direct contractual questions to Mr. George M. Hatalowich at (717) 986-8737; or by e-mail at ghatalow@paturndpike.com.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND INFORMATION

Firms interested in providing the above work and services are invited to submit a Statement of Interest with the required information. The Statements of Interest must include the following:

1. One page transmittal letter clearly identifying the project reference number, brief description of the project from the advertisement, the firm’s federal identification number, the firm’s legal name, contact person or project manager, address of corporate office and project office. (If the firm has multiple offices, the location of the office performing the work must be identified).
2. A three (3)-page statement of interest on the advertised project. Each firm should demonstrate their ability to perform the specific requirements indicated for this project and provide explanation of the technical approach, stressing the Team’s ability to coordinate several construction contracts that were designed by different design consultants.

3. An organization chart for the Project, identifying key personnel and any subconsultants and their roles. Any deviation from the subconsultant's listed in the statement of interest will require written approval from the Commission.
4. Tabulation or listing of workload for the prime consultant and all subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects. Do not graphically represent the firm's workload.
5. A Consultant Qualification Package similar to the one submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the current year or one that is best suited for this project. A copy of the Consultant Qualification Package printed directly from PaDOT's ECMS website is acceptable.

The Consultant Qualification Package should contain at a minimum the following information for the prime consultant and all subconsultants and attached to the back of the statement of interest (subs to follow primes):

- ECMS General Information and Project Experience Forms or Standard Form (SF) 254 or 330 Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire in its entirety, either not more than one (1) year old as of the date of the advertisement.
- Resumes of key personnel expected to be involved in the project. (Limit to two (2) 8 1/2 x 11 pages, per person). Only resumes of key personnel should be included.
- Copy of the firm's registration to do business in the Commonwealth as provided by the Department of State for firms with out-of-state headquarters or corporations not incorporated in Pennsylvania.
- A copy of the Department's DBE/WBE Certification, if applicable.

If a Joint Venture responds to a project advertisement, the Commission will not accept separate statements of interest from joint venture constituents. A firm will not be permitted to submit a statement of interest on more than one (1) joint venture for the same project reference number. Also, a firm that responds to a project as a prime may not be included as a designated subconsultant to another firm that responds to the same project advertisement. Multiple responses under any of the forgoing situations will cause the rejection of all responses of the firm or firms involved. This does not preclude a firm from being set forth as a designated subconsultant to more than one prime consultant responding to the project advertisement.

Firms interested in performing the above services are invited to submit a statement of interest and required information to Mr. George M. Hatalowich, Manager, Contract Administration, at the **PA Turnpike Commission Administration Building located at 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057 (Street address). Our mailing Address is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676.**

The statement of interest and required information must be received by 12:00 PM (noon), Local Time, **Friday, September 2, 2005**. Any statements of interest received after this date and time will be time-stamped and returned.

Based on an evaluation of acceptable statements of interest received in response to this solicitation, firms will be shortlisted for this project. Technical Proposals will be requested from the shortlisted firms prior to the establishment of the final ranking. An order of preference will be established for the purpose of negotiating an agreement with the highest ranked firm established by the Technical Review Committee and approved by the Commission.

The Commission may revise a published advertisement. If the Commission revises a published advertisement less than ten days before the Statement of Interest due date, the due date will be

extended to maintain the minimum ten-day advertisement duration if the revision alters the project scope or selection criteria. Firms are responsible to monitor advertisements to assure the Statement of Interest complies with any changes in the published advertisement.

The Commission reserves the right to reject all statements of interest, to cancel solicitation requested under this notice, and/or to re-advertise solicitation for the work and services.

Mitchell Rubin
Chairperson