

PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE COMMISSION

RETENTION OF AN ENGINEERING FIRM

Highway Noise Analysis for Reconstruction of
Milepost 320 to 326 in Chester County

Reference No. 4-080

The Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission will retain an engineering firm to perform noise analysis and mitigation design services for the full depth roadway reconstruction project from Milepost 320 to 326 in Chester County, Pennsylvania. The full-depth roadway reconstruction project will convert the existing four-lane roadway section with a ten (10)- foot median to a six-lane typical section with a twenty-six (26) foot median.

The engineering services required would include the identification of noise sensitive areas, conducting noise monitoring, modeling existing and future noise levels, and evaluating whether noise mitigation measures are warranted, feasible, and reasonable. These efforts will be done in accordance with PennDOT's *Publication 24, Project Level Highway Traffic Noise Handbook*, February 2, 2002; FHWA's *Highway Traffic Noise Analysis and Abatement: Policy and Guidance Manual*, 1995; and other pertinent information. The most current version of the *Transportation Noise Model* should be utilized. Knowledge of the technical aspects of monitoring and modeling, and a national reputation in the same is desirable.

The Commission will consider the following factors during the evaluation of the firms submitting Letters of Interest for this project:

- a. Specialized experience and technical competence of prime consultant and subconsultants. The firm must clearly demonstrate an ability to analyze available data to make decisions and develop recommendations to complete the scope of this project in a timely and cost effective manner.
- b. Past record of performance with respect to cost control, work quality, ability to meet schedules and previous experience on similar 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. Workload of the prime consultant and subconsultants for all Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission projects.
- e. 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.

Questions and inquiries concerning this project should be directed to Mr. David P. Willis, at 717-939-9551, extension 3570, or by e-mail at dwillis@paturnpike.com. Direct contractual questions to Mr. George M. Hatalowich at (717) 986-8737; or by e-mail at ghatalow@paturnpike.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. An expression of interest on the advertised project (No page limit). Each firm should demonstrate their ability to perform the specific requirements indicated for this project and provide explanation of the technical approach specific to this project.
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) The Consultant Qualification Packages should be kept as brief as possible. Only include pertinent information as it relates to the following:

- 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.

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 foregoing 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 **four (4)** copies of the statement of interest and required information to Mr. George M. Hatalowich, Manager of Contract Administration, at the **PA Turnpike Commission Administration Building located at 700 South Eisenhower Boulevard, Middletown, PA 17057. Our mailing Address is P. O. Box 67676, Harrisburg, PA 17106-7676.** Please note that use of **U.S. Mail delivery does not guarantee delivery to this address by the time listed below for submission. Firms mailing proposals should allow sufficient delivery time to ensure timely receipt of their proposals.**

The statement of interest and required information must be received by 12:00 PM (noon), Local Time, **Friday, August 4, 2006.** 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, one (1) firm will be selected for this contract. The Commission reserves the right to select from Letters of Interest for the purpose of negotiating an agreement with the highest ranked firm established by the Technical Review Committee and approved by the Commission or may request submission of technical proposals and/or oral presentations before making a final selection.

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